



Goshen Messenger

October 2017

The Powerful, Unchanging Gospel

I am enjoying being back in The Acts of the Apostles for our sermons on Sunday mornings. As I consider what God did then, the longing in my heart to see God do the same thing in and through Goshen Baptist Church continues to grow. I don't know about you, but I am not satisfied to accept the status quo. I am not satisfied to gather together Sunday after Sunday and make very little impact on the lives of people around us who are on their way to hell apart from hearing the message of the gospel, repenting of their sin, and placing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have received a powerful, unchanging gospel. We have received a gospel that says we were created by God for His glory. The problem is that you and I have rebelled against our Creator. Paul wrote, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Our sin has separated us from God. We deserve God's punishment for our sin. Paul said it this way: "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Because of our sin, we deserve to be separated from God for all of eternity in a place the Bible calls hell.

That sounds awful. And it is. But there is good news. Because God created you for His glory and because He loves you, He made a way for you to be reconciled to Him. He sent His Son Jesus to come to this earth, take on flesh, and dwell among us. Jesus became a man just like us. He experienced the same trials and difficulties we face. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet He was without sin. Jesus lived the perfect life you have not lived and really could not live.

So, what does that have to do with you? The Bible says that Jesus went to the cross and died in your place. He took your sin upon Himself and experienced the full wrath of God toward sin as He hung on the cross. He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. He had no sin of His own to pay for. He died to pay for your sin and mine. After His death, they laid him in a borrowed tomb. It was a borrowed tomb because He would only need it for a few days. The Bible says that on the third day, God raised Jesus from the grave. This proved that Jesus is who He said He is. He is our Savior.

However, the message doesn't stop there. This salvation is only given to those who turn away from their sin and place their trust in Jesus. Salvation is available to all who repent and believe, but you must repent and believe. Jesus is our only hope. Paul wrote, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

Friends, this gospel is your only hope, and it is the only hope for thousands of lost people who live within a 5-mile radius of Goshen Baptist Church. God has placed us here at this particular place at this particular time in history to be His witnesses to our lost friends, family members, and neighbors. If we believe this gospel which we say we believe, I'm not sure how we can remain silent. It seems to me that if we remain silent, there are really only two possible reasons for our silence: 1) We do not really believe this gospel or 2) We do not care about the lost people all around us who are on their way to hell apart from a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, which is it? My hope and prayer is that neither of these possibilities are true of us. May God raise up for Himself an army of people who believe His gospel, love His gospel, and are committed to proclaiming it here and to the ends of the earth. May He raise up such an army from Goshen Baptist Church for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

For the sake of His great name,

Pastor Adam

Operations Team... The Operations Team will meet on Monday, October 9 at 7pm.

Deacons... Deacons will meet on Monday, September 25 & October 23 at 7pm.

Elders ... The Elders will meet on October 2 at 7pm.

Budget Meeting... The Elders and Stewardship Committee will meet together on Monday, September 25 at 7pm to work on the 2018 church budget.

Children's Church... We are still in need of Children's Church volunteers. Please consider serving in this very important ministry.

Fall/ Winter Goshen Wear... We are now taking orders for long sleeve t-shirts for \$15 and hoodies for \$25. The design is the same as the previously ordered t-shirts. The money must be paid when the shirt is ordered. Please contact the church office for more info.

Missions Offering... Thank you for giving to our Vision Virginia Missions Offering. 100% of the money collected will be sent to the SBC of Virginia to support many gospel ministries across our commonwealth and to the ends of the earth. The total amount collected will be announced very soon.

Homecoming... Our annual homecoming services will be held on Sunday, October 1. We will move to the front steps of the church immediately following our 10:45 worship service where we will open a time capsule that was placed in the cornerstone 60 years ago. Following the opening of the cornerstone, we will have a fellowship meal in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends, family, former members, etc. to join us for this event. The lunch is "pot luck" so bring a main dish, side, and dessert—bring enough for your own family and extra to share with someone else as well. Former Goshen pastor Rob Moor will be our preacher that day. Rob is currently a director of missions for a Baptist association in Southwest Virginia. Please make plans to be a part of all of our homecoming day festivities. We will need help to set up, serve, and clean up after the meal. Please let Debbie Nissley know if you are able to help.

Attention Youth... (grades 6-12)

· Youth are meeting regularly on Wednesday nights at 6:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. We would love to have you join us. We will be having youth events throughout the month of October so be on the lookout for specifics in the bulletin and on the youth bulletin board!

Belvedere Church Outing... GBC is inviting you to an evening of fellowship at Belvedere Farms on Fri., October 6 from 5-9pm. We will have hot dogs and smores around a campfire (please sign-up on bulletin board). Tickets are \$12.95/person at the door. Price includes many attractions, games, and a corn maze for the whole family. We would love to spend time together as a church family.

AHG...

· Tuesday, October 10 & 24, 6:30-8:30pm: Troop Night

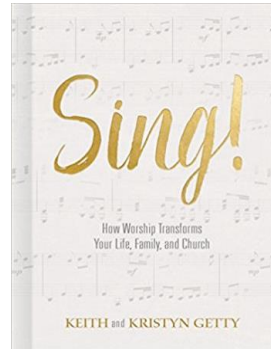
Candy Collection... The Spotsylvania Sheriff's Department will once again be hosting a trunk-or-treat event at the Public Safety building on Dean Ridings Ln. We will again be handing out candy and business card invitations to our church. We are now collecting candy donations for this event. All donations can be placed in the church library.

Breakfast Buddies... Are you interested in ministering to a child at Robert E. Lee Elementary? We are once again working with R.E. Lee to pair adults from our church with a student who needs some extra attention for a weekly visit during breakfast or lunch. You can choose the day that works best for you. We are in the process of collecting names of those interested in helping. An information meeting with the school guidance counselor will take place later, and we will get started with the program in October. You can express interest by signing up on the bulletin board or by contacting the church office.

Campers on Mission... Don & Linda Shrum will leave for NC state fair with Campers on Mission on October 8 – 23. They are collecting Christian books, Bibles, devotionals, hygiene items, and black pants to take with them. All donations may be put in the church library.

Goshen Fall Festival... Volunteers are needed for our Fall Festival at the Spotsylvania Courthouse Village. The event will take place from 2pm-4pm on Saturday, October 21. We are once again getting the block party trailer from the SBC of Virginia which includes bounce houses, popcorn machine, snow cone machine, and other games and activities. We will also have a pumpkin patch with pumpkins for the first 100 attendees. Volunteers are needed to help set up for the event, run the activities, and clean up afterward. If you are able to help, please sign-up on the main bulletin board or contact the church office. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our community with the love of Jesus.

Book of the Month... Our book of the month for October is "Sing!"



by Keith and Kristyn Getty. Keith and Kristyn are preeminent modern hymn writers and musicians with a heart for encouraging congregational singing among God's people. Congregational singing is essential to the life of God's church. We all share in the unique privilege and responsibility of singing. Singing together as the church transforms our lives, our families, our churches, and our witness. So, whether you can or can't sing, this book will help you think about the role congregational

singing should play in your life as a Christian and in the life of God's church. The book is available to you for a donation of \$5 (the cost of the book). You can find copies of the book in both the Library and on the table in the foyer. Please make sure that all money for the books is turned in to Sunny in the church office.

Small Group Opportunities... Looking for a place to connect at Goshen? Small group opportunities are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church library. You can also find available opportunities in the newly created Goshen Menu. You can also find the Goshen Menu in the same places where you normally pick up your bulletin and newsletter.

Service Opportunities... Looking for a place to serve at Goshen? Service opportunities are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church library. You can also find available opportunities in the newly created Goshen Menu. You can also find the Goshen Menu in the same places where you normally pick up your bulletin and newsletter.

Ministry Conference... Mark your calendar. Our fourth quarter ministry conference (business meeting) will be held following the 10:45am worship service on Sunday, November 19. The town hall meeting will be at 5pm on Sunday, November 5.

Church Committees... If you would like to serve on the Facilities, Personnel, or Stewardship Committee and also be a member of the Operations Team, please contact the church office or one of the elders.

The Doctrine of Scripture... Do you want to know more about the doctrine of Scripture? Pastor Adam will be teaching a 3-hour intensive on the doctrine of Scripture on Friday, October 27 beginning at 7pm. Each participant will receive a work book to follow along with the teaching. This will be the same material that Pastor Adam taught on Wednesday nights during the fall of 2016. There will be a potluck dinner at 6pm, and the teaching will begin at 7pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. You can also contact Pastor Adam directly to sign-up or with any questions you may have.

NURSERY WORKERS...

	9:15am Svc.	10:45am Svc.
OCT. 1	Jennifer & Jenna Bareford	Lenora Brothers, Gena & Maren Williams, & Sara Dye
OCT. 8	Kathy Brooks & Sunny Seay	Lenora Brothers, Renae & Ashley Chase, Sandra DuVal
OCT. 15	Kathy Brooks & Winnie Boyce	Jennifer, Jenna, & Hanna Bareford
OCT. 22	Kathy Brooks & Leanne Combs	Lenora Brothers, Dee Dee & Samantha Stevens & Becca Creed
OCT. 29	Kathy Brooks & Sunny Seay	Lenora Brothers, Gena & Maren Williams & Sara Dye

Sunday School Teachers

First Steps/Pre-K through Kindergarten:

Gay Britt & Katie Brooks

1st & 2nd Grade:

Adam & Mahea Thomas

3rd through 5th Grade:

Jason Hoskins & Ryan Brothers

6th through High School:

Jason & Leann Thompson

John Smith & Renae Chase & Lee Brothers.

Tellers for October...

Randy & Barbara Wolfe; Kelly Ashley



**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

06 Gay Britt

09 Edith McLeod, Joyce Perrin

17 Grace Morton

18 Grant Kuser, Scarlett Eure

23 Jonathan Creed, Mary Eure

26 Kathy Brooks

30 Sandra DuVal



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