

MARCH 015, 2020

Attendance: 52



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

03-17, 24, & 31 Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

03-19 – Spring Begins

03-29 – 5th Sunday PBYP Donation Lunch (Breakfast for Lunch)

04-04 – St. Louis Zoo Trip

04-10 – Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

04-11 – Easter Egg Hunt at Lloyd's Pumpkin Patch at Noon

04-12 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m./Breakfast/Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

05-06 – St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Trip

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

03-19 - Jenna Ash Socha

03-20 - Diane Crump

03-22 - Braeden McCubbin

03-26 - Bruce Martin

03-26 - Bryan Wobbe

03-28 - Glen Sapp

03-29 - Faith Steelman

BIBLE STUDY

Senior Adults:

March 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Young Adults:

March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

PBYF:

March 29 after lunch



Prayers & Concerns:

JAMES 5:16 PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

GOSHEN CHURCH

Lori Wilson, Bruce & Judy Martin,
Patricia Baker,

Lena Long, Leroy Calvin, Melvin Sapp

Gertie Davis, Nadine Bennett,
Seth Cunningham, Samuel Jones,

Matt & Jenna Socha

*Those In The Nursing Homes, Health
Care Facilities, &
Our Military & their families.*



**CONCORD PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Annual Meeting

April 24-26

Guest Speaker

Elder Aaron Beaty

Elder Aaron Beaty, Pastor

John: 6:31-35



Faith Tried and True

There are many challenges that affect our Christian walk through life. We have times when we feel completely committed and unwavering in our devotion to God. Then there are other times when we feel lost or distant from God and our spiritual lives are affected from the conditions or stresses of life. Even the saints of the Bible faced these same challenges. Peter for example makes one of the most well-known professions of faith in Matthew 16: 15-16 but this same Peter made the most well-known denial of Christ in Matthew 26: 69-75. I wonder how many of us have been guilty of this same thing. Glorious profession one day and complete denial the next. Spiritual unity and closeness with God are a fragile thing that requires constant attention to maintain and keep. How many times have we left a Sunday church service feeling as though we are soaring through the clouds of spiritual bliss only to be shot down by the stresses of life that come to us at work on Monday mornings? Life is fragile, and so is our spiritual unity and discipleship with God. We must constantly be on guard and committed to prevent ourselves from falling away from God and failing to see His hand and work in our lives.

It is a sad reality that so many Christians today have fallen away from the faith and grace that they once held near and dear in their hearts. Faith that once fueled and inspired them has been choked off by the stress and burdens of life. Their once glorifying profession has been replaced with consistent denial of God's grace and mercy. Their faith shaken to the core by tragic and seemingly unexplainable events of life. Events such as loss of loved ones, major health problems and financial struggles have tried many of us over the years of our lives. These events have put our faith and profession to the test and inevitably either guided us to a closer unity with God or sent us into a spiraling state of depression and denial of God. The Bible teaches us a lot about the trials of faith. It shows us how faith tested grows to become faith that is truth. Just as all gold must go through the fires of a refinery in order to burn away the ore and render the gold purity. So too must our lives face fires in order to reveal the purity of our faith and profession. The important thing for us is not to question the trail but to trust in God to see us through it. With so much fear and uncertainty facing the world today it is seemingly easy to slip away from faithful trust in God to guide and lead us. We look to Doctors and Government to answer our problems and calm our fears. Yet no advance in medicine or radical government solutions can bring peace to the heart of a tried and weary soul. Only the grace and mercy of God can do that! It is in times such as the ones we are facing now that we should strive to keep our faith and profession sure. There is an old saying, "that whether it be through the fire or by the fire God will deliver us." May we trust Him now and never allow our hearts to fail to see His presence with us in every storm and through every fire of life.

By His Grace, Bro. Aaron Beaty

Elder Jeff Winfrey **GOSHEN SPRING MEETING** April 30 – May 2