

# New Hope Newsletter

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**Elders John Yadamec and Ben Winslett were well blessed to preach our Nov. special meeting.**

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I attended the Georgian Preacher's Meeting this past November. As usual, Shoal Creek in Canton did an awesome job of hosting the meeting. Nothing was left undone. Elder Edward Cagle began the meeting with a one



## Pastor's Letter

**Elder Glenn Blanchard**

Wow! That year went by in a hurry. I'm now realizing that I will never get accomplished all the things I thought I would. So, how about some important changes, New Years Resolutions if you will. Or maybe even a "Bucket List," (things I want to do before I kick the bucket).

To talk less and pray more. To turn to God first in a crisis, instead of last. To read less newspaper articles and to read my Bible through this year. Try and convert one person this year to the truth of the Gospel. Perfect attendance at church. Witness to at least one young person a month. To visit the nursing home at least six times this year.

I'm sure you could improve on this list. May God bless you to do so.

## Preacher's Meeting

hour presentation on evangelism in the Primitive Baptist church during his over fifty-year labors pastoring Primitive Baptist churches. He is certainly able to speak with authority. I enjoyed every presentation during the day and the

preaching services in the evening. I closed out the meeting on Thursday morning with an outline of things that are hindrances to evangelism.

The next Preacher's Meeting at Shoal Creek is scheduled for November 1-3, 2011. All are invited. (photo on left)

# In The Beginning Part 4

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” – Genesis 1:1

God has many methods of communication. One that I enjoy is God’s creation. Just as an artist speaks with his brush, a writer with his pen, a musician with his instrument, God speaks to us every day through His creation. David wrote, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard” – Psalm 19:1-3.

When we look up into the glittering heavens and behold the splendor of the countless planets and stars, God says, “Behold my glory”. The chirp of the redbird, the cry of the great eagle, the bloom of the flower and the buzz of the bee “sheweth his handywork.” And what handywork it is! Who could make a flower or a bee but God? Is there any wonder why we enjoy God’s creations so much? It gives a spring to our step and a twinkle to our eye. God’s creation is refreshing and relaxing. When we

commune with nature, we are really communing with the God that created nature. We are not to worship nature itself, but God that created nature. God should be the object of our worship and admiration.

Every day and every night, since creation, God has communicated with mankind through His creation revealing His matchless “knowledge”. Sophisticated spaceships and telescopes continue to report that there are yet galaxies to be discovered. Modern medicine has but scratched the surface of the human body that God created with His knowledge. God’s creation says a lot, doesn’t it?

There are no barriers to God’s majestic language. Regardless of race, nationality, or language, His voice is heard with reverential awe. There is no voice or language in which God’s voice is not heard. This is global communication par excellence which outstrips the highest satellites. Many conclusions could be drawn from David’s words, but one fact is crystal clear: Today, God is alive and well...AND HE IS NOT SILENT!! Has He spoken to you today? If He has, have you praised Him for His glorious majesty and the blessings you have received from His creation?

Elder Sonny Phelan  
Donaldson, Arkansas



Winter Garden PBC hosted a three day meeting in November with visiting ministers, Elders Ben Winslett from Flint River PBC and John Yadamec from Ebenezer PBC in AL. Visitors, top row (L ot R) Julian and Bea Cunningham from Little Union PBC, Eddra Patterson and Jean Whitt with member, Leanna Ulmer, Robert Andrews with daughter, Emile. Bottom row- Elder Charlie Dennis from Palm Bethel PBC, and Lacy Spradley with her grandparents Bill and Frances McSwain. It was a glorious weekend for us all.



# Announcements

## Dedication Service, Bethany PBC, Atlanta Area

Bethany PBC will hold their dedication service on January 7-9. Bethany, the Lord willing, plans to be meeting in their new building the first part of November. We are thrilled to soon be in our own building with the liberty to schedule our services. We warmly invite everyone to help us celebrate this wonderful occasion. The Hilton Garden Inn at 11695 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA. is giving us a very special reduced rate of \$69 per night which includes an amazing breakfast buffet free of charge for everyone in the room. You can reserve your room by calling 770-476-1966 and letting them know you are with the "Bethany Church Group." Comfort Suites on Hwy 20 in Cumming has also given us a special group rate of \$79.00 per night. Call at 678-468-2743 and let them know you are with our "Bethany Church Group."

## Defense of the Faith Seminar, Bethany PBC, Atlanta Area

Defense of the Faith Seminar: The skeptics have some difficult questions which have caused good men to stumble. But Bible believers have some excellent answers that strengthens the faithful and makes them realize the solid foundation of Christianity. We will be exploring subjects such as: The inspiration of scriptures; The infallible proofs of the Resurrection; The existence of evil and yet God is righteous and sovereign; Why we believe in absolute Truth rather than relativism; Why wait until marriage; The reasonable acceptance of creation and rejection of evolution; And the evidence of the preservation of scriptures. All are invited to attend however this meeting is especially for older teenagers and those attending college to enable them to strengthen their faith. We hope many will schedule all three days to be with us. The time chosen for these presentations are December 26-28 (Sunday – Tuesday) with services beginning Sunday night December 26<sup>th</sup>, then all day Monday and Tuesday with services morning, afternoon, and evening. Young people, please let us know by Nov. 30, 2010, and we will provide homes for as many as possible. Also, we have blocked hotel rooms in the area for this meeting. The Hilton Garden Inn at



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## North Georgia Fellowship Meeting, Dallas, Ga.

Jan 19 - 22, 2011 - The Dallas Primitive Baptist Church in Dallas, GA will host the North Georgia Fellowship meeting. Services will be held on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** at 7:00 pm; **Friday** at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm; and **Saturday** at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. We will have lunch and supper on **Friday** and lunch on **Saturday** on the Church grounds. We are looking for several visiting preachers and many others to be with us.If you use MapQuest, Google maps, or a gps, we can be found at 225 Legion Road, Dallas, GA 30152. Please call Elder Marty Hoskins at [404-831-2753](tel:404-831-2753) for more information. Please come praying that God will pour out His spirit on this meeting.

Palm Bethel was happy to host so many fine young people at one of their special meetings in Crestview, FL.

# Florida Fellowship Meeting 2011

**Dates:** February 18-20, 2011

**Place:** Banquet Room of Best Western Hotel, **8797 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32966-6958** Phone: 772-567-8321 | Fax: 772-569-8558

**Hotel Dates:** February 18-20, 2011: Best Western Vero Beach, see above

**Rate:** \$69 per night, when you call Best Western mention the Florida Fellowship Meeting to receive this room rate

**Directions:** Traveling on I-95: Take the SR 60/Vero Beach Exit, Best Western is just East of I-95 on the South side of SR 60.

Traveling on Turnpike: Take Yeehaw Junction/SR 60 Exit and travel East on SR 60 approx 30 miles to Vero Beach, after you travel under the I-95 overpass, Best Western will be on the South side of SR 60.

For more information on the Hotel and directions see their website: <http://www.bestwesternflorida.com/hotels/best-western-vero/>

**Sunday** morning services will be held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, 1210 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach, Florida. Located on the corner of 12th Street and Old Dixie Hwy.

**Schedule of Services:**

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm - Lunch and Supper provided

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm - Lunch and Supper provided

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00am at Antioch Church - Lunch provided

(Additional Hotel rooms available at \$79 rate: Holiday Inn Express, 9400 19TH LANE VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32966 UNITED STATES Hotel Front Desk: 1-772-5672500 Hotel Fax: 1-772-567-4979, located on SR 60 just West of I-95, <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/vero-beach/vrbnl/hoteldetail>)

**Elder Chris Taylor (772) 201-1244 and (772) 567-4149**

**Deacon Bud Carter (772) 226-7845**

## Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Twelve, Lev. 24:5
2. One, Ex. 25:31
3. Everyday, Ex. 30:7-9
4. David, 1Chron 23-24
5. vail, Ex. 26:33
6. Brass, Ex.27:19
7. Shiloh, Josh. 18:1
8. Linen/goat hair, Ex. 26

## Contributions

Rita Renfroe

## Sister Bonita Varnum



Sister Bonita Varnum, 68, of Lithia, Florida, departed this life on November 21, 2010. She was a member of Little Union Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 51 years Phillip “PG” Varnum; children Sheila Cunningham (Gary), Quintin Varnum (Joanna), Lisa Tapia (Freddy), and Garland Varnum Jr. (Patricia); siblings Paul Osborne, William Osborne, George Osborne, Dale Osborne, and Jean Jones; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and many loving family and friends. Funeral services were held at Little Union Primitive Baptist Church. Sister Bonita was a faithful servant and will be missed by all.

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## Rest: A State of Mind

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30).

The other day I asked my eighteen year old son to describe a situation when he felt especially at peace. With a smile on his face he said, “Driving around Madison County on a pretty day in my pick-up.” When I asked if having a mid-term scheduled the following day would affect his rest, the smile left his face.

Later, I asked my nineteen year old son the same question. He said, “During a leisurely run; you know, a 7 and ½ to 8 minute mile cruising speed.” When I asked if having a mid-term scheduled the following day would affect his rest, he said, “That’s different.”

True rest is not about an activity, the amount of physical effort, or a day; it’s a state of mind. I know folks who do everything on Saturday to free up Sunday, yet Sunday afternoon, they are sitting on the front porch wound tighter than a guitar string. Yes, they filled the tank with gas the

night before, but their mind is adding chores to their to do list or mulling over Tuesday’s deadline at work. Is this rest? To the letter of the law, yes; to the spirit of the law, no.

Jesus did not tell saints they would be yokeless. Jesus told saints to take off their worldly harnesses and replace them with His yoke. Yokes are for work, but what yoke was Jesus referring to? The learn of Him yoke. Replacing earthly concerns with a better understanding of God brings rest.

Legalism never secured rest for anyone, but the gospel has and does. True rest is more mental than physical. A person shutting down physically does not mean they have taken off their earthly yoke. True rest comes from learning of God’s greatness, His holiness, His love... Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Is 26:3). Want rest? Hit the Book!

Elder Dolph Painter  
Athens, Georgia ■

## Church News

Sister Jenilee Johnson joined Red Hill Church in Oglethorpe, GA. And will be baptized by her father, Elder Dennis Johnson.

Brother Jack Sutton joined Griffin Church. He will be baptized by Elder Robert Torrance.

We love to hear of new additions to the church family.





**Elder Daniel Stickland of Lower Mill PBC in Statesboro, Ga. has been abundantly blessed with recent baptisms. Pictured above are some of the new members: Wanda Price- Williams, Tammy and Brian Bacon, Jonathon Hurst, and Owen Bacon. God Bless you.**

## Some Further Thoughts on Evolution

Evolution – It is much too broad a topic to be called by only that word alone. I encourage everyone to attach one of two prefixes to the word “evolution” when using it, either written or spoken. The prefixes make a big and meaningful difference.

Micro – Some aspects of evolution are factual and not inconsistent with the Biblical account in Genesis in the least bit. This is called microevolution. This type of (small) change has been observed and documented in nature. With this “change”, the major issue is that the organisms that changed are still the same type or kind of organisms they were before. Informed creationists have absolutely no problem with the microevolutionary small or subtle changes with a particular group of organisms, this resulting from an altering of the genetic material which was already in place. Therefore, not everything about “evolution” compromises Genesis 1 and 2, and is not a threat for Bible believers or those favoring a creation scenario.

Macro – Some things about evolution are speculation and theory, and are inconsistent with the Biblical creation account in Genesis. This is called macroevolution. Macroevolution states that one type or kind of living thing transforms or turns into (or however one wants to put it) another type or kind of living thing over time. A vivid imagination is necessary to say the fossil record shows this kind of (large) transition. There is not enough solid evidence (genetic, biochemical, or otherwise) to say macroevolution has undoubtedly ever happened. Needless to say, there are those in the secular scientific community that claim through naturalism, microevolution leads to macroevolution, and this has accounted for all life.

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Elder Shannon Whipp of Radnor PBC in Nashville, TN. was overjoyed to baptize his son, Nathanael. (far left) The next weekend, Brother Josiah Russell, son of Elder Lynn Russell, followed the Lord in baptism as well.

### Teaching an Old Bird New Tricks

A young man named Noah received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. Noah tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, Noah was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The Parrot yelled back. Noah shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. Noah, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, Noah quickly opened the door to the freezer.

out onto Noah's outstretched arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

Noah was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued,

"May I ask what the turkey did?"

Elder Dan Strickland  
Lower Mill Creek Newsletter



Winter Garden PBC member, Brother Michael Ulmer was initiated into the Winter Park Fire Department in a pinning ceremony. Michael was married last May to fellow member, Lauren Ulmer. While working, Michael is continuing to acquire further training in the fire field and with the Lord's help, should have a bright future. Congratulations, Michael!



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# Kid's Corner

## Tabernacle/Temple Facts

1. How many loaves of the Shewbread were to be on the table in the tabernacle Sabbath after Sabbath?
2. How many pieces of gold were used to make the candlestick?
3. How often did the high priest burn incense on the golden altar?
4. Who was famous for making a detailed organization of temple personnel?
5. What separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place?
6. What material was to be used to make the tent pegs of the tabernacle?
7. When the Israelites moved into the promised land, what city became the permanent home of the tabernacle?
8. What two types of material were used to make the curtains in the tabernacle?