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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Our grandson, Bill Blanchard, joined Winter Garden Church a couple of Sundays ago and I was blessed to baptize him Sunday, February 6th. Pat and I had been praying for years that some of our grandchildren would someday come to the church where they could worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. He is not slack in answering prayers! Bill goes to college here and is living with us now. We are looking for a Florida wife for him so that he will get a job and continue to live near the church when he finishes college! (*photos above*)

Winter Garden Church has been blessed to have quite a number of visitors from neighboring Winter Garden subdivisions during the past few months. We are rejoicing in this visitation. One of the visitors, a young man

named Mark Williams, joined the church a few weeks back. He lives on a street just down the road from us. We are so thankful to have him as part of our church family. His mother, Ann, and another couple, Charles and Chris Geisler, come regularly and have begun to bring lunch and help around the church. Praise the Lord!

We have just finished up the Bible Study of Elder Michael Gowen's book, *Be Ready to Answer*, and I cannot thank him enough for the energy, time, and effort that he put into researching and writing it. Everyone that came to this Bible Study proclaimed how much they had learned from it, especially a bunch of our young members who are school or college age. We have begun a study of Elder Gary Harvey's booklet called *The FACTS of Eternal Life* and hopefully the attendees will be able to defend our basic doctrines better once we have finished it. As Elder Harvey says in his booklet, the Primitive Baptists base their beliefs on facts, not private revelations (as do the Mormons, Islamists, and others). If you do not do Bible Study at your church, and your Pastor is a good teacher, perhaps he would consider doing Bible Studies in your church. It has been a wonderful learning and growth experience here at Winter Garden.

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A Word For Our Youth

Article #17 from Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.'s Book **"The Daily Record" – The First Year in Retrospect**-Published 01/08/99

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy Youth" – Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Remembering is a challenge for each of us every day. I usually carry a pocket full of notes to remind me of my daily obligations. Many times I forget to look at those very notes. It seems that we are prone to remember the things that do us the most harm, the things that we should forget, and forget the things that would do us the most good, those things that would bring us joy. In computer terms, each day we should purge our hard drive of harmful information and run a scan disk, placing usable blessings before our eyes. But of all the things we should remember, the Lord, our 'creator', should be at the top of our list. He should be remembered in every thought (Psalm 19:14), in every word (Psalm 19:14), in every action (II Cor. 5:10), and every place that we go (Psalm 1:1). According to Solomon, the time that this discipline should begin is "in the days of our youth."

The book of Ecclesiastes is written by the wisest man that ever lived, other than our Lord.

His name is Solomon. It is a book written in his old age. It is written in the spirit of repentance as he reflects back upon his life and remembers the mistakes he made as he tried to find happiness from worldly things and pursuits. He found those things without the Lord, were vanity

possessions, servants, and land were empty and vain. In this verse, he addresses the young, in their "youth", as much as to say, "I've learned all this from the school of life and I want to share it with you so that you will not make the mistakes that I did. True happiness will not be found in those things." Sounds like mom and dad, doesn't it? His desire was to keep the 'youth' from falling into the same traps of Satan as he had done. The best way, says Solomon, is by remembering "thy creator".

But what are those things our youth are to remember? The things that Satan is trying so hard for them to forget, of course!!! Turn on the television, the radio, or pick up a magazine, and Satan's advertisements are bold and clear: (1) To rip up all other foundations, let them first forget that God created heaven and the earth; (2) Forget that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost and that physical relationships, which are biblical, are between a man and a woman, and that after marriage; (3) Forget that you will reap what you sow, there are really no consequences to your actions; (4) Forget to pray. You are the master of your own destiny. Whatever you want to be, you can obtain by your own might and wisdom. You do not need God's smiling approval; (5) Forget to read your Bible, God does not expect the youth of the 20th century to do that any more, after all, televisions think for you; (6) Forget that Sunday is the Lord's day. The world calls you and demands your undivided attention; (7) Forget that every blessing that you have enjoyed came down from the Father of lights; (8) Forget to respect your parents and the elderly, the universe revolves around you; (9) Forget that Satan is real, a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Make his job as easy as possible; (10) Forget Christ's life of giving. Pattern your life after rock stars and movie stars rather than Jesus Christ. Popularity is more important than joy in the Lord; (11) Forget that this life has an end, not only for yourself, but also for those that you love. Your day is coming. What will be said about you when you are gone? Dear youth, can you remember these things?

Brother Danny Terrell and Roy Miles enjoy little Emylee Muzzy.



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Let me give you six quick reasons why the Lord should be remembered early in life, "in the days of thy youth." (1) God tells you to in His word. If you believe God, that is the best reason; (2) Youth are the prime target of Satan, especially if he sees something good in them. The best time to ruin a tree is when it is a sapling; (3) What you do in your youth can keep you awake later in life and disturb your peace; (4) What you do in your youth has lifetime implications. One wrong decision can affect your whole life; (5) What you do in your youth, most times, will become a habitual way of life; (6) God notices children and the youth. His eye is upon you as well as your parents.

Remember these things and you will be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, your leaf will not wither and whatsoever you do will prosper. ■

Meeting Notices

Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting 2012

Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church of Headland, Alabama, is sending this general invitation to all our brethren to come worship with us as we plan to host the 2012 Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting on Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th, 2012.

The meeting is set to begin on Friday morning at 10:00 AM. There will be a morning, afternoon, and evening service on Friday (with lunch and supper), then on Saturday, there will be a morning service, lunch, and then an afternoon service to conclude the meeting. (However, Piney Grove will have its regular Sunday morning service at 10:30 AM.)

Piney Grove is located at 1947 Broad Street, Headland, Alabama, just 2 miles north of the town square on AL Hwy 173. Information is included for area motels and some of our members are hoping to entertain guests. For more information, call **Elder Clayton Nowell**, pastor, at 334-693-5700 or Royce Sellers, deacon, at 334-693-5385.

May the Lord our God richly bless and keep you in His most tender care.



**We are thankful
for frequent
visitors, Charles
and Chris
Geisler.**

Hotel Information Near Piney Grove:
Hampton Inn and Suites, 4684 Montgomery Hwy, Dothan, AL (334) 671-7672 – 10.1 miles from church; Holiday Inn Express Hotel North, 4090 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan, AL 36303 (334) 699-6868; 6.7 miles from church.

-Your Brother in Christ, **Elder Clayton Nowell**, Pastor, Piney Grove PB Church-

Ordination Meeting, Zion PBC, AL.

On March 17, 2012, we will gather at Zion Primitive Baptist Church near Gordo, AL, to examine Brother Chris McCool as a candidate for ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry. This will be pursuant to the call for his ordination by Zion Primitive Baptist Church. We are rejoicing in the way the Lord is blessing His church at Zion. We ask that you come and join us and pray for this special time. **Elder Tim McCool**

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 is 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

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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.

Nebraska Fellowship Meeting, Mt. Zion PBC

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church of Cozad, Nebraska will once again host the Nebraska Fellowship Meeting of Primitive Baptists. The meeting will begin on Thursday, June 7 with supper at 6:30 followed by an evening of prayer and singing. Services on Friday and Saturday will begin at 10:00 AM; 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM with lunch and supper being served both days. Services on Sunday, June 10, will begin at 10:00 AM with lunch being served afterwards.

Our homes are open to accommodate as many visitors as possible. There are 2 motels in Cozad, Roadway Inn (308-784-490), and

America's Best Inn (308-784-02290). We also have several camper hook-ups at the church.

For more information contact Elder Thomas E. Bond (308-325-39957), thomasbond13@yahoo.com or Deacon Howard Halbgewachs (308-325-3302).

Elder Blanchard Appt, Ft. Valley, GA

May 4, 5, 6, 2012 – Fellowship PBC, Ft. Valley, GA. For more info: Elder Garry Hall @478-962-3030 or Russell Grant @478-971-3851.

Church News

Elder Darrell Chambers African Trip

I have received some emails from Brother Larry Jones that were written by Elder Darrell Chamber. Unfortunately, Elder Chambers did not date the entries in his journal so I don't know exactly what the dates are. I received them during the first week of January.

Elder Chambers made two trips, one to South Africa and one to the Philippines. He is accompanied by Elder Vernon Johnson.

The first few entries tell of the beauty of South Africa and of their success in meeting with those interested in the doctrines of grace. Most of their meetings in South Africa were attended by men from other parts of Africa (Uganda, Botswana, Zambia, the Congo, etc.) and should cause our doctrine to be spread more readily.

Bro. Chambers was stung by something, probably a wasp, and developed a sinus condition. They saw a killer bee nest, spiders in their rooms and have had trouble getting their cell phones to work. The report on the food is excellent. They

The Carrera family, of Crestview, FL, is new to our area. LtoR- Jose, Andrea, Emmanuel, Jacob and Alexander.



seem to be treated wonderfully by their host in both Africa and the Philippines.

They have been invited to preach in Rwanda also.

The conditions in South Africa are now quite different from years ago. Racial tension is high, and it can be dangerous as South Africa has the highest crime rate in Africa. The Services that Elders Chambers and Johnson held were attended by a mixed congregation of black and white South Africans.

The next stop was the Philippines where they have been before and where the way has been prepared by a number of Primitive Baptist ministers in the past.

Without going into too many details, they were blessed with well attended services, a minister's ordination, baptisms and preacher's meetings. They stayed busy constantly, almost to the point of exhaustion.

These men are to be congratulated for their courage and willingness to depart from the norm and leave their homes and loved ones to spread the gospel. Just think if we were all as energetic here at home in America! ■

A Sister in Need

I am writing to tell you about a sister in one of our local churches who has recently had surgery for cancer, and is facing extensive chemotherapy. She is Sister Marylin Trent of Fuller Chapel Church in North Little Rock. She is the wife of Brother Terry Trent, and the daughter-in-law of Sister Virginia Reece. If any of you feel led to help this family with their enormous medical expenses, you may send your contributions direct to Sister Marilyn. Her address is: 9410 Mabelvale Pike, Mabelvale, AR. 72103. Please spread this word to your respective churches. God Bless you all. *Elder Jim Turner, Jr.*

Contributions

Larry Jones
Rita Renfroe
Jerry McMinn

Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Bear, lion, ISam. 17:34 | 5. Dog, ISam 17:34 |
| 2. Seven, Gn.7:2 | 6. Pharaoh, Gn. 41 |
| 3. Quail, Ex. 16:13 | 7. Hyssop, Ex, 12:22 |
| 4. vineyard, Gn. 9:20 | 8. Frogs, Ex. 8:5-17 |



Life is Like an Airport

Elder Dolph Painter

Suppose we were to snap a picture of the people in Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport. What are the odds of getting the people in that picture, in the same city, at the same time, ever again? Improbable, huh? Some of the folks were beginning trips, others were changing flights, yet others were ending trips. Some folks were saying hello, and others were saying goodbye. Some folks were striking out, while others were going home. Doesn't that describe the human experience (Ecc 3:2)?

But there is a big difference between the human experience and a traveler in an airport. In an airport, a traveler is focused on his trip, on his gate, and on his destination. He cares little about other folks' trips, but cares very much how he will maneuver his way through the crowd to meet his timetable. Life is different because people are not as focused on self as an airport traveler...Well, life is different because people take time to consider others...Hmmm, maybe life isn't so different.

The parallel above is not original, it was stolen from Thomas Wolf. However, the concept above was addressed by God long before Thomas Wolf recognized it. I believe the concept described above differentiates the human experience from the Christian experience. Get off self and consider others, it will bring joy to your journey (Heb 10:24). ■

We appreciate the efforts of our young ladies in preparing the lunch table each week. Among these are frequent visitor, Dahyun Lu with sister Jenny Chu.

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Kid's Corner

Animal / Vegetable

1. What two animals did David boast of killing?
2. How many of each clean animal did Noah take on the ark?
3. Besides manna, what did God provide in the wilderness for the children of Israel to eat?
4. When Noah got off the ark, what did he plant?
5. What animal did Goliath compare himself to when he saw David approaching him?
6. Who dreamed of seven skinny cows eating seven fat cows?
7. What bunched herb was to be dipped in blood during the first Passover?
8. What plague in Egypt came first, the frogs or the lice?