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The Beacon



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It's almost time for Joyful Jammers to meet again! Joyful Jammers is our children's choir for grades 1-6. We will have a kick-off party with pizza and music in the Old Fellowship Hall Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

We need new workers for our ministry here at Gassville Baptist. We have openings in the Nursery, for Greeters, Ushers and Sound Techs. If you feel you can help in these areas, please call the church office and let us know!



Join Us For Dinner

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 5:00 PM! WE WILL BE SERVING SPAGHETTI AND SALAD.



OUR RECORDS



	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Sunday School:	125	120	117	130	132
9:00 am Worship:	62	50	57	72	83
11:00 am Worship:	114	126	133	123	106
Evening Worship:	69	42	70	60	69
Offering:	\$4,242.73	\$3,351.12	\$5,941.57	\$3,013.63	\$3,3561.83



"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord, For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe."

Philippians 3:1 (NKJV)

In this text of scripture, Paul reminds us that periodically it is good for us to review what we believe. We must look at scripture to understand what we believe and why. None of us have ever or will ever plumb all the depths of God's living word. Nor will we remember everything we have studied. It is "safe" for us to go over the same things again!

To that end there will be a new members class starting up in two to three weeks on Sunday nights. This class is not only for new believers. We will cover a lot of basics on what we believe and why. But we will also cover how our church is set up and how it works. This class is required for any and all teachers at Gassville Baptist. This puts us on the same page and in the same direction as God leads us here at Gassville Baptist Church. It is also a good way to meet and make new friends here at church. After this class is completed there will be a new men's Bible study on Sunday nights on a first come basis until it is full. We will be looking at the Armor of God from the book of Ephesians. This class is designed to look at being equipped to serve God in His Kingdom.

Finally, if God allows, I want to teach a class or two for couples on "Fireproof". I will need help from some folks who aren't going to take the class, but who would be willing to provide childcare on Sunday nights before church. Please be in prayer about this ministry.

All of these classes are not designed to be new and different, but are designed for us to study and be "safe" in this world.

Loving being your pastor,

Bro. Gary



ODE TO COUNTY FAIR

Well the time of year is on us again. We have already had the one and only truck-pull and now we move on to the main event...THE COUNTY FAIR. The county fair is a main event around this area. When I first arrived here I did not realize how important and special this event was. This one event bring people in from all walks of life and allows for people who normally would not interact or talk with each other to be side by side in either the rides, livestock show, booths, pageant or just standing in line waiting to get food. It is a time for community and fellowship with all of God's people.

It is also a time of ministry. You may ask how... let me explain. It is an amazing place, to find all kinds of people; big/little, smelly/clean, educated/non-educated, well dressed and well you get the point. It brings everyone to one area for a good time. This good time can also be an amazing ministry field! We can reach and talk to people that on any given day would stay away from us and our church. We could even minister to the "carneys" as they run the games and scare little children with their smiles. Haha! But all joking aside this is a great opportunity for people of all ages to reach out and touch the lives of those around us.

We live in such amazing times in that we can share openly with everyone without much persecution. The worst we may get is to be told no, or even made fun of, but yet we do keep our lives. Yet with all of this going for us we still fail to minister to the masses outside of our circles. We tend to get scared if they don't look, act or smell like us. Here is an idea; if they don't smell like you, find out why. They may not understand hygiene or anything close to that. If they don't act like you find out why, they may not have a good teacher or mentor pouring into their lives to help and guide them. If they don't look like you...GOOD, we are all made in God's image and made to be different. Not to be harsh, but if we all looked like you it would be a boring world. We all look different for a reason. The saying that I heard growing up was "Don't judge a book by its cover." Well that saying does not just apply to books, but people as well. We are too quick to judge and too slow to love. We need to fix that.

So this year at the county fair, reach out to someone, share the love of Christ with them. You never know, that person, youth or child that you share with may be the one that God has chosen to lead the next major revival in this country. If you tell God no, you will be missing in the joy of that moment and ministry.

-Bro. Hunter