

New Hope Newsletter

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Celebrating Mother's Day are Sisters Jackie Watkins, Judy Kemper and Pat Blanchard. Sister Bianca Brown (center) was kind enough to provide the cake and flowers.

Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Have you ever heard anyone say, "My, as I get older the time seems to get slower and slower!" I never have. As a matter of fact, I've always heard the opposite, "As I get older each year passes faster and faster!" And, here it is - June 2010 already - half the year gone!

Winter Garden Church is being blessed in so many ways. Our members, Brother Carol Phillips and Don Watkins are keeping our grounds mowed, and believe me that is a job in Florida in the Spring and Summer. One of our regular attendees for several years, Mr. Jian Park, has been re-plugging a section of our front lawn where the weeds have overtaken us. (Mr. Park is the father of our members Stephanie Chu and her family). Our young folks had a "cookout-BBQ" in the courtyard section of our building last Saturday evening and everyone reported that they had a great time eating hotdogs, hamburgers and playing volleyball and other games. We had the pleasure of having a recent Sunday visit from Brother Fred, Sister Jeannine Herrmann (from Hoover, AL), and Fred's parents who live on the West

coast of Florida. My wife has been getting up very early every morning for the last week so that she can pick up all the litter that is thrown on our property from the traffic. She found out that it helped her feel so much better to be exercising this way, that she has now "adopted a road project" in the City of Winter Garden and has decided to keep a certain section of Story Road, on which our church and home is located, cleaned every day! See what I mean by blessings!

As for me, I was blessed to be one of the guest ministers at Bethlehem PBC, pastored by Elder Tim McCool located near Tuscaloosa, AL. Elder Ed Long, from McKenzie, Tennessee, was the other invited speaker. I was blessed to feel the Spirit of the Lord in those meetings and in their fellowship. Elder McCool lives on property that has been in his family for six generations. He also has a "moon buggy" that he will be glad to give you a ride on. Just a tip, wear goggles!

On Sunday morning we went to a radio broadcast that Elder McCool does every Sunday morning. Elder Long preached and Four Harmony (Caryanne, Bradley and Joshua Swindal plus their first cousin, Rachel Gurley) opened and closed the broadcast with their beautiful acapella singing. After services there, I filled an appointment at Vestavia PBC on Sunday afternoon. It was good to see Elder Bryant and the wonderful congregation at Vestavia again. It was good to see Elder John Yadamac again also. There was only one catch on this trip - because of flooding in the Southeast, I could not get out of B'ham by plane, so I rented a car and drove home Sunday night! Pleasant memories and the hand of the Lord guided me all the way home safely.

We here at Winter Garden, hope all of you are enjoying blessings at your churches. Every year it seems more precious to me to be able to serve Him with all my strength and ability.

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Announcements

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.

2nd Annual Coastal Georgia PBC Fellowship Meeting -Zion PBC, Brunswick, GA

July 9-11, 2010 - 2nd annual Coastal Georgia Primitive Baptist Fellowship Meeting.

Friday, July 9 - services starts at 7:00PM

Saturday, July 10, Services start at 10:30 AM with afternoon services following lunch.

Sunday, July 11, Services start at 10:30 AM with communion following lunch.

We will preach the ministry that comes to be with us.

Plan a vacation in the Golden Isles with fun, sun and worship with God's people.

2195 Old Jessup Road, Brunswick, GA 31525 - Elder Christ Folsom, Pastor - 912-674-5679

Zion PBC Cookbook

Zion PBC is also selling a cookbook to raise funds for their new fellowship hall. The cost is \$13.00, which includes shipping. Please make checks payable to Zion Primitive Baptist Church at the above address. If you don't want the cookbook you may still make a donation.

Contributions

Pastor Chris McCool

Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

Little Union PBC in Lithia, FL will be hosting a special meeting in July. Please make plans to join us. The Meeting will begin on **Thursday** night, July 15th and conclude at noon on **Sunday**, July 18th. The Lord willing, Elder John Melvin from Atlanta, Georgia and Elder Kobee Trueblood from Missouri will be preaching. Services will be held on **Thursday** at 7:30pm, **Friday** at 10:30am and 7:30pm, **Saturday** at 10:30am and communion at 7:30pm, and **Sunday** at 10:30am. Lunch will be served on **Friday**, **Saturday**, and **Sunday**. Supper will be served at 6pm on **Friday** and **Saturday**. We have not yet determined if we will have any afternoon services.

We hope many will plan to be with us at this time when school is out and many families are traveling on vacation. The church is located approximately 18 miles South of Plant City on Hwy 39. On your GPS, enter 15510 CR-39 South, Lithia, Florida. For more information, contact one of the following brethren:

Elder Buddy Abernathy	863-797-6685
Donald Dixon, deacon	813-737-4252
Matthew Johnson, deacon	863-646-0757
Randy Miller, deacon	863-646-9230
Sonny Miller, deacon	863-644-8596
Quintin Varnum, deacon	813-737-4536

Harmony Highlands Singing School

The 15th session of this wonderful singing school will be held June 20 - 25, 2010. The location is approximately 10 miles north of Jasper, Alabama on Hwy. 5. The facilities are air-conditioned and very modern. This is one of the best singing schools held by our people and certainly bears your support and consideration. For more information call 205-384-4831.

Bethlehem PBC, Annual Meeting

Elder Glenn Blanchard also has an appointment at Bethlehem PBC in Bay Springs, Mississippi on June 5, 6. Elder Josh King is the pastor. 601-399-4928

Church News

Antioch PBC, Vero Beach, FL

Isaac Christopher Taylor, member of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church of Vero Beach, Florida, received his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor Ceremony on [April 17, 2010](#). Many of his family, friends, local dignitaries and church family were present to commend Isaac for such a great accomplishment. Statistics show that out of every 100 boys that enter scouting, only two will receive the Eagle Scout Award.

After Isaac [sat](#) for his Eagle Board of Review, Charlie Griffiths, the Chairman of Advancement for Boy Scouts of America, thanked Troop 503 for producing such an outstanding candidate. The chairman also stated that Isaac appeared to be the very definition of an Eagle Scout. All who know Isaac are greatly impressed with his character and his desire to live by biblical principles. Isaac presently attends Indian River State College on a scholarship. He also leads



singing at his church and is a professional musician playing banjo in four bluegrass bands.

Isaac is pictured at his ceremony held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church with his father, Elder Chris Taylor, mother, Sheri and siblings, Sofia, Harrison and Jonas.



Pictured on the right are some of the preachers at the California Fellowship Meeting held in March at Little Zion PBC in Bellflower, CA. Row 1-Elders Ollie Wilson and Joe Holder, the pastor at Bellflower. Row 2-Elder Charles Clark of Santa Paula, CA, Brother Matt Sonsetgard, Madera, CA, Elder Steve Jackson, Ft. Smith, AR. Back Row-Elders Arvel Charles, New Bethel PBC, CA, Mike Montgomery, Dallas, TX, Tracy Fredrickson, Hughson PBC, CA, Jerry Anstey, Fremont, CA.

Church News (con't)

Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

At Little Union Church, we are excited as we welcome two newborns to our congregation. Harlow Griffin, daughter of Bobby & Sarah Griffin was born the last week of [April](#) and Kinley Johnson, daughter of Matthew & Kerry Johnson was born the second week of this month ([May](#)). The Lord willing, we expect the arrival of more newborns in the near future.

Beauty for Ashes

I received a beautiful brochure about Beauty for Ashes. This is the children's home that was started by Sister Betty Jo Harter when her and Elder Gus Harter were ministering in the Philippines. The history, objectives and especially the pictures are important for all of us to see. You can learn more about this worthwhile endeavor by contacting www.whiteuntoharvest.org or gusandbettyjo@att.net. The stateside address is: Beauty for Ashes, PO Box 1301, Roswell, GA.

Don Farris, Sonny Phelan, Charles Holden, Reid Bishop, and Allen Daniels. My two grandchildren that went with us were Robert Hagler and Maggie Smith. They were excellent to mix with the children everywhere we went.

I am very encouraged about both the work among our churches and the work of mercy at our children's home. I am especially gratified that national ministers are traveling to new areas to establish churches. As funds are given I will send it to these ministers for travel and the expense of meetings. When leaving the Philippines, Beauty for Ashes majored in caring for orphans rather than helping the malnourished children. Because of renewed interest from several Americans in helping to care for the third degree malnourished babies, we are, in the future, going to major in this work. We are building a new clinic on our property for this purpose. We have received a little less than \$20,000 and will need about \$5,000 more to complete the structure. The joy of saving children so near death was one of the most satisfying ministries in the work of mercy. Several of the ladies that served as our nurses are anxious to come back and expand this work.

Thank you again for your prayers, concern and support.

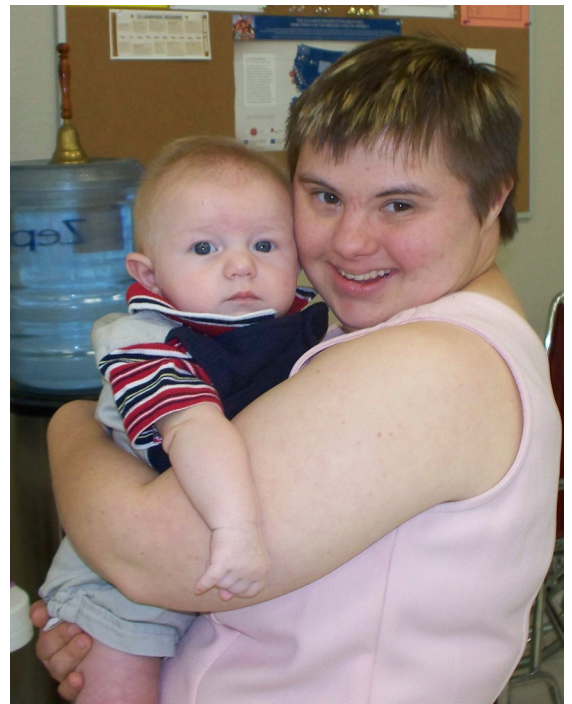
Elder Gus Harter

(Condensed from the White Unto Harvest Newsletter)

White Unto Harvest

We recently had an inspiring trip to the Philippines. Nine able ministers, two loving grandchildren, and my devoted wife left Atlanta for Manila November 30, 2009 and returned December 12th. The ministry throughout the Islands were united in the cause of Christ and we found evangelism with the spread of the gospel was alive and well. At this time there was much unrest in many areas with communist uprisings (New People's Army) and active Muslim Terrorists. But by the grace of God we were spared any danger, at least to our knowledge. Beauty for Ashes, our children's home and clinic, are continuing their work of mercy. It was a great joy to see our children again, especially for my wife. It has been over a year since she has seen them. The joy of that reunion was sweet and tear-filled.

The following ministers also went on this trip: Elders Darrell Chambers, Dan Hall,



Pictured at right is Winter Garden member, Bianca Brown holding our most recent newborn, Nathan Lawrence.

When Does the Spirit Move?

Years ago a group of college students performed an experiment on their professor. Each time their professor moved close to the right front corner of the classroom, the class perked up with smiles, nods, and note taking. But their countenances fell and the note taking lessened as their professor moved away from that corner. By lecture's end, students had their professor glued to the right front corner. The professor's actions were subconscious, but manipulated nonetheless.

What if a congregation perked up with smiles, nods, and increased note taking during messages of grace; and lessened during messages of duty? Consider more subtle behavior. When do saints communicate that they had "felt the Spirit" in service? After messages of grace or after messages on duty? Is the Spirit only present when one feels joy or comfort? That's what we communicate. Or is it possible the Spirit is present when one feels conviction or sorrow? Be honest, we rarely communicate His presence during these message types. Hmmm, could we be guilty of manipulating our preachers?

Elder Dolph Painter
Moriah PBC
Athens, Georgia

Quotes from Founding Father, John Adams

"Remember democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

All of the Founding Fathers were in favor of a Republic (government by law) rather than a Democracy (government by majority).

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, and to the republic..."

Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Saul, Jonathon, 2 Sam.1:17 | 5. Babylon, Rev.18:10 |
| 2. Abner, 2 Sam 3:31 | 6. Zion, Is.3:17 |
| 3. Tyrus, Ez. 28:12 | 7. Lazarus, Jn. 11:17 |
| 4. Stephen, Act. 8:2 | 8. Judah, Lam.2:5 |



Above: Sister Mona Miles (rt) with her sister, Marcy. Left: Sister Rachael Roberts visiting from New York.



Below: Sister Inella Morrow was accompanied by friend, Bonnie Anderson.



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Kid's Corner

Who is Lamented?

1. "And David lamented...over _____ and
_____ his son."
2. "Rend your clothes, and gird you with
sackcloth, and mourn before _____."
3. "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon
the king of _____,"...
4. "And devout men carried _____ to
his burial, and made great lamentation over
him."
5. "Alas! Alas! that great city _____, that
mighty city!"
6. "And her gates shall lament and mourn;..."
7. "Jesus wept."
8. "He (the Lord) hath increased in the daughter
of _____ mourning and lamentation."