

New Hope Newsletter

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A large number of the Blanchard family were blessed to join together at Christmas time.

Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Our main emphasis at Winter Garden this month will be the Florida Fellowship Meeting. Lord willing, we will begin on Friday morning, the 19th of February and finish with the Sunday morning service on the 21st. We will also be trying to fit in a service for the ordination of Joel Fuller to the ministry. So it promises to be a packed weekend of preaching, praying, singing and ordaining.

There is really nothing like Florida in February. The weather is usually very cooperative and those of you in colder climates might enjoy a balmy, warm weekend. There are more details at our website and other places in this newsletter.

If you have any questions that I can answer please feel free to call me at: 407-905-5627. ■

The Pursuit of Happiness

Our forefathers, who penned "the pursuit of happiness" into the Declaration of Independence, had a far different concept of happiness than 21st Century America. The following quotes come from successful men of the 18th and 19th Centuries. Their vocations are diverse (arts, science, politics, business, and philosophy), yet their concept of happiness is very similar.

1. Action may not bring happiness, but no happiness comes without action.
2. It is not the function of the state to make men happy. They must make themselves happy in their own way, at their own risk.
3. Seek happiness and you will not find it, seek duty and happiness will follow.
4. Happiness lies on the road of steadfast well-doing.
5. Getters do not get happiness, givers get it. -taken from Forbes Book of Thoughts-

Scripture also defines happiness far differently than 21st Century America. Happy is the man who:

1. God corrects (Job 5:17).
2. eats the labor of his hands (Ps. 128:2).
3. washes his brother's feet (John 13:17).
4. endures with patience (James 5:11).
5. suffers for righteousness, is reproached for Jesus' name (I Peter 3:14, 4:14).

Natural man reasons; if this is God's happiness, I pass. But spiritual man reasons; apart from God, happiness is impossible (Psalm 146:5). By worldly standards, Solomon had everything and was unhappy; however, Paul had nothing and was very happy. Why? Happy is he who trusteth in the Lord (Proverbs 16:20). Want happiness? Pursue God!

-From the Moriah Newsletter, Elder Dolph Painter- ■

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Announcements

2010 Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting

The 2010 **Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting** will be held beginning Monday night, April 5th, through Thursday morning, April 8th. Notice that the meeting begins on Monday night, not Tuesday night as it did for many years. Services will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The meeting place is the Smoky Mountain Convention Center. The Convention Center is located at the South end of the Parkway in Pigeon Forge. It is on the same property as the Ramada Inn, just beyond the Cracker Barrel. The reservation number is 1-800-523-3919. For any further information you may call Elder Harold Hunt at 1-865-982-3012.

The Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting

March 26 - 28, 2010 Hosted by: Palm Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Crestview, FL 32536

Meeting Location: Friday, 3/26 and *Saturday, 3/27

George Whitehurst Municipal Building, Warriors Hall Auditorium 201 Stillwell Blvd., Crestview, FL 32539

Friday and *Saturday services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Central time. Lunch - 12 noon; Afternoon services 1:30 p.m.; Dinner - 5 p.m.; Evening services - 6 p.m. *Saturday there will be **no** dinner served or evening services.

Meeting location Sunday, 3/28, services will be held at Palm Chapel Church and begin at 10:30 a.m. Central time. 201 Cadle Drive, Crestview, FL 32536

Directions to George Whitehurst Municipal Building: From East or West on I-10, exit at Hwy 85 for Crestview. Go north on Hwy 85 (Ferdon Blvd) for 3.5 miles. Turn right at light onto Stillwell Blvd (Goodwill store is on the right at this light.) George Whitehurst Municipal Building is straight ahead on the left just past intersection of Stillwell and Industrial Drive. Parking is available in front of the Warriors Hall Auditorium and on the grassy area behind the building. The Crestview Police Dept is part of

this building. DO NOT park in the police department parking area.

From points north of Crestview, travel south on Hwy 85. Upon entering the City of Crestview, go to the 3rd traffic light and turn left onto Stillwell Blvd. Look for the Goodwill store on the left at Stillwell. Follow above directions to George Whitehurst Municipal Building.

Directions to Palm Chapel: From I-10 go south on Hwy 85 (Ferdon Blvd) one mile and turn right onto PJ Adams Pkwy. (There is a Tom Thumb gas station on the corner.) Go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Cadle Drive. The church is located straight ahead on the right.

Accommodations: All hotels are located at the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 85 (Ferdon Blvd). Prices range from \$59.95/night to \$100/night. *Be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible as Spring Break is at the same time as the Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting.*

Days Inn (continental breakfast provided) 850-682-8842 Econo Lodge (continental breakfast provided) 850-682-6255 Comfort Inn (continental breakfast provided) 850-423-1200 Hampton Inn (continental breakfast provided) 850-689-2378 Jameson Inn (full breakfast provided) 850-683-1778 Quality Inn (full breakfast provided) 850-682-6111 Holiday Inn Express (full breakfast provided) 850-398-8100

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Harmony Valley Singing School

A Harmony Valley singing school reunion will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Singing and fellowship will begin at 10:30 at Bethany PBC, near Ecu, Mississippi. This will be followed by a covered dish lunch. All previous students, teachers, helpers in other ways, and any other attendees are invited to come. The following week (July 19-23) Harmony Valley Singing School will be held on the grounds of Bethany PBC. For more information contact Jerry Wise @ (662) 419-8075. ■



Where: Winter Garden PBC

When: February 19-21, 2010

Hotel: Red Roof Inn

-Group rate of \$60.99/night

-Must mention WGPBC

-Less than 5 miles from church

-Call (407) 347-01401

We are excited about hosting the 2010 Fellowship meeting, and we hope you will be joining us to enjoy fellowship in our Lord. Please check our website, wintergardenpbc.com, where a brochure is posted with further details. Also, feel free to contact us with any inquiries at floridafellowship2010@gmail.com. We will be glad to assist with anything needed. Hope to see you there!

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church is located at 943 West Story Road in Winter Garden, FL.

Meeting Schedule

Friday February 19

10:00am Service
12:00pm lunch
2:00pm Service
5:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Service

Saturday February 20

10:00am Service
12:00pm lunch
2:00pm Service
5:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Service

Sunday February 21

10:00am Service
12:00pm Lunch

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The members of Winter Garden take time to let their hair down during the holidays with the traditional White Elephant gift exchange. We enjoy the evening of fellowship, song and worship service on Christmas eve.

Church News



Harmony PBC - Harwick, Ga.

Elder Phillip Howell was pleased to baptize newest members, Carrie-Lynn Abrams and her daughter, Akane.

A Founding Father on Morality

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. -John Adams, address to the Military, October 11, 1798-

Don't Blame the Elderly for the Failings of Society

We are probably the only members of society in the history of mankind for which the younger generation has so little respect and has demonstrated such a shameful lack of regard.

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized, belittled and sniped at for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real and imaginary.

Upon reflection, I would like to point out that it wasn't the senior citizens who took the melody out of music, or the beauty out of art, or

the pride out of appearance, or the romance out of love, the commitment out of marriage, the responsibility out of parenthood, togetherness out of family, learning out of education, loyalty out of Americanism, service out of patriotism, the hearth out of the home, civility out of behavior, refinement out of language, dedication out of employment, prudence out of spending or ambition out of achievement. And we certainly are not the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from relationships. ■

Elder Dolph Painter and his children enjoy the great outdoors. What a snowman!



Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Moses, Ex. 15:1
2. Deborah, Jud. 5:12
3. Hannah, 1 Sam. 2:1
4. David, 2 Sam. 22:2
5. Mary, Lk. 1:46
6. Zacharias, Lk. 1:67
7. the angels, Lk. 2:13
8. Solomon, Sol. 2:1

Contributions

Leta Dunn
Bill & Nell Sasser
William Liles
Virginia Reece
Lavona Middlebrooks
Elder Gary & Becky Harvey

Letters From Near and Far

To our family at Winter Garden Church, I hope this letter finds you all well, as I look back at the wonderful time of worship we shared together. My family received a rich blessing from our recent visit. Even as I sit here tonight, I find myself more blessed and encouraged by the kind words and hospitality offered to me and my family. As I visited with many of you I found myself in awe of God's rich blessing of church family. No matter the distance or length of absence, we felt as close to you all as the day we moved away. God certainly has blessed Winter Garden Church with the gift of encouragement and kindness which was on full display this past Sunday. Our prayer is that He would continue to bless your local body to be "the light set upon a hill", not only for your community, but also for our other congregations throughout.

May we meet again soon, God bless,
The Ford Family
Jacksonville, FL



Dear Brother Glenn,
I enjoy getting the newsletter very much. I would love to come down to your meeting but, I have to be realistic about my age and health (Sister, don't we all! Gb).

I do pray for you and your ministry. May God bless you always - take care of yourself - your people need you. Contribution enclosed.

Virginia Reece
Little Rock, AR

PS: My little book "Bible Quiz from A to Z" is still selling.

E-Mail Address Change

Elder Glenn Blanchard has a new e-mail address so please change your contacts accordingly. It is primitivebaptist@embarqmail.com.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but this should remedy current problems we are experiencing sending and receiving e-mails.



Sister Rhoda Robbs and her grandson, Michael. Sister Rhoda is moving back to Chattanooga and will be missed.

**Recent Visitors-
Top Left : Ed and Renee Boesch from Vero Beach.
Top right: Sebastian, Ron and Robert, friends of Eric DeWitt.
Bottomleft : Sister Lauren Penfold with fiancé, Michael Ulmer and friend, Brian Raidigan.
Bottom rt: Brother and Sister Phillips were pleased to accompany these two angels to church.**

Kid's Corner

Songs

1. "The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea."
2. "Awake, awake, utter a song!"
3. "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord."
4. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer."
5. "My soul doth magnify the Lord."
6. "Blessed be the Lord God of Isreal."
7. "Glory to God in the highest..."
8. "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."

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