

New Hope Newsletter

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Many Elders were blessed to participate in the ordination of Elder Silas Ford at MacClenny PBC.

L to R are Elders Mizell, Blanchard, Griffin, Elder Silas Ford and his wife, Tara, Elders Kitchens, Nunley, Smith and Crawford.



Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

I know that there are some of you that receive this newsletter that have never been to our church. I'd like to use this space this month to tell you a little about what we've been doing this summer.

Elder Joel Fuller, a member here, has been holding services at a local nursing home. He now has as many as 48 attendees every Sunday morning at 10:00. The staff loves to invite new people to this service, and Elder Fuller has carved out a profitable spiritual niche for himself. Praise the Lord!

Elder Ken Still was in Orlando on business recently and dropped in on a Wednesday evening, and we were all blessed by his message. He's no stranger here and we were blessed to see him again.

On the July 4th weekend we had three visiting families from other Primitive Baptist Churches that were here on vacation. We usually see a number of visiting PB's during the summer! They really lift our spirits.

On July 4th, we had a picnic in Melbourne Beach on the Atlantic Ocean side of Florida. There were about 60 of our members there and they had a great time.

As I write this we still have water in our baptistery from the last baptism because we have, on this coming Sunday, Lord willing, another dear saint to baptize. That's eleven so far this year. Not only does that encourage us but it also humbles us. We thank our Heavenly Father for all our blessings and for those we can share them with, you, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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Spiritual Driven Feasts

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

I have often enjoyed the following date driven observances: Memorial Day (the last Monday in May), Independence Day (the 4th of July), and Thanksgiving Day (the 4th Thursday in November). But I have also enjoyed many impromptu celebrations: graduations, births, retirements, baptisms...

The celebration thrown for the prodigal son was event driven. Amen? The prodigal son's father said, Let us eat and be merry (Luke 15:23). We don't have to wait for the 4th Thursday in November to be thankful. We can do so in the middle of May and be just as thankful. Depending on the heart, these can be some of the most spiritual observances of the year.



We enjoyed visitors Jesse White from Colonial Lakes Nursing Home (rt) and Bonnie Langer from WI. with her grandson, Zachariah Kikkert (below) Bonnie is the aunt of Sister Robin King.



More times than not, Moriah Church observes communion twice a year. Some churches observe communion more often, others do so less, but frequency is not the focus of this article. One of our communion services is date driven, observed the last Saturday in June. Other communion services are spirit driven, observed when the church feels a special burden. I believe both observations can and have been God honoring.

When the Lord convicts us, we don't hesitate to call for a communion service. Some years we have observed a communion service in the fall, other years we did so in the spring; but I also remember a year or two when we had no second communion service. And I certainly understand a church which feels convicted to delay a scheduled communion service. Whether date driven or event drive, I pray all our feasts are spirit driven.

Meeting Announcements

Since there are no specific announcements to report to you in this newsletter, I would like to encourage all of you to find out in your area the September Annual Meetings that will begin. I know that there are many Annual Meetings held in the month of September. I am sure that you will enjoy those that occur and can attend.

White Unto Harvest

I recently received an informative packet about the work in the Philippines. It contained first hand reports from Elders Gus Harter, Steven Bloyd, Don Farris, Darrel Chambers, and Sisters Donna Stevenson and Betty Jo Harter. There were also color and black and white photographs of their trip. This is a most moving account and if you do not get this mailing, I suggest that you do. White Unto Harvest, PO Box 1301, Roswell, GA 30077-1301.

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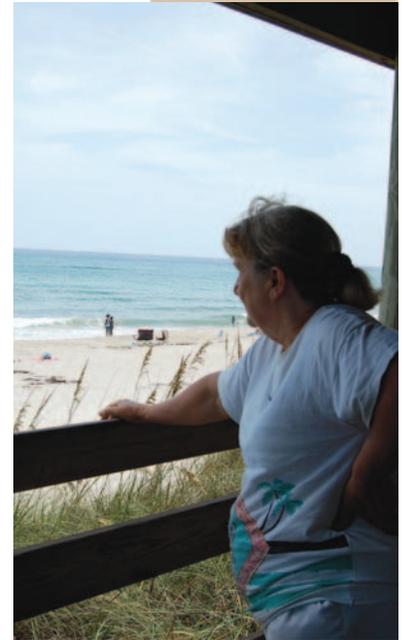
Winter Garden PBC, Florida



Beach Day

A sunny day of fellowship was enjoyed by the members and visitors of Winter Garden PBC on July 4th at beautiful Melbourne Beach.

While many chose to play in the sand and waves, others relaxed under the shady pavilion and enjoyed an abundance of good food. A sea turtle was spotted on the beach providing a rare upclose view of God's animal creation. Thanks to Brother Dick Lawrence for the beach day planning. It has become an annual get together everyone looks forward to.





Church News (con't)

Union PBC, Woodville, AL

On June 12th, Brother Jonathon Benson, the father of four of the boys who joined by profession of faith the previous week, was baptized with his sons. Jonathon had told no one that he was planning to join and didn't appear to have planned to either as he had no extra clothes with him. Again, there were many tears of joy when Brother Jonathon united with Union Primitive Baptist Church.

Elder Darrel Chambers

(photo on left features Elder Darrel Chambers with Brother Benson)

Fort Wayne PBC, Ft. Wayne, IN

On Sunday July 9th, Elder Buddy Abernathy preached at Fort Wayne Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after attending the Indiana Fellowship Meeting at Tippacanoe Church near Bourbon, Indiana. After preaching services at Ft. Wayne, Brother Paul Eaton came forward asking to be baptized. He is the son of Jon and Hyla Eaton and the grandson of Ralph and Sue Chastain, all who are members of Fort Wayne Church. After lunch, all assembled for the baptism at a pond on the property of one of the member's relatives. The location and the weather were beautiful and it was a joyful day in the Lord.

(photo on right features Elder Abernathy with Brother Paul Eaton)



Winter Garden PBC, FL

Sister Kasey Warren has moved back to the Winter Garden area from North Florida and asked to move her membership back to Winter Garden. The church is delighted to as we have had the pleasure of seeing this young lady grow up. She is the daughter of Brother David and Sister Kathy Warren and the granddaughter of Sister Inella Morrow.

Also, joining us recently are Sister Francine Davis and Sister Destiny Banks from the Ocala area. Both followed the Lord in baptism by Elder Perry Terrell. They are a welcome addition to our congregation.

(pictures on following page)

My Daily Prayer

-submitted by Brother David Grant-

Dear God, as I begin this day
Let me turn my thoughts to you
And ask Your help in guiding me
In everything I say and do.

Give me the patience that I need
To keep my peace of mind,
And with life's cares, I hope, Dear God,
Some happiness to find.

Let me live but for today,
Not worrying what's ahead,
For I have trust that You will see
I get my "Daily Bread."

Give me the courage to face life's trials
And not from troubles run,
Let me keep this thought in mind,
"Thy will, not mine, be done."

And if some wish I do not get
Though I have prayed to Thee,
Help me to believe and understand
You know what's best for me.

I've failed You many times, I know,
But when tonight I rest,
I hope that I can kneel and say,
"Dear God, I've tried my best."



Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Saul, Acts 7:58
2. Peter/Paul, Acts
3. Onesimus, Phile. 1:10
4. Andrew, Jn. 6:8-9
5. Apollo, Acts 18:24-28
6. Ananias, Acts 9:10-18
7. Stephen, Acts 6:15
8. Rhoda, Acts 12:13

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In The Beginning, Part 11

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About 5,000 years ago, the greatest catastrophic event this world has ever experienced occurred. This one event affected the climate, the vegetation, the habitat and the strata of the whole surface of the earth. This event was, of course, the great flood.

Denied by many scientists, the great flood has left indelible imprints upon every section of the world. It is the only logical explanation to the marine fossils found at the tops of the mountains. It is also the only logical explanation to the vast number of fossils found beneath the earth's surface. The truths that God has preserved for us in the Bible, concerning the events surrounding the great flood, will give believers substantial evidence to expose numerous theories of false science or "oppositions of science falsely so called" – 1 Timothy 6:20).

The great flood was much more than a casual rainfall. According to scripture, it was a cataclysmic event of dynamic proportions. A thousand atomic bombs would not equal the force generated in God's judgment against that sinful world. According to scripture, the vapor canopy that once surrounded the earth fell (windows

opened) and the waters beneath the crust of the earth burst forth (fountains broken up) (Genesis 7:11). The result was catastrophic. Volcanic activity, explosions, tidal waves, soot and ash in the atmosphere, and an earth wide flood that covered the highest mountains (Genesis 7:17-18) resulted. Today, the ocean floor is lined with extinct volcanoes that played a part in this world-wide destruction. But how does that information help us today?

First of all, it tells us that the strata, or the layers forming the earth's crust, is not the result of millions of years of evolving plant and animal life as scientists would have us to believe, but rather the result of water laid sediment. When the waters abated (Genesis 8:2-5) and flowed back into the sunken seas, river channels were cut into [the] surface of the earth. Silt and mud rapidly trapped the carcasses of dead animals and the uprooted vegetation cutting out light and oxygen. Today, three-fourths of the earth's surface is covered with sediments or sedimentary rocks which were originally deposited under moving water. And rapid sedimentation is the ideal atmosphere for fossilization! That is why we do not observe fossilization of modern dogs, cats, fish and armadillos.

For fossilization to occur, there must be an absence of light and oxygen, otherwise, carcasses will rot and decay. It would be virtually impossible for dinosaurs to fall over dead on the earth and become fossils, especially in the proportions in which they have been found. They would rot and decay. They must be suddenly trapped in atmosphere void of oxygen and light which is the exact circumstances surrounding the great flood.

Today, many scientists try to age the earth by the strata of the earth and by the species of animals trapped in the various layers of strata. Then they age the animals they find by the layer of strata in which they are found. This is, in reality, a circular process of reasoning. They are trying to prove what they want to prove by establishing constants from evidence that really does not exist. In other words, the primary evidence for evolution is the assumption of evolution. But there are many things they are not publishing. One thing is that the fossils of trees have been found in a vertical position penetrating strata of

Brother Gary Ortega enjoys his beautiful granddaughter, Natalia.



earth that scientists would say represent millions of years of layering.

Another is that the fossils of trilobites, which are found in strata scientists say represent an era 230 million years before man, were found in 1968 in the sandaled footprint of a man! From all of this we can draw several conclusions: the earth is only as old as the Bible says that it is, about 6,500 years old; dinosaurs roamed the earth not millions or billions of years ago, but rather only 5,000 years ago; the Bible is accurate; God's hand of judgment is upon the face of the world; and He will eventually judge a sinful world especially those that deny Him as the sovereign creator of all things!

-Printed from Elder Sonny Phelan's book, "The Daily Record", The First Year In Retrospect-

Graduation Season

We are pleased to announce two of our members have become recent graduates. Jenny Chu graduated from Paul J. Haggerty High School in Oveido, FL and Rebecca Roberts from the University of Florida.

Jenny Chu is enrolled at the University of Central Florida where she will major in electrical engineering. Her future plans are to complete her masters degree as well. Jenny is shown on bottom left with her diploma.



Elder Silas Ford with his family on the day of his ordination at MacClenny. His wife, Tara and children Jolee and baby Brennan are by his side.

Rebecca earned bachelors degrees in Event Management and Business Administration from UF. She is currently back in the Winter Garden area working for Target stores. She is shown in the picture below, with sisters, Lauren Ulmer and Rachael Roberts.

We are thankful for the two girls and pray for the Lord to guide their steps.



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Kid's Corner

Who's Who?

1. Who held discarded coats while Stephen was being stoned?
2. Which two apostles raised people from the dead?
3. Who was Philemon's runaway slave?
4. Which disciple brought the boy with the two loaves and fishes to Jesus?
5. Besides Paul, what other preacher did Priscilla And Aquila work with, even teaching him the Gospel?
6. Who was commanded to go lay hands on Saul so he would regain his sight?
7. Who addressed the Sanhedrin with a face like an angel?
8. What was the name of the girl who let Peter in after the angel had freed him from prison?