

New Hope Newsletter

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We rejoiced at our Annual meeting with Jonathan Harter (below) and Elder Gus Harter and family (right). Photo bottom right- Elder Buddy Abernathy and Elder Harter.



Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

We enjoyed a wonderful annual meeting this past month. Elder Gus Harter and his son, Jonathan, did the preaching. We had around 100 for communion and everything was done just as it has been for centuries. We were visited by Elders Buddy Abernathy, Charlie Dennis, Chris Taylor and Richard Williams.

The next weekend I was in Woodville, Alabama for the annual meeting of Union PBC. Elders Darrell Chambers and Gene Thomas are the pastors there. We were also blessed to have Elders Eddie Flick, John Harrison, Randy Quillan, Leon Ethredge, Ricky Sinar, Lynn Russell and George Denmark.

At the close of service on Sunday, six young people joined the church. A great time of rejoicing followed.

Elder Buddy Abernathy filled the pulpit at Winter Garden in my absence. At the end of that service, Brother Cory Hudson came forward asking to be received at Winter Garden. We feel blessed to have him with us.

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Outside the Box

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

The Lord once told Joshua to engage King Adonizedec in battle. Joshua obeyed God and was victorious. But during the mop up operation, Joshua made a request which was outside the box. He asked for more daylight. Joshua asked God to stop the sun in its tracks (Joshua 10:8-14). An unusual request. Amen?

The congregation I serve is composed of several farmers. I've heard them ask God to hold back storms until crops could be harvested and for help completing chores before a day's end; but I've yet to see any of my brethren climb atop their tractor, point to the sun, and say, "Freeze. Don't move!" We just don't think like that. Amen?

An axe head flew into the Jordan River as an Israelite hewed timber. A priest standing nearby made an outside the box request of God. The priest asked the axe head to float (2 Kings 6:4-7). Another unusual request. Amen?

In a similar situation. I can see myself asking God to guide my hand as I dove to the river's bottom, or to bless my effort as I swept the river's bottom with a net; but I don't see myself on the river bank asking the axe head to swim. We just don't think like that, Amen?

Stephen shared the gospel with several Jews. The Jews not only rejected the message, but they stoned the messenger. Stephen made an outside the box request with his last words. He said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:54-60). We just don't think like that. Amen?

We divide faith into regular faith and outside the box faith, but in reality, there is narrow faith and broad faith. We ought to pray for more of this second kind of faith. May we remember: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, and For we walk by

We enjoyed a variety of visitors at our Annual Meeting. Top to Bottom- Kelly, Jim and Joshua Spezzano of Little Union PBC, Lithia, Fl. - Brother and Sister Carter and Elder Chris Taylor of Antioch PBC, Brother and Sister Teague also from Antioch. We appreciate your joining us in worship.

Meeting Announcements

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

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:

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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.

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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.

Elder Blanchard is pleased to baptize Brother Harold Krohn at Winter Garden PBC.

Church News

Antioch PBC, Vero Beach, FL

Antioch Primitive Baptist Church in Vero Beach, FL has been blessed recently with three new members. They are featured in the picture on the right, (L to R) Kim Wise, Sofia Taylor and Renee Boesch. All three ladies have been attending services for years and we celebrate their decisions to join the church. Antioch is pastored by Elder Chris Taylor.





Church News (con't)

Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

In September of 2010, I received an email from a couple in Puerto Rico, expressing an interest in our doctrine. Their names are Luis and Isabel Bernal. After corresponding with them for over four months, they flew to Tampa to be with us for our communion meeting. They spent two nights in my home while attending the meeting. I have found them to be very sound in the truth although this was their first contact with Primitive Baptists. One morning at breakfast, I asked Brother Luis to return thanks.

He said it would be his first time to offer prayer in English. I asked him to return thanks again during one of the meals at church, and he told the congregation it would be his second effort to pray in English. His prayers manifested a humble desire to serve the Lord in truth. I also discovered that Brother Luis is the Secretary Of Energy for the governor of Puerto Rico. They made a second trip here during month of April and requested baptism. The church gladly received them. We pray the Lord will bless them as they endeavor to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Elder Buddy Abernathy



Union PBC, Woodville, AL

Union PBC, Woodville, AL, rejoiced to receive 6 new members on [June 5th](#) based upon their confession of Faith and expressed desire to unite with the church. These 6 young men were joyously received pending their baptism that is scheduled for Sunday [June 12](#) at 2:00 PM at the Spout Springs near the church. Two of these young men are my nephews – Tyler Kennamer (son of Steve and Paige Kennamer) and Bryant Kennamer (son of Paul and Delena Kennamer). The other four are the sons of Sister Beverly Benson and the great-grandsons of Sister Ruby Stewart. They are Joseph, Xavier, Damien and Hunter Benson. Some of these young men have been helping to lead singing for our congregation for awhile and have already been an inspiration to us. These 6 young men range in age from 5 - 15. Of course these additions caused much rejoicing, the shedding of tears, and even a few shouts of joy.

This service culminated a weekend of very

good meetings and we appreciated the visitation of several in the area. The preaching was exceptionally blessed and several messages emphasized the blessing to obediently follow the Lord in Baptism and to unite with the church. We pray that we will provide a suitable church home for these precious children of God and that they will take their places in the church [today](#) and will serve faithfully for many years to come. I pray that the example of these young folks will also be an inspiration to some older ones who need to follow their example of obedience.

[Following up, on June 12th](#), the father of 4 of the boys joined by profession of faith and was baptized with his sons. The father is Bro. Jonathon Benson. Jonathon had told no one that he was planning to join and I don't think he had planned to either as he had no extra clothes with him. Again, there were many tears of joy when Brother Jonathon united with the church.

— Elder Darrel Chambers



Brother Richard Blanchard with his father, Elder Glenn Blanchard at Union PBC (above), new members Bryant and Tyler Kennamer and Joseph, Xavier, Damien, and Hunter Benson (photo on left).

Brother Otis Trotter

Brother Otis Dion Trotter, 73, of Cocoa, FL passed away on May 14, 2011. Otis was born in Guthrie, OK. Later, his family moved to Anadarko, OK where he attended school and sometimes worked in the family dry goods and clothing business. After graduating from High School, Otis served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1962. Otis came



to Brevard County in 1966 and worked for General Dynamics. He later went to work for Pan Am. Otis loved to travel. He worked in several countries around the world, including Africa, Thailand, Venezuela, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. He still maintained friendships with many of his old friends. After retirement, Otis was a dedicated part time employee of Fidelity Bank of Florida and Atlantic Culvert where he was much loved, was a devout, lifelong Christian and a member of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church. He opened his home weekly for Bible study. Otis was most happy with family and cheering on his College football teams- especially the Gators! Otis is survived by his loving wife, Zelma, also a member at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church, and a large number of children and grandchildren. Otis was a very special part of our congregation in that he was very warm, kind and loving to everyone. He meant a great deal to us and his special warmth will be greatly missed.

In The Beginning Part 10

Photo on right-
Elder Blanchard
with friends,
Bob and Maxine
Schlichenmaier.

*Elder Sonny Phelan
Harmony PBC, Arkansas*

Another area in which false science disagrees with the Bible is in the area of genetics. The whole theory of evolution revolves around this science. It will stand or fall upon this science alone. If modern man evolved from lower life forms then they are genetically linked. But the first chapter of the Bible reveals some laws of genetics that diametrically oppose the false theory of evolution and these laws have proven to be accurate for about six-thousand years.

In the first chapter of Genesis alone, God uses the expression “after his kind” or “after their kind” no less than ten times. What does this mean? Genetically speaking, it means that God created all species of life on earth and they are only capable of reproducing after their “own kind”. In other words, you can’t cross a dog with a cat and get a “dat”. It just will not work genetically. Notice God’s language: “And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind”, (Genesis 1:11). “And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind” (Gen. 1:21). Whales didn’t evolve, God created full grown whales. He said, or spoke



them into existence. And they are only capable of reproducing after their own kind as the other species that are mentioned in Genesis 1.

Where many people become confused is in the area of selective breeding. But this can only be done within a species, or “after their kind”. The cross breeding of dogs is within their own species. The same may be said of cats, cattle, horses, etc. On a horizontal plane, selective breeding has proven to be a fact. But in all of this, God’s laws have never been altered or broken. It has always been “after their kind”.

If evolution were true, missing links would be producing themselves by the thousands every day of the year because it would be genetically possible. But from the grass, to the tree, to the water creatures, to the fowl of the air, to the cattle and the creeping things of the earth, to the beast of the earth, God’s wisdom and glory is displayed and His magnificent laws of genetics continue to prove that God is the sole creator of all creatures, both great and small. These weighty words, “After their kind”, are inspired and preserved for believers today that we may continue to avoid “oppositions of science falsely so called.”

Contributions

Larry & Rachel Hanna
Martha S. Grant
Elder Roger Campbell



Letters

Dear Elder Blanchard,

Enclosed is a donation for your newsletter which we enjoy.

When our son lived in Florida, we visited Winter Garden Church with our granddaughter, Zoe. This month that little girl graduates from high school! She continues to enjoy the church.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Larry and Rachel Hanna

Floris, IA



Sister Lorelei Lopez from Camp Creek PBC, with her beautiful baby, Marcus.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Three, Habak. | 5. 7000, 1 Kng. 19:18 |
| 2. One of each, Gn. | 6: 16 6.969, Gn. 5:27 |
| 3. Solomon, 1Kng. 11:3 | 7. 70, Lk. 10:1 |
| 4. 50 cubits, Est. 5:14 | 8. 600, Gn. 7:6 |
| | 9. 20 yrs, 1 Sam. 7:2 |

The Lesson

(or Why Jesus Didn't Teach In The Classroom)

Then Jesus took His disciples up on the mountain and gathering them around Him, He taught them, saying,

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.”

Then Simon Peter said, “Are we supposed to know this?”

Andrew said, “Do we have to write this down?”

James said, “Will we have a test on this?”

Philip said, “I don't have any paper.”

Bartholomew said, “Do we have to turn this in?”

John said, “The other disciples didn't have to learn this.”

Matthew said, “May I go the boy's room?”

Judas said, “What does this have to do with real life.”

Then one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of Jesus,

“Where is your anticipatory set, your aim and your objectives in the cognitive domain?”

And Jesus wept.

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Kid's Corner

Numbers

1. How many chapters does the book of Habakkuk have?
2. How many windows and doors did Noah's ark have?
3. What famous king had seven hundred wives?
4. How high was the gallows Haman built?
5. How many people did God tell Elijah there were who had never bowed the knee to Baal?
6. How old was Methuselah when he died?
7. How many were in a group appointed by Jesus to arrive in cities before He did?
8. How old was Noah when the flood came?
9. How long was the ark of the covenant kept in Kirjath-jearim?