

New Hope Newsletter

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We enjoyed an inspiring preaching service by Elder Chris Folsom from Brunswick, Ga. L to R- Elder Folsom, his wife, Laura, daughter, Caroline and church sister, Denise Oravec.



The Counsel of a Friend

“Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man’s friend by hearty counsel” – Proverbs 27:9

When the dark day of adversity knocks at our door there is nothing better than [t]he hearty counsel of a **friend**. Solomon has compared this sweet cordial to that of a special fragrance that brings back precious memories, causing the heart to rejoice. While some have suggested that in the day of adversity all a person need do is pray and read the Bible, Solomon, by inspiration, tells us there is more. Though it is true that many answers may be found **only** in prayer and reading the Bible, there remains to be that irreplaceable element that God has afforded us, a flesh and blood companion who puts his trousers on as we do each morning, one who can not be replaced by a king or his ransom. That person is defined by inspiration as a **friend!**

A prize was offered some years ago for the best definition of a friend, and this was the one which received the prize: “A friend is the person who come[s] in when every other person has gone out.” Such is the kind of special person Solomon sought out in the dark day, the day of adversity.

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard



These are busy days at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church. The past month our church has had inspections by the city for several different items (fire, backflow, etc.), several of our members clean the church every week, some of our young people come to work in the yard or about the premises replacing light bulbs, and some keep our lighted sign with fresh sayings on them. It takes a lot of people to keep everything going in the right direction. We are blessed to have those who are willing to spend their precious time completing these tasks that have to be done. I would personally like to thank Sisters Melissa Morton, Regina Constantino, Michael Constantino, Carolyn Phillips, Jay Blanchard, Bill Blanchard, Cody and Jake Morton, Bill McSwain, and Don and Jackie Watkins for all they do that saves me a lot of stress and time. If I have missed anyone, forgive me.

We have been experiencing quite a bit of visitation lately. We invite all of you who come to our area to visit with us. We love to meet people from different places and represent various Primitive Baptist Churches. We have also been having a number of people visit from

our community. We rejoice to see them come in, also.

Spring is upon us! Of course, we here in Florida have had Spring most of the winter! The few colder days, we have enjoyed. We pray all of you who read this Newsletter are having God-blessed, spiritual meetings. The Lord's Spirit is a blessing beyond compare. He can make our services exciting and wonderful. That peaceful feeling that one gets that cannot be compared to any other.

Please take time to attend those services that are announced in this Newsletter if you can. We are pleased when we can announce them and we like to hear how the meetings went.

We would also appreciate if others of you would send us your announcements, letters, or other mail to let us know you still get the Newsletter and that you enjoy it. Keeping the address list current helps us to save postage and also lets us know that we are getting it to the right place. If you know of those who no longer want or receive the paper at the correct address, please let us know.

I have just heard of the passing of Brother Floyd Tyson and John Harrison. Many of you know these two men as they were very active in the church. Please pray for their families and pray that the Lord will send us those to take their place. ■

Enjoying the abundance of the Florida Fellowship meeting are some of the Winter Garden attendees.



Counsel of a Friend (Cont'd from page 1)

Describing a friend, Solomon used similar language as he wrote, “A friend loveth at all times”- Proverbs 17:17a. He has learned that the love of a true friend was not a fickle one, nor did it wane with the tides of life. And being a wealthy king, he knew from experience that “Wealth maketh many friends”, and such friends he found no comfort in. The prodigal son had many friends as long as his pockets jingled, but when his money ran out, so did his friends. Solomon had experienced such friendships and found that true friends do not look upon circumstances or material things. Such a friend is rare.

Hearty counsel is as rare as the friend who gives it. It is “hearty” because it comes from the heart. It is “counsel” because it comes in a day in which we can not think clearly, we can not make a rational decision, we can not see tomorrow because of the dark hand of adversity before our face. Love is the key in the hand of a friend that unlocks the heart and sets it free: hearty counsel. We have all tried to straighten people out with little success. But the love of a friend will guide his tongue to say just the right thing in just the right spirit: the spirit of restoration as opposed to that of condemnation. I have read statistics which have shown that this kind of counsel, coming from a friend who will listen and care, is more productive than all other methods of counseling. Should we be surprised at this data after reading Solomon’s words?

There are special times in which a friend is called upon to perform a very difficult task: tell your friend the truth. This, also, Solomon had learned when his friends were honest concerning his sin. So he wrote, “Faithful are the wounds of [a] friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful” – Proverbs 27:6. There were always those who would tell the great king what he wanted to hear to gain favor and riches. But they could never bring Solomon the comfort of those that he knew loved him, those that counseled from the heart and dealt honestly with him. Judas’s kisses looked benevolent, but they were the methods of a deceitful heart. Many times the truth may hurt, but there are those times in which the truth is the only balm for the dilemma. Hearty counsel it is as it sends forth its beautiful aroma!

Where do such friends come from? As we have noticed, one can not buy them. They spring from the Godly principle of reaping and sowing. They are a product of what we sow with our own hearts. In other words, being a friend makes a friend. Was this not also a portion of Solomon’s wisdom as he found that, “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly” – Proverbs 18:24a? If we have not been a friend to others, should we expect a friend in the dark day?

We may all act the part of a friend. I have found a friend in mother, father, sister, brother, wife, brethren in the church, and even child. If we would all fulfill our role as friends I am convinced that there would be fewer divorces, fewer children on drugs, more smiles and less frowns, fewer horns honked at the traffic light, less attention paid to the talk shows, fewer tranquilizers, less criticism and more Godly encouragement. We may all act the part of a friend. Just the right person at the right time is like the best perfume for the occasion. It will cause the heart to rejoice.

Article #18 from Elder Neil M. Phelan,
Jr.’s Book “The Daily Record” – The First
Year in Retrospect-Published 01/08/99

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. not in the Bible
2. Isaiah, Lk.4:17
3. Matthew, 7:12
4. Genesis, Gn. 6:5
5. Micah, Mic 5:2
6. Isaiah, Is. 56:7
7. Joel, Acts, 2:16
8. not in the Bible
9. Ecclesiastes, 3:1



Regular visitor,
Ann Carter enjoys
the company of
friend, Kathy
Glover.

Meeting Notices

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 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.



We delighted in the visitation of Doris and Nathan Ethridge from Chattanooga.

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, Rodeway Inn (308) 784-4900, and Americas Best Inn (308) 784-2290. We also have several camper hook-ups at the church.

For more information contact Elder Thomas E. Bond (308) 325-3957, thomasbond13@yahoo.com or Deacon Howard Halbgewachs (308) 325-3302.

Annual Meeting and Ordination, Hebron PBC, Lithia, FL

Hebron Church invites everyone to visit with us at our Annual Meeting on the second weekend in April (April 6-8). Elder Gordon Smith and Elder Mike Hataway have agreed to be with us along with our local ministers. We pray that the Lord will bless us with his Holy Spirit and we can all enjoy a weekend of great fellowship.

We plan to ordain Brother Tommy Green and Brother Robert Sumner to the office of Deacon on Saturday afternoon. Our meeting schedules are as follows:

Friday Night Service begins at 7:00 PM

Saturday Service at 10:00 AM followed by Lunch then the Ordination Service

Sunday Service at 10:00 AM followed by Communion Service then Lunch

The church is located at 2140 Nichols Rd., Lithia, FL.

Pray for us always and visit with us as often as possible.

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.

2012 Indiana Fellowship Meeting

Hosted by: Fort Wayne Primitive

Baptist Church

Schedule of Services:

Thursday, June 21, 2012 7 P.M. services

Friday, June 22, 2012 10 A.M. services,

Lunch, 2 P.M. services, Supper,

7 P.M. services

Saturday, June 23, 2012 10 A.M. services

Lunch, 2 P.M. services, Supper

Sunday, June 24, 2012 10:30 AM services,

Lunch

We invite all to attend this meeting. It has been a great encouragement to our little churches in Northern Indiana. Our homes are open to you, and hotel information is included for those who prefer alternative accommodations. Please consider visiting us during this meeting. If unable to attend, please pray the Lord will be with us! For additional information, contact: Elder Michael Green, Jr. (260) 446-1944.

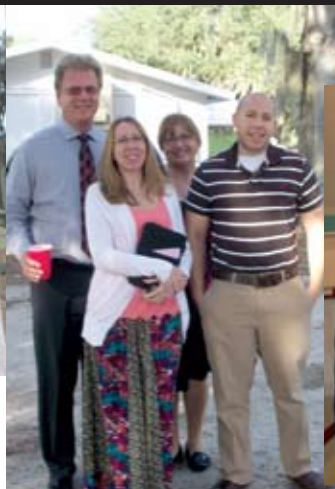
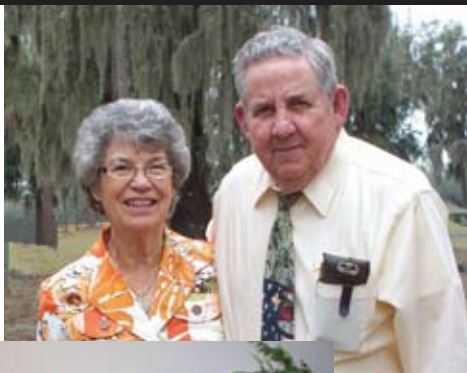
Accommodations: Hilton Garden Inn, 8615 US 24 West, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Church News

Florida Fellowship Meeting 2012

Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

Spirit filled preaching and blessed fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance at the Florida Fellowship meeting held in February. Little Union PBC in Lithia, FL hosted the meeting and, as always, did a remarkable job of welcoming and feeding the large turnout. The photo below captures a number of the ministers in attendance. Little Union is pastored by Elder Chris Crouse.



Thanks to Little Union for a most enjoyable meeting.



Cool Springs Church, Travelers Rest, SC

Cool Springs PBC in Travelers Rest, SC has been greatly blessed with the baptism of three new members. Pictured above, from left to right is myself, Sis. Gabby Shue, Sis. Melissa Shue, and Bro. Bob Shue. This family came forward to unite with Cool Springs Church on February 12th and were baptized on February 26th after the preaching service. This family has been a blessing to our congregation at Cool Springs and a great encouragement to me personally. For the last couple of years they have felt like part of the

family with us! The Lord has truly been good to us up on the mountain these last few years. Pray for the congregation and myself that our labors in this part of the country will be profitable and blessed. We love you all and hope to see you again soon.

Elder Daniel Wood, Pastor.



From Cincinnati, Jarryd Lentz joined us for Sunday services while visiting his friend, Ray Blanchard.

That's Not Fair

By Elder Dolph Painter

The Apostle Paul anticipated the “that’s not fair” objection after presenting the doctrine of election in Rom 9:11-14. Before reading Paul’s answer to this rhetorical question, let’s look at the reason many folks object. Maybe, if we understand why folks say “that’s not fair” to earthly situations, we might understand their “that’s not fair” objections to eternal salvation.

A laborer once said, “that’s not fair” to a land owner (Matt 20:10-12). This man was unhappy with the hour differential he and his neighbor toiled, despite the fact the contract to which he committed was fulfilled in whole. The laborer became dissatisfied when he looked to his neighbor and stopped looking to his Lord.

An older brother said, “that’s not fair” to his father (Luke 15:27-30). This man was unhappy with the party thrown his brother, despite the fact he had food, shelter, and fellowship with family during his brother’s absence. This son became dissatisfied when he looked to his brother and stopped looking to his father.

Several traders said, “that’s not fair” to a lord (Luke 19:24-25). These men were unhappy with the assets allocated a top performing trader, despite their beginning with the same amount and opportunity. These men became dissatisfied with they looked to their neighbor and stopped looking to their Lord.

Peter said, “that’s not fair” to Jesus (John 21:20-21) after receiving an exhortation. Peter became more interested with the ministry Jesus gave John than with the ministry given him. Peter got into trouble when he looked at his brother and stopped looking to His Lord.

People have a tendency of looking horizontally when their eyes ought to be on God. This tendency appears to be a weakness of us all, both in earthly matters and in eternal matters (the election spoken of in Romans 9). Lord, help us to look to thee, both in matters of duty and eternal salvation.

Contributions

- Mary Green
- Nathan Etheredge
- Robert & Aline Dean
- Rita Renfroe
- Virginia Reece
- Elder Michael and Sandy Sills

Letters

I sure enjoy your Newsletter. May God continue to bless you. I loved visiting you early this year.

Jenny Green, Hebron Church, Lithia, FL

We still miss the Tuesday Night Bible Study. It was such a blessing. It sure helped me in my walk with the Lord! Maybe Glenn will change his mind one day and start it up again! One can only HOPE.

Rita Renfroe

Cocoa, FL

(Sister Rita's card reads, "The Dominion Window" 11'X22' faceted-glass window, First United Methodist Church, Cocoa, Florida, "Thou hast given him dominion over the works of Thy hands.") We miss you, too, Sister Rita! Brother Glenn

Additional Meetings

El Bethel PBC, Tampa, FL.

On behalf of the Saints at El Bethel, I wish to convey this warm invitation to come and worship with us during our upcoming Spring Meeting.

Lord willing, Elder Ernie Stump will be with us and it is indeed our hope and prayer that the Lord will once again grant Brother Stump liberty to bring forth those things of which we all stand in dire need.

We very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Location: 11605 51st Street North, Tampa, FL 33617

Services: Friday April 13th 7:00 pm

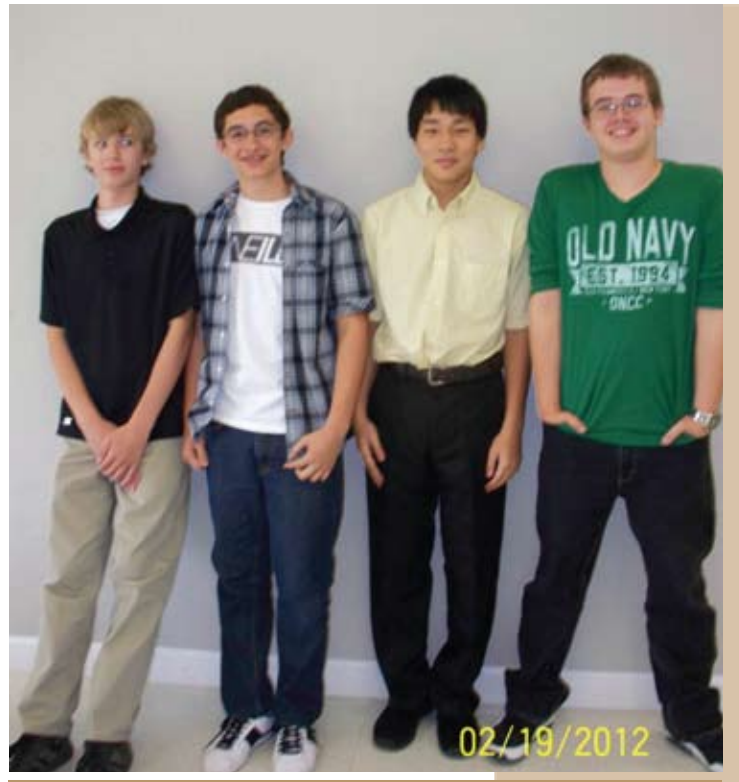
Saturday April 14th 10:30 am, lunch to follow

Saturday April 14th evening, Supper at 6:30 pm, communion at 7:30pm

Sunday April 15th at 10:30am, lunch to follow.

Winter Garden PBC, Winter Garden, FL

Please make plans to join us on May 25-27, 2012 for our Annual Meeting. The invited guest minister is Elder Michael Gowens and we are looking forward with great anticipation to a wonderful weekend. Our church is located at 943 W. Story Rd. Winter Garden, FL. For further details or meeting times, please contact Elder Glenn Blanchard, (321) 917-1723.



We are thankful for our young men, L to R-Jake Morton, Davi, Paul Chu, and Michael Constantino.

Dear Brother Glenn,

Thank you for sending the newsletter so faithfully. I really enjoy it. I rejoice with you when I see new members being baptized. It doesn't happen here as often as we would like.

Please continue to pray for my daughter-in-law, Marilyn Trent. She is going through chemo and has been able to return to work some. We still need your prayers.

You are on my "Bucket List". I want to see your new church if I am ever able to get down there.

May God bless you and yours always.

In Christian Love,
Virginia Reece
Little Rock, AR.

We delighted in the warm visitation of Brother John Yancey from Statesboro, Ga.

Dear Bro. Blanchard,

Thank you so much for sending the newsletter to us. We enjoy and look forward to getting it.

Our churches are richly blessed having an Elder like you.

In Christian love,
Marvin & Wanda
Huneycutt, Hurst, TX



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Kid's Corner

Bible Quotes...or not?

1. In what book of the Bible can you find "The Lord helps those who help themselves"?
2. When Jesus read in the synagogue, from what book of the Bible did he read?
3. Where is the Golden rule found in the Bible?
4. What Bible book says that every thought of man is evil continually?
5. What Old Testament minor prophet predicted that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?
6. Who before Jesus referred to the temple as a "house of prayer"?
7. What Old testament prophet does Peter quote in his sermon at Pentecost?
8. What book of the Bible lists the seven deadly sins?
9. What book in the Bible tells us that there is a time to every purpose under heaven?