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Little Union hosted their July meeting with Elders Melvin and Trueblood. Some of the Elders attending are to the left-Elders T. Terrell, J. Melvin, B. Abernathy, K. Trueblood, M. Hataway and G. Blanchard. Photo below is of some of the youth in attendance at the meeting.

Primitive Baptists churches around the country that remain faithful to the ancient church and the true way of worship.

In the last century there has been a tremendous move to make things more efficient, less difficult and more comfortable. Automobiles, electricity, running water, remote control, cell phones, computers, etc. have all had their effect on our national psyche. Nevertheless, the church was right when it was handed to us by the Apostles and it must remain right. It may become less popular with modern thought, but it will always be popular with Jesus Christ. ■



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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

My text for the last couple of weeks has been "The Kingdom Parables". I believe that Jesus goes to great length to describe His church. In our Bible Studies we have been looking at I John and seeing the difficulty, even back then, of keeping the church according to the Apostles and the early church fathers.

I am thankful to pastor a congregation that is concerned about guarding our doctrine and our practice. I am also thankful to hear of many

In the Beginning

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" Genesis 1:1

When someone asks me where they should begin their study of the scriptures, I have learned from experience to tell them: "In the beginning of the Book; at Genesis 1:1." The reason I emphasize "from experience" is because I have learned that any person who is unwilling to acknowledge God as an

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all-wise and sovereign Creator will have little success with the rest of the Book. They may as well close it and stop there if they are unwilling to believe the first verse of His book.

Because of its vital role in the heart and actions of the believer, the Devil has bent all his power and energy, in every age, to raise a question of doubt concerning God as Creator. It is like the farmer with the watermelon patch who couldn't keep the kids from stealing them at night. So one evening he put up a sign in his patch which read, "There is one poison watermelon in this patch." To his dismay, he returned the next morning to check on his precious melons only to find a second sign which read, "Now there are two poison watermelons in this patch." The Devil knows that if he can cast a shadow of a doubt upon the first declaration of God in the Bible, the rest of the book will be read with a skeptical eye.

Today, parents and children alike, are bombarded with the theory of evolution vs. Godly creation, on every hand. Schools, papers, magazines, and television continue to challenge Genesis 1:1. But realistically, it takes more faith to believe that man evolved from an amoeba than to believe he was created by God. For me to look around this universe, complexity of every creature, and believe that all of this just evolved would take faith more than I can fathom. But to simply believe God for His word, that He created all things, is not only easier to believe, but equally logical. After all, this is faith in its most basic element: Just take God at His word!

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From his book, "The Daily Record"

We were pleased to welcome Erin and Liam Akers from Clermont, FL. They are friends of Brother Ray Blanchard and Sister Mariah DeWitt.

Announcements

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

North Georgia Preacher's Meeting

The dates for the North Georgia Preacher's Meeting are November 9-11, 2010. The meeting will be hosted by Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 174 Fields McGhee Drive, Canto, Georgia. Elder Randall is their pastor. His phone number is 770-630-7150.

The meeting will begin on Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM and continue through Thursday noon.

The Good Lord has truly blessed this meeting in the five years that it has been held. The subject this year will be "Outreach". It is our desire to study how the Bible would teach us to reach our families, neighborhoods, and even abroad. Wherever the Lord would lead us to go.

The closest hotel is Jasper, GA Super Eight, 100 Whitfield Drive, Georgia 30143. Their phone number is 706-253-3297.

Please call Elder Randall Cagle if you need more details.

Allow me to add a personal note: I have been to all of these meetings and they have been invaluable to me and my congregation. They are well run, and remain faithful to the doctrine and practice of the Primitive Baptists. I highly recommend that every minister, especially those that might be somewhat isolated, make an attempt to attend. You will find peaceful, respectful and biblical exchange of ideas.
Elder Glenn Blanchard

Contributions

Rita Renfroe
Howard & Cynthia Halbgewachs



Consulting Experts

Sometimes we need help and are not shy about asking for it. The following are no brainers (Proverbs 15:22):

- Who would you consult if a loud banging noise began to echo underneath the hood of your car? A car expert, possibly a mechanic.
- Who would you consult if a nagging pain began to limit your physical activity? A medical expert, possibly a doctor.
- Who would you consult if a letter from the IRS appeared questioning last year's tax return? A tax expert, possibly an accountant.

Sometimes, we need more diverse help, maybe from a multitude of counselors (Proverbs 24:6):

- Who did you consult when facing a career or college choice at the end of high school? A seasoned person, possibly a parent, a person employed in your field of interest, a high school or college counselor.
- Who did you consult when purchasing your first home? Experienced folks; possibly a builder to assess construction, a realtor to assess community, a teacher to assess schools, a police officer to assess safety, or an accountant to assess affordability.

Other times we are too prideful, emotional, or naïve to ask for help; and if we ask help, we ask it from everyone and anyone but an expert (I Kings 12:8).

Consider the decision to marry:

- Who did we ask when considering whether or not a man or woman was "right for me?" We asked an expert, right? Wrong! Most of us asked our friends, folks who had never been married or had been married only a few years.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Satan, 2Cor 11:14
2. A chief prince, Dan 10:13
3. manna, Ps 78:24
4. Balaam's ass, Num. 22:23
5. Jesus, Lk 10:18
6. Cornelius, Acts 10:3
7. apostles, Acts 5:19



- Who should we ask when considering whether or not a man or woman is "right for me?" A marriage expert, possibly a couple who have been happily married for 40 or 50 years. Ask the bald or gray headed person who know us intimately. Absolutely include parents and grandparents.

God says counsel is good. God's counsel is best (Proverbs 1:5, 19:21). Why we readily seek counsel in certain areas and not others is a mystery to me.

Elder Dolph Painter
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We enjoyed a visit from Sister Martha Wils, Sister Fay Neikirk and her daughter Mary Rachel Duren from Sanford, FL

Brother Steve and Gavin Purvis were visiting with us from Crestview, FL





Church News

Bethel Primitive Baptist Church
Home At Last
(Nashville/Goodlettsville, TN)

The Lord has blessed Bethel Church to complete our relocation and the building of

our new meeting house. It has been a long journey and the lessons of prayer, patience and perseverance have taken on new meaning. We were blessed to experience our first worship service on June 20th. Since then the Lord has added 5 new members to our church body. The church is located at [515 Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, TN 37072](#). This is on the north side of Nashville one mile off I-65 at Exit 97. We appreciate all the interest and support that has been shown us. We plan to have a dedication meeting September 16th – 19th. There are several homes available and motels as well. There is a Red Roof Inn at the rate of \$35.99 ([615-859-2537](#)) and a new Courtyard Marriott at \$79.99 (King) or 89.99 (2 Queen) including a full breakfast ([615-851-3000](#)). Please state you are with Bethel Church. There are several other motels that range between these two rates. For further information call [615-207-3490](#) or [615-859-5991](#).

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Weddings and Portraits



We have been blessed with many visitors recently. Above - Walter Lindie, friend of Brother Bill and Judy Kemper. Below: Far left- Lorene Fry, mother of Brother Carroll Phillips and immediate left- Brother Joe Fuller and his grandson, Erik.

Letters

Dear Elder Blanchard,

Just a note to say hello, and thank you for sending us the newsletter. We enjoy it very much and Cynthia and I have intended to send a contribution for “years” now.

We enjoyed a blessed Nebraska Fellowship Meeting on the second weekend in June. God is so good to us. I hope we can come your way again soon, and if you’re ever in the area, stop by.

God Bless you,
Howard & Cynthia Halbgewachs

There are three kinds of church members. Those that make things happen...Those that watch things happen...and those that have no idea what is happening.

Which one are you?



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Kid's Corner

Angels

1. Who is described by Paul as being transformed into an angel of light?
2. What was Michael's title?
3. What does Psalm 78:25 refer to as angels' food?
4. What animal saw the angel of the Lord?
5. Who saw Satan fall as lightning from the sky?
6. What devout Gentile received a visit from the angel of the Lord?
7. In addition to Peter, whom did the angel let out of jail?