

# New Hope Newsletter

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## Pastor's Letter

**Elder Glenn Blanchard**

Pat and I were privileged to be with Bethlehem PBC in Bay Springs, Mississippi for their Annual Meeting in June. This precious church is led by their faithful pastor, Elder Josh King. He has a wonderful family and they are all a vital part of the church there. I have preached their annual meeting several times and have come to know and love the members there.

We stayed with Brother M. L. King and his wife, Sister Sheila. They have a beautiful home with plenty of land surrounding it. This allowed for some afternoon shooting on Saturday. That's always a special treat for me.

We were also blessed to see Elder Mike Sills and his wife while we were there, and it was a blessing to hear of his labors in the Lord's service.

From there we went to North Alabama to visit Pat's old home-place. We stayed with Brother Mike Mitchell in his beautiful home in Scottsboro, Alabama. Brother Mike invited some "church folk" over two nights in a row. Brother Mike is an awesome cook and prepared a gourmet meal for us and his guests. We were thus able to visit with Elders Darrell Chambers and Edward Mines. Some of the members of Pilgrim's Rest PBC in Rainsville also came by. Brother Larry Jones, from Union PBC in Woodville was able to visit also. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I had a great time traveling among God's people known as the Primitive Baptists. I highly recommend connecting with Brothers and Sisters in Christ. You'll store up some great friends and some great memories.

That being said, Florida makes a wonderful vacation destination! Come on down, we'd love to have you.

**Fathers Day allowed us to recognize and appreciate the faithful fathers we have been blessed with.**

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# Make it Plain

## Make It Plain - Part 1

How does God give direction to folks making really hard decisions? Scripture, Godly counsel, sermons; but what about signs? May we ask for signs on this side of the cross?

Context, Context, Context! I am not talking about: Should I marry this unbeliever? Dad says no, Mom says no, the preacher says no; but I love him. Lord, give me a sign if I should marry him/her. Including scripture, I figure God has already given this person four signs. What we are talking about is: Should I accept the pastorate of Church XYZ? Or, which local job offer should I accept? Decisions such as these can be very hard. May we ask God to make our choice plain? Plenty of O.T. folks asked for signs (Gen 24:12-14, Jdg 6:33-40, 2Ki 20:1-7), may we?

We know Jesus was harsh with several Jews who asked for signs (Luke 11:29, John 4:48). We don't want to fall into this lack of faith (1Cor 1:22). Scripture also warns us about liars who sign (Ex 7:22, Matt 24:24). Nor do we want to be tricked by Satan (2Th 2:9). Yet, not all signs are evil (Heb 2:4, Rom 15:19, Acts 2:22, 43). So may we ask for signs? And if so, when may we ask for these signs? Continued next week...

## Make It Plain - Part 2 (7/29/10)

N.T. believers may confidently ask for wisdom and the Holy Ghost (Jam 1:5, Luke 11:33). However, is God limited to a small voice within, a Bible falling open to the right page, or a timely sermon? Certainly

God uses these things, but I don't believe He is limited to these things.

May we ask for signs on this side of the cross? I believe so, when we stick to the following principles:

1. We ask according to His will (1Jo 5:14-15) - For instance: Lord, I am willing to preach your gospel. I am willing to quit my job and move anywhere you tell me. I want to serve you, but I don't know where. Would you make it plain? God granted this writer this very request.
2. We seek His glory (John 14:13-14) - For instance: Lord, I know I am to provide for my family, physically and spiritually. One of the jobs I've been offered pays much more, but show me which job will glorify You most in my family. Once again, God granted this writer this very request. He provided an incredible sign.
3. We desire long term, spiritual service (John 16:23-24) - For instance: Our meeting house is getting old, the neighborhood is changing, or the demographics of our members have changed. Should we restore, move, build, borrow, serve this community, or another? God, we want to serve you but don't know how. Please make it plain.

No doubt, some decisions are very hard. God knows our state of mind, and heart. When we have an earnest desire to serve Him, I believe He is incredibly kind and merciful. He has given me numerous signs (green lights as I have come to call them). But never forget, His signs will never contradict His word - so keep reading and studying.

-The preceding articles were written by Elder Dolph Painter, Pastor of Moriah PBC, Colbert, GA and appeared in The Moriah Newsletter, Volume 7, Issue: July 2010-

## Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Uriah, 2Sam 11:3  | 5. Hannah, 1Sam 1:1  |
| 2. Zechariah, Lk 1:5 | 6. Ahab, 1Kng 21:4   |
| 3. Gomer, Hosea 1:2  | 7. Jacob, Gen.29:28  |
| 4. Abram, Gen. 16:3  | 8. Zipporah, Ex.2:21 |

We were pleased to have recent visitors, (top photo) Debbie and Eric Puette from Camp Creek PBC and (bottom photo) Raquel and Lily Caruso of Winter Garden.



# Announcements

## Little River Association

This year the Little River Association will be held at Cross Roads PBC in Woodstock, Georgia, August 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting begins Thursday evening at 6:00 PM with supper and service following. [It] continues on Friday with service starting at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch and an afternoon service. Supper will be at 6:00 PM and service to follow. On Saturday, the schedule is service at 10:00 AM, lunch and the closing service on Saturday afternoon. Directions to the church: [In Woodstock] turn off GA 5 in town on Arnold Mill Road, 3 and ½ miles to Trickum Road. Turn right 500 feet to church on the right. There will be homes available for visitors and the Best Western in Roswell is very handy (770-552-5599 or 800-784-8321). For more information: Elder Edward Cagle, 770-410-6862 or 770-403-9040.



## Elder Blanchard Upcoming Appointments

- September 24-26, 2010, Pulaski Primitive Baptist Church, Pulaski, VA. For more information contact Elder Don Singleton @ 540-980-8724
- October 9-11, 2010, Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Brunswick, GA. For more information contact Elder Chris Folsom @ 912-729-3833

## A New Day

*Author Unknown*

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

## Contributions

M.L. and Sheila King  
Mike & Lorelei Lopez

## Walk a Little Plainer Daddy!

*Author Unknown*

"Walk a little plainer daddy,"  
Said a little boy so frail.  
"I'm Following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fail.  
Sometimes your steps are very plain,  
Sometimes they are hard to see.  
So walk a little plainer daddy,  
For you are leading me."

"I know that once you walked this way  
Many years ago,  
And what you did along the way  
I'd really like to know.  
For sometimes when I am tempted,  
I don't know what to do.  
So walk a little plainer daddy,  
For I must follow you."

"Someday when I'm grown up  
You are like I want to be.  
Then, I will have a little boy  
Who will want to follow me.  
And I would want to lead him right,  
And help him to be true.  
So walk a little plainer daddy  
For we must follow you."

We enjoyed a visit with Brother Chris and Sister Melissa Taylor from Bethany PBC in Atlanta. Their beautiful family includes Matthew, Drew, Alex and Tori.

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# Kid's Corner

## Husbands and Wives

1. Who was Bathsheba's first husband?
2. Who was Elizabeth's husband?
3. Who was the wife of Hosea?
4. With whom did Hagar bear a child?
5. Who was wife to Elkanah?
6. Who was Jezebel's husband?
7. Rachel was married to whom?
8. Moses was married to whom?