

New Hope Newsletter

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Elder Blanchard was thankful to baptize two new members recently, Sister Jamie Engel and Brother Joshua Rees.

Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

At this time of the year many things begin to occupy our minds. Football season is in full swing, the weather is changing and the Christmas season, with all its preparations, is upon us. In this newsletter you will find a copy of President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789. If ever a country needed to revisit its founding, this one does. Please read it and see if perhaps this Thanksgiving

we might refocus our attention, our thoughts and our prayers on thanking God for what we have had, and begging His forgiveness for what we have done with it. Let's also thank Him, that with repentance, comes forgiveness. With forgiveness we gain a second chance to exhibit before God how we might better use our freedoms.

The Way Up is Down

Article written by Elder Dolph Painter

Jesus summarized two parables. "The Wedding Reception without a Seating Chart" and "The Pharisee and Publican Gone to Pray," with *for whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted* – Luke 14:11, 18:14. Jesus' bottom lines: the way up is down, and the way down is up.

Sound like double talk? James and Peter taught the same principle. James (preaching to sheep) and Peter (preaching to shepherds) said, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble – James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5. Their bottom lines: The way up is down, and the way down is up.

The way up is down, illustrated – Jesus was of no reputation (that's down) the form of a servant (that's down) in the likeness of man (that's down), fashioned as man (that's down), humbled Himself (that's down), obedient unto death

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The Way Up is Down (cont'd)

(that's down). Then God highly exalted Jesus (that's up), and gave Jesus a name above every name (that's up) – Php 2:7-9.

The way down is up, illustrated – Satan said I will ascent into heaven (that's up), I will exalt my throne (that's up), I will sit upon the mount (that's up) I will ascend above the clouds (that's up), and I will be like the most High (that's up). Then God caused Satan to fall from heaven (that's down), and cut him to the ground (that's down). Is 14:12-14.

An obscure teaching? Hardly. The low are lifted, the proud are made low (I Sam 2:7, Job 40-12). The humble are honored, the haughty suffer destruction (Pr 15:33, 18:12). The low are exalted, the lofty fall (James 1:9, Isa 2:17). The meek inherit the earth, scorners inherit shame (Matt 5:5, Pr 3:34-35). The humble gain respect, the proud are abased (Ps 138:6, Dan 4:37). ■

Meeting Announcements

2011 North Georgia Ministers Meeting

November 1, 2, 3, 2011

**Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church
174 Fields McGhee Drive
Canton, Georgia
30114
Randall Cagle, Pastor
770-630-7150**

“As It Is Written”

Not as it was written, or as it will be written. God's Holy Word which we call the Bible, and for English speaking people The King James Version, has been preserved for 400 years by God's grace, and divine providence. We have many good books and many good writers, but there is only one inspired, infallible, and preserved word of God. We need only to “Preach the word” “As it is written”. We want to spend these three days studying God's word, and learning better how to apply it to our local churches. May God's grace direct each minister to rightly divide His word. We will have preaching, praying and dialogue among the brethren. We call this annual gathering a ministers' meeting, but we invite and encourage anyone and everyone to attend our services.

Services will begin Nov. 1 at 9:00am and end Nov. 3 at noon. Lunch and supper will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have regular worship services on Tuesday and

Wednesday nights, and want to encourage all of our sister churches to come and be with us.

There is a motel close to the church in Jasper, GA. So please make your reservations at this location.

Motel 8, Jasper
100 Whitfield Drive
Jasper, Georgia 30143
706-253-3297

If you have any questions please call me at 770-630-7150. Please come praying that God will be Magnified.

Also during this time the minister's wives are planning their annual retreat. They have done this for the last two years, and it has been very encouraging to all that has attended. If any minister's wives are interested please contact my wife Debra Cagle at 770-853-1156, and she will reserve you a place.

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Winter Garden PBC, FL

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church will be hosting a special meeting on November 18-20, 2011. The invited minister is Elder Tim McCool. All are invited so please make plans now to be with us. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Friday worship service -7:30pm
Sat. Worship service - 10:30am
Lunch to follow
Sat. Afternoon Worship- 1:30pm
Sunday Worship service-10:30am

Call for details -Elder Glenn Blanchard-
407-905-5627. The church is located at 943 W.
Story Rd. Winter Garden, FL.

Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting

The 2012 Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting will be held at the Smoky Mountain Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, beginning Monday night, April 2nd and continuing morning and night through Thursday morning April 5th. Rooms are available at \$45 per night at the Ramada which in on the same property. The Ramada and the Convention Center share the same parking lot. The Convention Center is on the South end of town on the Parkway. It is just behind a Cracker Barrel. To make reservations call 1-800-523-3919. You stand a better chance of getting a ground floor room if you call by March 2nd. For more information you may call Elder Harold Hunt at 865-982-3012.

Little Zion PBC, Davenport, FL

Little Zion Primitive Baptist Church is looking forward with great anticipation to our 2011 Annual Fall Meeting from November 11-13, 2011. The invited minister is Elder Buddy Abernathy from Mulberry, FL. There is a fish fry scheduled following the afternoon service for an afternoon of fellowship. We cordially invite everyone to be with us for all or a portion of the meeting. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Friday Worship Service 7:30pm
Saturday Worship Service 10:30am
Saturday Lunch 12:00 noon
Saturday Worship Service 2:00pm
Saturday Fish Fry and Fellowship 3:00pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

Please pray that the Lord may bless this meeting and the efforts of his children. Please feel free to contact us, if you have any questions. Elder Mark Nunley- 904-431-3441 or Wendell Ulmer- 407-889-4763.

Church News

Bethany PBC, Suwanee, GA

Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Suwanee, GA(5101 Old Atlanta Road, Suwanee, GA 30024; 404-805-4430) was made to rejoice after our service on Sunday, August 21st as Robert and Janice Smith united with the church by profession of faith and baptism. Janice is a physician in Cumming, GA.

Bethany Church is also excited to report the ordination of 4 new deacons to our church. Brother Bryan Camp, Brother Brent Coleman, Brother Mike Farrin, and Brother Mike Towner [were] ordained as deacons Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 2:00 pm.

Camp Creek PBC, Lilburn, GA

Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, GA (302 Camp Creek Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047; 770-381-7007) rejoiced to receive 2 new members: Brother Jeff Butler, by profession of faith and baptism, and Sister Carolyn Butler by profession of faith.

Also remember Camp Creek's Foundation of the Faith series is every second Saturday at 7:00 pm followed by fellowship and ice cream (September 10th).

Sister Zelma Trotter was delighted to enjoy the company of her daughter Margaret and great-grandson, Brogan.

Winter Garden PBC

The congregation at Winter Garden rejoiced at the baptism of two dear young ones. Brother Joshua Rees, son of Roger and Deborah Rees, and Sister Jamie Engel, daughter of Noreen Engel, were welcomed warmly. We appreciate these fine young people professing their love for the Lord. (Photos on front)



Contributions

Rita Renfroe

In The Beginning - Oppositions for Science Part 14

*Elder Sonny Phelan
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“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”- Genesis 1:1

It is possible for one to be a creationist concerning nature, but an evolutionist when it comes to spiritual things. It is by faith that we see God as the sovereign creator of both worlds: the natural and the spiritual.

When God created man, He did not ask man’s opinion. Adam was passive when God formed him from the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. God needed no assistance. All of nature was passive. The birds, the fish, the earth, there was none of it. God spake and it was done. But what about regeneration, the new birth, when one of Adam’s race, made of clay, is born of God’s spirit? Does this evolve over a process of time? Does man assist God in this miraculous change? Is it procured by a series of religious exercises? What does God say about it?

By faith we believe God’s sovereign declaration of this creative fiat as well: “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” – 2 Corinthians 5:17. The Bible is very clear on this issue. Any person in Christ has become a “new creature”. The word “creature” means creation: he has been

created anew. Man does not evolve from an old creature to a new creature. He is passive in the change. God, and God alone, brings it about. No wonder there are so many conflicting ideas as to how this occurs. A solemn belief in God as a sovereign Creator will silence all arguments.

When a person becomes a new creature, things change: “all things are become new”. This new creature has spiritual appetites that he never had before. As the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and brought beauty out of chaos in His natural creation (Gen. 1:2), so moves God’s spirit upon the heart of unregenerate man and brings beauty by His spiritual creation. This beauty is apparent as there is a notable change in the life (Acts 9:6). He now hungers and thirsts for righteousness (Mat. 5:6). He is interested in the Bible. The gospel comes to him in power and not in word only (I Thes. 1:4,5). He now hates the things he once loved and loves the things he once hated (Ephesians 2:3-5). There is now the knowledge of sin (Romans 7:24). God’s law is written in the heart (Hebrews 8:10-11). The name of Jesus is sweet in his ears (John 11:28-29). He looks for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:9-10).

There is a miraculous change indeed, and it occurs sovereignly, when God ordains it. As with John the Baptist, it may be in the mother’s womb, or as Saul of Tarsus, it may be upon the Damascus Road. It is truly life from death and only God can make that change, “And you hath he (emphasis mine) quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins”-Ephesians 2:1. “He” is not the preacher or the message; it is GOD the Creator! The gospel will not give life, but rather, sheds light upon the life that God has already imparted (II Timothy 1:10). God reaches the heart and prepares the heart by this change to receive the message of Jesus Christ. Belief in this message does not bring about the change, but is rather an evidence of the change that God has already brought about. There may be those who claim this change with no real evidence manifested in the life; no spiritual breathings, no spiritual fruits upon the tree; no real change, no new creation. Man may have claimed the creation when God has had no part in it.

Having an enjoyable time in the kitchen are Rachael and Rebecca Roberts, Lauren Ulmer and Mona Miles.



Let us not allow man to usurp the power of God and claim a portion of His creation. After all, “Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”-Romans 9:21. Where do you stand? Do you believe that God is the sovereign Creator of all worlds... even yours?

Thanksgiving Day 1789 -

By the President of the United States of America

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor – and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be – That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation – for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war – for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed – for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge, and in general for



all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord – To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us – and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

*Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. GO. WASHINGTON.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Elisha, 2Kng 4 | 5. Ezekiel, Ez. 2 & 3 |
| 2. Moses, Num. 12:6-8 | 6. Solomon, 1Kng. 1:34 |
| 3. Isaiah, Is. 6:6-7 | 7. Saul, 1Sam. 9 & 10 |
| 4. Daniel, Dan. 4:25 | 8. Hosea, Hos. 1:2 |

Sister Mary Lawrence is joined by her cousin, Tyler Howkinson, and her son Nathan.

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Kid's Corner

Prophets

1. What prophet brought a Shunammite's son back to life ?
2. Who was the first prophet?
3. What prophet had a live coal put on his mouth?
4. What prophet told a king that he would be as an ox and eat grass in the field?
5. Who was the prophet who literally ate the Word of the Lord?
6. What king did the prophet Nathan help anoint?
7. Who did Samuel say would prophesy and be "turned into another man"?
8. What prophet was commanded to marry an unfaithful wife?