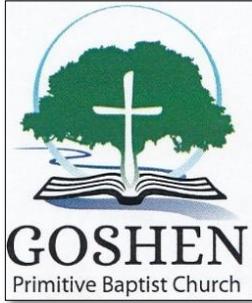


FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Attendance: 57



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 12 - Easter

April 30 – May 02 – Goshen Spring Meeting/Elder Jeff Winfrey/Dawson Spgs.,KY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

02-22 – Phebe Nichols

02-23 – Jamie Steelman

02-26 – Mackinley Jahnsen

02-26 – Karlene Baylous

02-27 – Myron Helms

02-28 – Jessica Jahnsen



St. Louis ZOO Trip
Saturday, May 4
Youth \$16.50
Adults \$19.50



CARDINAL BASEBALL GAME

WEDNESDAY – MAY 6

Bus trip to St. Louis, shaded seats,
game, meal - \$86.00

Scheduled through Adventures In Travel.

Limited time to sign up.

Bible Study:

Senior Adults Feb. 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Young Adults: Feb. 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

PBYF Feb.23 @ 4:30 p.m.

Prayers & Concerns:

**JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER
GOSHEN CHURCH**

Laura Shrum, Jerome Glascock
Gertie Davis, Charlie Nichols
Nadine Bennett,

Tyler & Rachel Snyder,
Seth Cunningham, John Randall Bullard
Samuel Jones, Matt & Jenna Socha
*Those In The Nursing Homes,
Health Care Facilities, &
Our Military & their families.*

FISH - FRY
WOOD CREST
CHURCH
FEBRUARY 22
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Elder Aaron Beaty, Pastor

Psalm 62:5-8

Sow In Faith With Hope In God



Spring is Coming

As we continue to face this Missouri winter that seems to never end, our hearts look forward to Spring. We have begun to count the days with hopeful anticipation of warmer and longer days. Soon the fields covered with snow will melt away and be replaced with beautiful green grass and crops of this rich Midwest soil. I think that our spiritual lives are much like the seasons. We have days when the best we can hope for is to simply endure and survive to another day. We are faced with these times of spiritual winter when we must hunker down and simply endure the assault of life's hardships. Life will give us many trials and hardships that are completely out of our control. As individuals, families and churches we all face the assault of spiritual winters. The hard truth is it would be easier to stop the snows of Winter than it would stop the hardships of life. What a great joy it is for us though, to know that Spring is coming! Our faith and hope should rest in the faithful promises of God, that brighter and warmer days are ahead. Winter comes to us all, but what a wonderful truth it is that it doesn't last forever. Spring is coming may our hearts and minds be prepared to receive the joys that it will bring.

As we transition from one season to the next in life so to must we transition our hearts and minds in our spiritual lives. Many of us feel so worn down by the trials of Spiritual Winter that we lose our hope in the Spiritual Spring that God has promised is ahead of us. We are unwilling to change our perspective and sow the seeds of faith, because we fear the hardships of life might take them all away from us. We allow our fear of the floods and droughts of life to hinder us from faithfully planting with hope for a bountiful Harvest. What we must trust in is the promises of God! Though the bounty of the harvest is unseen in the Spring, still the hope of it should encourage us to plant in faith. If we have hope to see a fruitful harvest in the seasons of spiritual life that lay ahead of us, then we must first sow the seeds of faith in Spring. It is a hard thing to sow in faith, difficult to risk what we have without a clear understanding of what is ahead. But this is what faith is. It is hope in a bountiful harvest that strengthens us to faithfully plant in the Spring. Faith is the exercise of our trust (hope) in the promises and power of our Lord and Saviour. Hope and Faith walk hand in hand with each other. Hebrew 11:1 tells us, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is our actions that we trust the promises of God that are ahead of us, without seeing the immediate proof of them. No farmer ever expects to harvest a field of corn in the fall unless they first planted that field with seeds of corn in the Spring. Neither should we expect the bountiful blessings of God's Harvest on our lives unless we are willing to sow the seeds of faith with hope in His Harvest. If we have little hope for the brighter and warmer day's God has promised are ahead of us, then we will exercise very little faith to prove them to be true. By doing so we will sell short the harvest of blessings that "could have been" if we would have simply planted faithfully in the Spring.

As we look ahead to the Spring may we always see the Spiritual Spring that God has set before us. May we faithfully sow the seeds that He has given us with a firm hope in the bountiful Harvest of His grace and love that He has promised lay ahead of us.

By His Grace, Bro. Aaron Beaty