

New Hope Newsletter

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A large number of preachers were able to attend the Gulf Coast Fellowship meeting in March.
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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Our prayers have been with the people in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia who were impacted by the recent tornadoes that hit those areas. The loss of lives have been devastating to those who lost their loved ones, the loss of property was enormous; we have heard of churches, businesses, civic centers, funeral homes, homes, schools, and other structures that were splintered in these furious storms. Where my wife grew up in northern Alabama, one little town was hit (Rainsville, AL) and forty-five people were killed. Winter Garden Church is putting together boxes of various items that are badly needed in the Alabama areas and will be sending them by someone we know who will be traveling to Alabama shortly. In the Church News section of this Newsletter, Elder Tim McCool has announcements that might help some of you who would like to participate in his efforts to gather donations, also.

The past month has been laced with "sweet sorrow" at our church. About three weeks ago on a Sunday, one of our members (Brother Otis Trotter) passed out right after services and hit the tile floor at our church. Thankfully, we have trained medical personnel as members who rushed to his aid immediately, as others called 911. Brother Brandon King, an emergency room nurse, was able to apply resuscitation to Brother Otis and revive him, but he had a terrible cut on the back of his head from the fall. The doctors have said the fall was due to heart failure and he has been receiving treatment for seizures. Pat and I visited him yesterday in Cape Canaveral Hospital where he was transferred from ORMC. However, his doctors are not encouraging at this point. Please pray for him and his family.

Some of the uplifting experiences that we have had are that some of us at WGPBC were able to visit Orange PBC's Annual Meeting in Apopka – just north of Winter Garden – and enjoy the preaching and fellowship with that band of the Lord's people. I enjoyed the fellowship with Elders David Crawford, Mark

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Nunley, Gordon Smith and the pastor at Orange Church, Elder Clayton Peterson.

Also, some of us are enjoying fellowship with some of our newer members (Sister Regina and her son, Michael, Constantino and Brother Blaine and Eddra Patterson) and they are becoming faithful, willing-to-learn members. They are a delight to us who have gotten close to them. Their attendance at our Wednesday night Bible Study is proving so beneficial. They enjoy asking questions about things they have read in the Bible and are spirit-filled new converts! We have also had quite a number of

visitors to our Sunday services. My nephew, Bob Blanchard, gets the award for inviting the most. One Sunday, he brought seven young people from where he works!

Our annual meeting is coming up this month and we are looking forward to it with anticipation. Elder Gus Harter and his son, Jonathan, will be the invited ministers. We are looking forward to seeing the entire Harter family. Our members are busy preparing everything for their arrival.

God bless each of you who continue to write encouraging words to us.

Silence: His & Ours

Article written by Elder Dolph Painter, Pastor, Mariah Primitive Baptist Church

The ten northern tribes [Israel] received warnings from several major and minor prophets. Israel ignored their warnings and fell into captivity. Over the next 100 years the two southern tribes [Judah] received similar warnings from subsequent prophets. Judah ignored their warnings and fell into captivity also. The Book of Habakkuk was preached to Judah just before Jerusalem fell to the Chaldeans (1:6).

This book begins with Habakkuk misunderstanding God's silence (1:1-4). Habakkuk asked God: Can't you hear us? Have you stopped judging? Do your laws mean nothing? Don't you care when bad

stuff happens? God told Habakkuk that bad stuff happened not out of indifference, but in judgment. Pride, violence, coveting, murder, drunkenness, nakedness, and idolatry typified Judah's behavior and God had had enough (2:5-19). God said, It's time for Judah to be silent (2:20).

I believe saints today also misunderstand God's silence. They ask, God, do you exist? Have you stopped protecting? If you are there, why does bad stuff happen? If America looked into a mirror, she would find the same sins which typified Judah, typify her. No doubt we live in perilous times, but instead of questioning God, maybe we ought to silently approach His throne.

I cannot end a discussion of this book without mentioning the following two verses: *Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation (3:17-18).* Never forget, the just shall live by faith (2:4), regardless of the times.

We were delighted to welcome sisters, Rachel and Sarah Abernathy from Little Union PBC in Lithia, FL.





Brother Bob Blanchard is surrounded by invited visitors from his workplace. It was a delight to see so many young people in our worship service.

Meeting Announcements

Nebraska Fellowship Meeting

Mt. Zion PBC, located at 319 W. 11th Street, Cozad, NE 691320 will hold its Fellowship Meeting June 9-12-2011. Following is the order of services:

Thursday at 6:30 PM (Supper, Singing and Prayer)

Friday at 10 AM; 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Saturday at 10 AM, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Sunday at 10 AM

Our desire is to accommodate as many of our guests in our homes as we can. When our homes are full, there are two motels in Cozad and other chain motels located in Lexington and Gothenburg.

Circle S Motel, America's Best Value Inn, 440 S. Meridian, Cozad, NE 3808-784-2290 or 308-784-2297 (20% discount for Fellowship Meeting) .

Rodeway Inn, 809 S. Meridian, Cozad, NE 308-784-4900 or www.rodewayinn.com (15% discount for Fellowship Meeting).

For more information please contact Elder Thomas Bond, P.O. Box 303, Cozad, NE, 69130; 308-784-5518 (Home) or 308-325-3957 (Cell) OR Deacon Howard Halbgewachs, 75851 Road 419, Cozad, NE 69130; 308-784-4320 (Home) or 308-325-3302 (Cell). Cozad is located on I 80 at Exit 222. The Church is north of the interstate. Exit 222 then proceed north into town until you come to 11th Street. Turn left (West) and go 5 blocks. You will see our church building on your left.

North Indiana Fellowship Meeting

Dates: July 7th – July 10th, 2011

Held with Tippecanoe PB Church near Bourbon, IN

The Northern Indiana Fellowship Meeting is the 2nd weekend in July. This is a change from prior years to allow more ministers to attend our meeting. The meeting will begin on Thursday night at 7 P.M. Services will then be held on Friday and Saturday, July 8th at 10 A.M. with lunch and afternoon services. Sunday, July 9th, services will begin at 10:30 A.M. with lunch following. Our confirmed ministers are Elders

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J.C. Stanaland from Florida, David Montgomery from Texas, and Jeremy Sarber from North Carolina. We also have other possible ministers coming. We are looking forward to many visitors and visiting ministers. Please pray for the meeting. Hotel information follows:

Super 8 (574-936-8856), \$59.38/per night – ask for Tippecanoe church rate and must book 2 weeks prior to July 7th.

Holiday Inn, (574-936-2444) \$129.99 per night

Note...Super 8 was very willing to work with us and with the price difference, they would be our recommendation, however take note that you must book a room by June 22nd to receive that rate.

Tippecanoe PB Church is 3 miles west of Bourbon/Bremen exit on Hwy 30 and north 1 mile to 9987 Gumwood Road.

Contact information:

Bruce Sarber 574-522-9330 (Home)
574-214-7411 (Cell)

Dave Mikel 574-858-2636 (Home)
574-377-2779 (Cell)

3rd Annual Coastal Georgia Fellowship Meeting

Once again Zion Church is preparing for the 3rd Annual Coastal Georgia Fellowship Meeting. Over the last two years, God has showered this meeting with His grace and love.

The first year, the Lord blessed the meeting to virtually press the seams of our little building with visitation from the brethren and His Spirit. Last year's meeting was held next door in another building which holds approximately twice the number of souls as our little meeting house. Again this year, we have been blessed with the usage of the same building.

The 3rd Annual Coastal Georgia Fellowship Meeting is the second weekend of July, beginning Friday night, July 8th at 7 P.M., Saturday, July 9th morning worship begins at 10 A.M. with the song service, a break for lunch, followed by afternoon services. Sunday, July 10th, the morning worship begins at 10 A.M. followed by lunch.

We hope you will plan to be with us for this meeting as we worship the Lord Jesus Christ in spirit and truth. If you will not be able to attend, we ask for your prayers for the meeting.

- Submitted by Elder Chris Folsom, Pastor, Zion PBC, 2195 Old Jessup Road, Brunswick, GA 31523, chrisfolsom@gmail.com, Phone: 912-674-5679 (Cell)

Ordination Meeting- MacClenny, FL

MacClenny Primitive Baptist Church in MacClenny, Florida, has scheduled the ordination of Brother Silas Ford to the full work of the ministry. The date is set for Saturday, July 9, 2011. Directions to the church are as follows: Exit I - 10 onto State Road 228. Go north 3 miles to North Boulevard. Turn right and the church is immediately on the right. For more information contact Elder David Crawford at 904-259-3052.

**Sister Rebecca Roberts (right),
with one of her college roommates,
Taylor Fontanez.**



In The Beginning Part 9

*Elder Sonny Phelan
Harmony PBC, Arkansas*

Oppositions of Science

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

Dinosaurs, dinosaurs, and more dinosaurs. It seems they are everywhere. In books, on television, in the movies. Theories about when they roamed the earth, how they lived, and why they became extinct have intrigued both adults and children for centuries. But have you ever heard anyone talk about dinosaurs that actually saw one of these great creatures?

When my children began to ask me about dinosaurs I began to pray for a Biblical answer and God introduced me to a person who had actually seen not only a dinosaur, but also another creature more awesome than the dinosaur. His name was Job. His record is indelibly inscribed in God’s perpetual record, the Bible. And, here again, we find that God has miraculously preserved his words to enable believers to “avoid oppositions of science” concerning these great creatures.

When God answered Job out of the whirlwind he began His dialogue with the subject of His creation. He asked questions that perplex scientists today, even with all of their sophisticated instruments and discoveries. In chapters 38 and 39 God spoke of the sea, the frost, the stars, the weather, the goats, the peacocks, and the ostrich. But in chapter 40, God spoke about the greatest land creature He had created, “Behold now behemoth which I made with thee” – Job 40:15. God was doing the talking, but He was talking to Job about creatures that Job had seen and observed.

Briefly, let us consider a few truths concerning this great creature: (1) Behemoth was contemporary with the peacock and the ostrich. Job had seen them all. Therefore peacocks and ostriches did not evolve; they were created with peacocks and ostriches. (2) The book of Job was written approximately 1520 B.C. and dinosaurs were still roaming the earth! That was only 3500 years ago! (3) Behemoth was created on the sixth day with man, “which I made with thee”. (4) God was not describing a hippopotamus



**Brother Jay
Blanchard with
friend, Matt
Pederson of
Clermont.**

or an elephant because this creature has a tail “like a cedar”-v17. (5) Behemoth must have been a dinosaur, because it was the chief of land creatures, “He is the chief of the ways of God” –v19.

God addresses another great creature in chapter 41 that he refers to as Leviathan. What does God say about this creature? It could not be apprehended with a hook, a cord, or a spear (v1-2). It could not be captured (v5). One could not pierce its head with fish spears (v7). “His teeth are terrible round about” –v14. His eyes glowed in the dark (v18). “Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out” –v19. “Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron” –v20. “His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth” –v21. “He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.” –v29. What kind of creature was God describing? The dragon, of course.

Why is this hard for us to believe? Because we have never seen one with our natural eye. But Job had seen them and by faith we believe God’s remarkable word about dinosaurs and dragons. Even the Psalmist had observed this great creature in his day as he wrote in the Psalm, “There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play herein” –Psalm 104:26.

When our children want to know about these great creatures let us turn from speculation to revelation, to the only eyewitness account that we have today: God and His miraculous word!

Church News

Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting Report (Photo on front cover)

March 25-27, 2011
St. Andrew Primitive Baptist Church
Panama City, Florida

Often times as we leave a “big meeting”, we earnestly declare that it was “the best one yet”. That was the feeling of those who attended this meeting, especially the members of St. Andrew Primitive Baptist Church. Sunday, after all the visitors were gone, we didn’t want to leave the Church Building. The Lord had blessed us so wonderfully that we just did not want to walk away from the place of such blessings.

We are thankful for all our visitors. We had visitors from at least seven different States. The fellowship was so blessed that we didn’t want anyone to leave. The singing was heavenly. Each prayer turned our hearts and minds to the power and glory of our Lord. The preachers were powerfully blessed of the Lord to proclaim His precious Gospel. We hope to have the sermons posted on our website (standrewprimitivebaptistchurch.com) by next week.

Next year, Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Headland, Alabama will host the Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting the Fourth Weekend in March 2012. Hope that all can return to be with us again.

Lord Bless,
Your Brother In Christ,
Elder J.C. Stanaland

Answers to This Month’s Quiz

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| 1. Zechariah, Zech. 11:12 | 5. twelve, Gn. 17:20 |
| 2. David, Ps. 22:14 | 6. Joel, Joel. 2:28 |
| 3. Jonah, Matt. 12:39 | 7. Dust, Gn. 28:14 |
| 4. Isaiah 53 | |

Contributions

Julian and Bea Cunningham

A New Book by Elder J.C. Stanaland

Elder J.C. Stanaland has written an excellent book entitled *Biblical Jewels Vol. One*. The subtitle is *In Times of Trouble; Help, Comfort, Joy, Peace, Instruction from the Word of God!* The subtitle very well describes the contents of the book. The book is a collection of short articles which provide clear and useable instruction and encouragement for people in times of difficulty and distress.

Brother Hunt, please send me _____ copy(ies) of Elder J.C. Stanaland’s book, *Biblical Jewels Vol. One* at \$10 each.

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Elder Harold Hunt, 2516 E. Clark Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804

Tornado Relief

Throughout Alabama there is much loss. After consulting with the church members where I pastor and also some other preachers and people involved or affected, here is what we are suggesting. We believe the greatest needs will manifest in the weeks to come, in the aftermath. It seems that in most affected areas, there is plenty of water, food, and shelter. In the weeks to come, we intend to help ones who are affected either monetarily or “in kind.” We intend to do this in much the same way the Katrina effort was carried out. We will communicate with various Primitive Baptist preachers and church members, in an effort to identify specific persons and families, and apply assistance where it is needed. Some of the preachers I have already communicated with who are going to identify needs are Elders Charles Kitchens, Ricky Harcrow, and Craig Blair. There are others I intend to communicate with. If you desire to contribute to this effort, please send donations as follows:

**Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church
For: Tornado Relief
P.O. Box 270
Carrollton, AL 35477**

OR

**PBC Scholarship Fund
For: Tornado Relief
1300 McFarland Blvd, NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406**

Some of you may or may not be familiar with the PBC Scholarship Fund, which was incepted a few years ago for the purpose of awarding college scholarships to Primitive Baptist applicants. This is a 501(c) (3) entity. Elder Charles Kitchens, Elder Wayne Crocker, and I are on the Board of this Fund. We have agreed to allow donations to come into this entity for the specific purpose of aiding tornado victims and apply any funds for that purpose. Donations may be made to either of the above. Thank you so much for your prayers and concerns. Please continue to pray for the families who have lost precious ones.

Elder Tim McCool, Pastor, Bethlehem PBC, Echola, AL, 205-399-0041

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Kid's Corner

Prophecies

1. What minor prophet predicted that the Messiah would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver?
2. Who wrote the prophecy "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint"?
3. When Jesus prophesied about His death, which minor prophet did He say was a sign?
4. Where in the Old Testament is the prophecy about Jesus being bruised for our iniquities?
5. How many children did God tell Abraham Ishmael would have?
6. What minor prophet prophesied about the outpouring of God's Spirit at Pentecost?
7. In Jacob's dream of the ladder stretching to heaven, to what were Jacob's descendants compared?