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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

As we come to the close of the year it's only natural that we reflect upon the last twelve months. In doing so, I have decided to decline any preaching appointments for 2011. This is not done lightly since I have greatly enjoyed my travels among the Primitive Baptists. However, I am becoming more and more burdened about the calling to pastor a church. Preaching is certainly a cornerstone of our faith and practice but, I believe that pastoring has just as important a role. I'll let you know later.

So, if you don't see me around much this coming year, be assured that I am as much in love with the Primitive Baptists as ever, I'm just going to spend more of my energy here at home. ■

We rejoiced to receive new members, (top) John and Jason Kindred and (Bottom) Robin King.

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Rest: Good, Better and Best

Let us consider three rests spoken of in scripture: 1) a good rest: God's children entering into Canaan, the land of milk and honey; 2) a better rest: God's children pressing into the New Testament church; and 3) the best rest: heaven and eternal glory. Consider each:

Good rest: Bible historians estimate more than a million Israelites passed through the Red Sea while escaping Egypt. God promised these Israelites rest in a land flowing with milk and honey, but sin kept all but two of these folks from entering into that rest (Heb 3:15-19). The folks who

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escaped Egypt did not enter into Canaan, but their children experienced a good rest.

Better rest: Hebrews is a book of better; a better priest, a better covenant, a better sacrifice, and a better rest (Heb 7:22, 8:6, 9:23). The old covenant was too weighty for us, so Jesus bore it. Jesus' fulfillment of the Law, His finished work, and His resurrection, give us access to a better rest than O. T. saints (Heb 7:19). The law has been lifted from us; therefore, we have access to a better rest.

Best Rest: Saints, while on earth, are referred to as strangers and pilgrims. Ever wonder why? Heaven is our home. Our names

are written in heaven, our reward is in heaven, and our inheritance is reserved in heaven (Luke 10:20, Matt. 5:12, I Peter 1:4). Furthermore, heaven is a place where there will be no more tears, pain, darkness, sorrow, or death (Rev. 21:1-5, 22:5). Heaven will be the best.

Simply knowing a best rest exists, provides a source of rest to God's children. Do we anticipate the best rest enough to say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20)? John wrote it. Peter thought it. Paul lived it. My friends: Canaan was good, the N. T. kingdom is better, but heaven will be the best.

Elder Dolph Painter ■

In The Beginning Part 4

Genesis 1:1 is also one of the deepest theological statements in all of the Bible. The first verse of the Bible declares that God is self-existent. In other words, He has no beginning or end...He has always been. This, in itself, is mind boggling to earthly creatures who live in a world marked with time. Therefore, "In the beginning" does not declare the beginning of God, but rather, the beginning of God's creation: the beginning of time. God, the Creator, was there, self-existent, self-sufficient. He began time, and when time is no more He will remain to be the same God He was before creation, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or

ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" - Psalm 90:2.

The very word "God" is extremely expressive. In this verse, the word "God" is translated from the old Hebrew word, 'elohiyim', which declares a plurality of persons. It is a plural expression used in the singular tense, as one single being accomplishing the work of creation. In the beginning they created the heaven and the earth. Who are they? The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, of course. Three, but yet One. Don't ask me to explain this, the Bible declares it and I believe it by faith.

Yes, the Godhead worked together in creation. In verse 26 we read, "Let us make man in our image...". "Us" declares the plurality of the Godhead. The "God" of Genesis also reveals Christ. If you will notice, John began his gospel with this same declaration, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" - John 1:1-3. Paul declared that by Jesus Christ, "were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible..." - Col. 1:16a. If we believe in creation, we must acknowledge the eternal, pre-incarnate existence of the Son of God. After all, He put in several cameo appearances before his virgin birth. He walked with the Hebrew children through the fiery furnace; He talked with Abraham in the plains of Mamre.

We are blessed to have frequent visitor, Chelsea and her daughter, Sophia. Chelsea is a friend of member, Brittney Mason



Indeed, Genesis 1:1 is deep in theology, deep enough to send Plato and Socrates scratching their heads in wonder; deep enough to keep man busy for centuries trying to discover all that God created in only six days.

Elder Sonny Phelan ■

Announcements

Deacon Ordination Snyder PBC

Snyder PBC plans to ordain Brother Michael Hackfeid to the office of deacon the third Sunday weekend in December 2010. The meeting will begin with regular song and worship service on Saturday morning, December 18th. After lunch the ordination service will be that afternoon. Elder Mark Rowell, Pastor of Houston Primitive Baptist Church is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the meeting. For more information contact Brother Thomas Strayhorn at tvstrayhorn@sbcglobal.net.

New Year's Eve Singing in Dallas

Dallas First PBC plans an Annual New Year's Eve singing, December 31st. The singing will start about 7:30 PM and continue to sing in the new year. There will be refreshments throughout the evening during breaks.

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These announcements were taken from the Banner of Love.

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

We were pleasantly surprised to welcome Danielle, Ruth, Britt and Gary Cunningham.

We welcomed visitors Regina and Mike of Winter Garden.





Sister Zelma and Brother Otis Trotter recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Congratulations!

be with us. The time chosen for these presentations are December 26-28 (Sunday – Tuesday) with services beginning Sunday night December 26th, 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 11695 Medlock Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA, is giving us a very 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 per night. Call at (678) 468-2743 and let them know you are with our “Bethany Church Group.” Please send RSVP to Gus Harter, 4425 Aaronmoor Lane, Cumming, GA 30040 or (404) 805-4430. the following ministers from the Atlanta area have agreed to give these messages: Elders Marty Smith, John Melvin, Marty Hoskins, Dan Hall , Ken Still, Randall Cagle, and Dolph Painter.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Job, Job 2:9
2. Enoch, Gn. 5:22 -29
3. Moses, Ex 18:1-2
4. Saul , 2Sam 9:6
5. Isaac, Gen 24:29
6. David, Ruth4:17
7. Rahab, Mt. 1:5
8. Gibeon, Jdg.8:29-32

Florida Fellowship Meeting 2011

Dates: February 18-20, 2011

Place: Banquet Room of Best Western Hotel, 8797 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 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, FL. Located on the corner of 12th Street and Old Dixie Hwy.

Schedule of Services:

Friday, February 18th: 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm - Lunch and Supper provided

Saturday, February 19th: 10:00 am, 2:00pm, 7:00 pm - Lunch and Supper provided

Sunday, February 20th: 10:00 am at Antioch Church - Lunch provided

(Additional Hotel rooms available at \$79 rate: Holiday Inn Express, 9400 19th Lane Vero Beach, FL 32966 Hotel Front Desk: (772) 567-2500 Hotel Fax: (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

Contributions

Rita Renfroe
Elder Charles Whitten
Elder Jerry McMinn

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 for more information. Please come praying that God will pour out His spirit on this meeting.



Drinking from my Saucer

I've never made a fortune,
and it's probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loving ones all around me,
And that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for His blessings,
And the mercies he's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong;
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
And the sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe,
About the tough rows I have hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy,

New Book

Elder Dolph Painter has a new book out called "Meditations." The book consists of 365 daily devotions, some have been printed in this Newsletter. The articles are first class and so is the binding. This book should be in every Primitive Baptist home and used daily.

The cost is \$10.00 + \$2.50 shipping. If you order multiple copies the shipping is only \$.50 for each additional copy. You can contact Elder Painter at pastordolph@aol.com or PO Box 263, Hull, GA 30646.



To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

When I think of how many people
in this world have it worse than I do,
I realize just how blessed we really are?
Submitted by Brother Larry Jones,
Scottsboro, Alabama

We were blessed
with a visit from the
Warren family, I to
r-David, Kasey, Kathy
and Michael.



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Kid's Corner

Relatives

1. Whose wife told him to curse God and die?
2. Who was Noah's great-grandfather?
3. Who was Jethero's son-in-law?
4. What king was Mephibosheth's grandfather?
5. Who was Laban's brother-in-law?
6. What king claimed Ruth and Boaz as his great grandparents?
7. Who was King David's great-great-grandmother?
8. What judge of Israel had seventy sons?