

New Hope Newsletter

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Members' families frequently join us in the summer months.

Above - Matthew, Tanner, Kim and Steve Engmann from WI., family of Don and Jackie Watkins. Below - Catherine, Rebecca and Lisa Rentz from GA., family of Carroll and Carolyn Phillips.

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Where has this year gone? We are always so busy here at Winter Garden PBC that the days, weeks, and months seem to melt away! After Pat, Richard, and my trip to North Alabama the first part of June, seems that here we are already heading for September. One of our former members, Brother Billy Chu, has returned from living in Georgia, and is now back home with his family. We are thankful to have Brother Billy back with us again. My brother, Jay's wife, Noreen and her daughter, Jamie, has recently moved to Winter Garden to be near her other children, Bob, Jay, and Ray. These are my three nephews that moved down here in 2006 and 2009. This week Noreen closed on a house near our church and as soon as all the kinks are worked out, we pray that she will enjoy her new place and feel at home here in Florida. They are a good addition to our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning services.

In the month of July, some of our young members (as well as some of the older ones) visited Little Union Church to participate

in their four-day meeting. Elder Philip Conley was the guest minister. We all had a great time at their Friday evening Fish Fry, and enjoyed Elder Conley's preaching. We always renew old acquaintances when we go to Little Union.

We ask that each of our readers continue to pray for us. We have some elderly members who are not able to attend due to health issues. Some of you may know Sister Inella Morrow who has been an integral part of our church since the 1970s. Please keep her in your prayers. Another member, Sister Becky Fields, needs your prayers, also. She recently lost one of her daughters who was living in North Carolina. It happened quite suddenly and Sister Becky has been suffering from this loss. Sister Fran McCurdy is also in need of prayer. Her health has been such that she cannot drive herself to church and she desires the prayers of all the Lord's children.



If Jesus Looked In

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

Jesus wept as He neared Jerusalem – Luke 19:41. He entered the temple, looked around, and did not like what He saw. Saying nothing, Jesus left, for evening was near. But Jesus arrived early the next morning and expressed His displeasure (if turning over tables and driving out the merchandisers could be described as expressing displeasure) – Mark 11:11-17.

Two thousand years later, we read this account and think, “Those terrible people!” and, “I never!” But we must realize their vices are not our vices. So let us bring this lesson up close and personal. Instead of looking around the church building, what if Jesus:

- Poked His head in your living room and saw what you were watching on television last night. Would He like what He saw?
- Poked His head in your den as you were surfing the internet last evening? Would He express pleasure to you the next morning?
- Listened on an extension of your telephone as you were sharing your opinions of another saint, the preacher, an in-law. Would He like what He heard?
- Poked His head in the church lunchroom the day your church had several visitors. Would He be pleased with whom you were sitting?
- Looked at your check or date book. What would He say to you about the manner you were spending your time and money? Would He be pleased?

The scenarios are endless. Too often we think religion is the manner we conduct ourselves in the worship service or on church grounds. We must hone our concept of religion. True religion is: the manner we conduct ourselves when no one is looking, and how we minister to those who can do nothing for us – James 1:27. Funny, the lesson above asks us to consider our actions if Jesus were in the room, but let us never forget, He is in the room. Always! ■

Judging

Author Unknown

Everyone has failings, Lord.
Why is it then that I,
Viewing my own so tolerantly,
Pounce so quickly on the faults of others?
Finding this one prejudiced, that one vain,
This one not-too-bright, that one self-obsessed,
And on and on, turning the idle hours
Into little gleeful judgment days
Despite the Bible verse that says so quietly:
Judge not.
Give me the wisdom, gentle Lord,
To know that judging others, in the end,
Hurts the judger far more than the judged.
Remind me somehow, each and every day,
That no one ever really has the facts
To make a balanced, honest judgment
Except the One Who has them all...
YOU. ■



Photo above-
Cousins, Tanner
Engmann, Bill
Blanchard and
Matthew Eng-
mann. Photo on
right- Paul Chu
and Mike Warren.



Church News

Winter Garden PBC, Florida



Brother Matt Paterson was baptized at WGPBC by Elder Blanchard. Matt is a delightful addition to our church family. *(photo above)*

Sister Karen Kwon and her husband, Jeong Park, gave birth to a son in June. Sister Jackie Watkins hosted a baby shower for Karen and Baby Joshua. Many of the ladies gathered to enjoy the new baby and wish them well. *(photos on left)*

Mitchell Ulmer graduated from Seminole State College in Sanford, Fl. on August 2 from the CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program. He will be taking the State Officer Certification Exam in August and hopes to be employed as a police officer while continuing his education in Criminal Justice. May the Lord bless him with the right job. Pictured on the left is Mitchell in the middle and brothers, Matthew and Michael on the left with cousin, Bethany Ulmer and sister, Lauren Umer, on right.





Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church recently rejoiced when seven members of the Schultz family came forward asking for membership. Pictured on the left, they are father, Steven, and mother, Karen, and children, Sam, Zachary, Jacob, Mary and Elisabeth. What an abundant blessing!

In The Beginning - Oppositions fo Science Part 12

Elder Sonny Phelan
Harmony PBC, Arkansas

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

Evolution, or the false science of evolving, comes from the word “evolve” which claims that the universe has slowly, over a process of millions or billions of years, been unfolding from a state of disorder to a state of order. But God, and the believer’s textbook declares that the earth, the universe, man and all of His creation is not evolving but rather “waxing old”, degenerating, reeling and rocking from a state of peace and order to a predicted end: “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail” – Hebrews 1:10-12. The Lord created it all, and like clothing, it is waxing older, until one day, when creation has fulfilled its purpose, the same One who created it all will fold it all up and discard it.

“In the beginning” we observe order, not disorder: “God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good” – Genesis 1:31. This, my friends, is order. But when sin entered into the world, all of God’s creation was affected. Adam transgressed God’s law and his transgression affected not only man, but the whole earth, “Cursed is the ground for thy sake;...thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee...for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” – Genesis 3:17-18. From a beautiful garden to thorns and thistles, from life to death, from order to disorder.

Is man evolving today? Is man getting better and better? Is he treating his fellow man kinder than he did in days gone by? Although man is gaining in some areas of knowledge and technology, a quick glance at the newspaper and the television will attest to Paul’s prophecy to Timothy, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived”- 2 Tim. 3:13. Man is not getting better; man is getting “worse and worse”. He is involved in new methods of wickedness. A sore blow to pride and vanity, but nevertheless true.

What about the earth? Is it evolving? Scientists agree on the second law of thermodynamics. The second law of thermodynamics is known as the Law of Energy Decay. It states that every system, left to its own devices, tends to move from order to disorder. This law itself directly contradicts evolution. The earth is not evolving, it is degenerating. The earth loses 10 to the 12th power of calories of heat daily. Its magnetic field is shrinking and all the while this old globe is spinning slower and slower. It is not evolving, it is dying. Should we worry about this? No. Someone is keeping it all together and that someone is Christ, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" – 2 Peter 3:7. I don't worry about the depletion of the ozone layer, global warming, meteor collisions, or nuclear winters. While we should respect and protect our natural surroundings, God has promised, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease"- Genesis 8:22. And, yes, Peter describes the predicted end of the universe like this: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" – 2 Peter 3:10-12. There are going to be a lot of surprised evolutionists on that day! Will you be one of them?

Letters

July 21, 2011

Dear Elder Blanchard,

Thanks so much for your newsletter. We enjoy reading all the church news. Enclosed is a small donation to help on the paper and also you are mailing two (2) copies to my home address. One is addressed to my son.

The Lord is blessing our church with the true gospel being preached.

In Christian Love,

Steve Purvis, Palm Chapel Church,
Laurel Hill, FL

Brother Glenn, Sister Pat & Winter
Garden Church Family,

We enjoy the Newsletter and CDs so much. May God continue to bless you and strengthen you as you encourage His children.

We hope you are well and continue to take good care of our children and grandson!

Please use the enclosed check as needed.

M. L. and Sheila King
Bay Springs, MS

Dear M. L. and Sheila, We love them like our own. GB

To All Cowboys Everywhere

– Copied from November & December issue of The Church at Lower Mill Creek Newsletter, Statesboro, GA, Elder Dan Strickland, Pastor-

A tough old cowboy from South Texas counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning.

The grandson did this religiously to the age of 103 when he died. He left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 25 great-great-grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

-Sorta brings a tear to your eye, don't it?-

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. creation, Rom 1:20
2. Moses, Ex. 32:9-14
3. Abraham, Jms. 2:123
4. the heavens, Ps. 19:1
5. Job, Job 1:6
6. the ground, Gn. 3:1718
7. Enoch, Gn. 5:24
8. the firstborn, Ex. 13:12

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Kid's Corner

Know God

1. What does Romans 1 say reveals the invisible attributes of God?
2. Who served as Israel's advocate and talked God out of killing the children of Israel?
3. Who was known as the friend of God?
4. What, according to the psalmist, declares the glory of God?
5. In what Old Testament book can you read that Satan goes before God's face?
6. What was cursed by God because of Adam?
7. Who was described as walking with God, and then God "took him"?
8. What did God claim as sanctified unto Him, both of man and beast?