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Elder Blanchard was able to be with Bethany PBC in the Atlanta area for their special meeting in April. These are many of the preachers in attendance.



Three Jewish Trials

By Elder Dolph Painter

About fourteen hours had passed from the time the soldiers bound Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to the time Jesus gave up the ghost. During that fourteen hour period, Jesus passed through nine courtrooms (3 Jewish, 3 Roman, and 3 of God's). This article will focus on Jesus's first three trials, the three Jewish courtrooms.

Jesus's first Jewish trial was before the ex-high priest, a man named Annas. This was a bench trial. There were no prosecuting or defense attorneys. As a matter of fact, there were no charges, evidence, or witnesses. The purpose of this court was to justify the death

sentence. The verdict was guilty, the charge and evidence were details to be worked out later – John 18:13-23.

Jesus's second Jewish trial was before the current high priest, Caiphas and his experts. This was an administrative type trial. Like in the first courtroom, this body searched for a charge and evidence to justify a death sentence. Tipped off by Annas, this body concentrated its efforts on securing witnesses. The guilty verdict was eventually paired with a blasphemy charge – Mark 14:53-65.

Jesus's third Jewish trial was before a group called the Sanhedrin, a Jewish Supreme

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

I enjoyed being with Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church for their Annual Meeting in May. They are located in Ft. Valley, Georgia which is only about five hours from where I live.

I took five young men from our church with me: Cody and Jake Morton, Paul Chu, Michael Constantino, and Joey Porter. They range in ages from 12 to 16. They had a wonderful time and gave me a different perspective on everything I saw and did! Special thanks to Ed and Jody Strickland for housing these young people and for doing it so well.

Elder Garry Hall is the pastor at Fellowship and Elder Thad Lockwood also serves there.

Elder Hall is an outstanding preacher and a gifted pastor. The two don't always go hand-in-hand. This is a wonderful congregation filled with the spirit of worship, service and fellowship.

Some of the ministers I saw are: Elders Thad Lockwood, Gary James, Philip Conley, Dan Bryant, Franklin Bryant and Dennis Johnson.

I left Ft. Valley with peanuts, pecans, an updated GPS system, and many delightful memories of a weekend spent with the Lord's children.

May God continue to bless this precious Bethel spot. ■

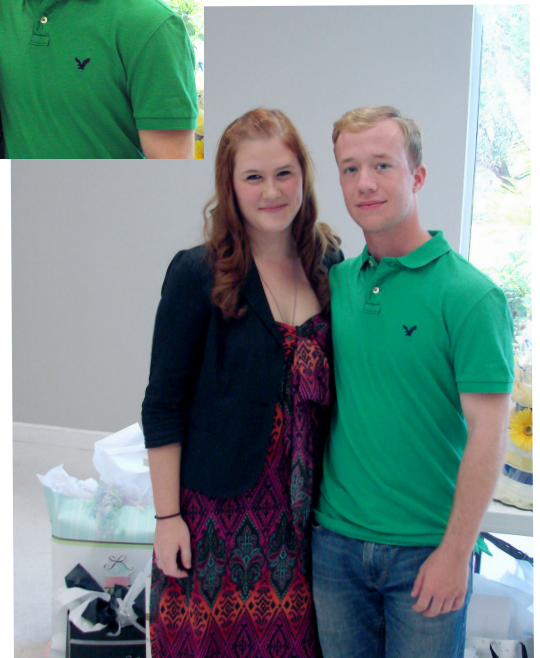


Summer Activities at Winter Garden

Sister Kasey Warren, daughter of David and Kathy Warren, has become engaged to Nick Sharpe of California. They are to be wed on June 9th. Photos below are of the shower at the church in May.



At a work party, Sisters Francis McSwain and Jackie Watkins clean off a few fingerprints while (above) Sister Mary Lawrance sweeps up.



Three Jewish Trials (Cont'd from pg 1)

Court of sorts. The Sanhedrim were composed of seventy judges, a professional jury; however, the majority of these jurors were anything but impartial. In all likelihood, this trial lasted less than fifteen minutes. A guilty verdict by the Sanhedrin gave the stamp of approval the Jewish elitists desired – Luke 22:62-71.

The Jews practiced smorgasbord religion, picking and choosing the laws they wished to observe. For instance, night court was illegal, so proceedings opened at 6:01 a.m. Yet, all night long they perverted the truth. On the one hand the Jews would not enter the Hall of Judgment (fearing defilement), yet they shouted slanderous lies from its porch. The hypocrisy of these Jewish trials was incredible. May the Lord bless us to see such hypocrisy in our own lives.

Meeting Notices

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 (308-784-4900), and America's 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).

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

Coastal Georgia Fellowship, Zion PBC, Brunswick, GA.

The Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Brunswick, Georgia, will host the Coastal Georgia Fellowship meeting the second weekend in July. The meeting will begin on Friday and continue through Sunday.

The church is in Brunswick, about halfway between Jacksonville, Florida and Savannah, Georgia. Pastor is Elder Chris Folsom.

To reach the church take I-95 and the 36B exit to Highway 341 North. Go on Highway 341 North to cross the Burnett Creek bridge. Take the first road to right (Old Jessup Road) one-half mile to the church.

– *Copied from The Banner of Love* –

Frequent visitor, Melissa Collier always chips in cheerfully to make coffee and help around the kitchen.



Annual Meeting, Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL



Above: Elder Glenn enjoys special guests, Maxine and Bob Schlichenmaier.

Little Union's Annual July Meeting will be held July 12th - 15th, the meeting beginning at 7 PM on Thursday night. The meeting will continue with services at 7 PM on Friday night, and supper before at 5:45 PM. On Saturday the meeting will begin at 10 AM with lunch following, and then communion services at 7 PM on Saturday evening. The meeting will conclude with services at 10:30 AM on Sunday, with lunch following.

Elders Lonnie Mozingo, Jr., and David Crawford will be our guest ministers

during this meeting.

We have homes available for visitors and welcome all to come and worship with us. For more information you can visit our website at www.littleunion.com, or contact the **Pastor, Elder Chris Crouse** at 813-634-4754.



Left: Sister Jackie Watkins hosted a friend from California, Susan Scott.

Contributions

Patsy Froy
Rob & Sandy Sumner
Jack & Ruby Laminack
L.C. Myrick
Joseph & Phyllis Fletcher

Special Meeting, Mt. Gilead PBC, Tennille, GA

Mt. Gilead Primitive Baptist Church
154 Mt. Gilead Road, Tennille, Georgia 31089
478.552.1013

Join us for worship! June 14-17, 2012
Guest Minister: Elder John Melvin, Pastor of Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Lilburn, GA.

Schedule:

Thursday June 14 - 7:30 p.m. (Communion)
Friday June 15 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday June 16 - 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday June 17 - 10:30 a.m.

Meals: Lunch will be provided after both morning services. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday

For more information, call the church or Elder Kenneth Brantley at 478.552.3875

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest anyway.

What you spend years building, someone may try to destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them, anyway.

— Anonymous

- Submitted by Brother David Grant,
Macon, GA —

Answers To This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Saul, 1Sam. 9:2 | 5. Josiah, 2Kng. 23:4 |
| 2. Mordecai, Est. 2:21-23 | 6. Athaliah, 2Chr. 22:10-12 |
| 3. Candace, Acts 8:27 | 7. Zimri, 1Kng. 16:15 |
| 4. Hezekiah, 2Kng. 20:20 | 8. Manasseh, 2Kng. 21 |
| | 9. Shishak, 1Kng. 14:25 |

Skillful Living

Article #20 from Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.'s Book "The Daily Record" – The First Year in Retrospect-Published 01/08/99

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" –Eccles. 3:1"

Again, we draw from the catalogue of Solomon's wisdom as he observes life "under the heaven." Solomon had learned that wisdom is more than knowledge. He had learned that wisdom was using the knowledge that God had given him properly, at the right time, and at the right season; knowing when to do what. This is 'skillful living'!

The word "purpose" carries with it the thought of 'desires and passions', those we experience as we sojourn "under the heaven". These are the every day desires and passions of the heart, mind and the soul. Solomon had learned that his passions must be tempered by the word of God. He must learn behavior. He must learn to think and respond unlike the world. He must learn to control his life, his passions and his desires according to wisdom. He speaks of "skillful living".

Solomon begins his examples by teaching us that there are many seasons in life we have no control over: they are in God's hands, "A time to be born, and a time to die." Sooner or later we must all learn that there are some things that we can not control, they are out of our hands. As we pass through the seasons of life there will always be those things we must place in the hands of a sovereign and loving God, after all, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" –Genesis 18:25. As the little prayer goes that I love so much, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Skillful living.

His next example is one gained from many passing seasons, or, as we might say, from experience, "A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Just as the farmer learns from season to season the best time to plant and harvest his crops, we must all learn from the experiences of life. Hopefully, as we grow older, we will grow wiser. Can we not all look back and say, "Boy, I sure would do that differently if I had it to do over?" Just as Solomon, we must learn from the victories and defeats of the passing seasons and in this doing we will learn to live more skillfully, for therein is prosperity.

Solomon had also observed that there was "a time to kill". His father, David, was a man of war. There were those times in which he was disposed of God to protect and defend his country, family and home. But his action against Uriah the Hittite was murder. There is a difference and from this sin David suffered greatly.

There is also a time to "heal". The good Samaritan recognized that time as he saw to the needs of his neighbor. The priest and the Levite passed by unskillfully. Jericho's walls presented a time to "break down", while Jerusalem's walls presented a season to "build up". And so Solomon's examples go.

Time and space will not allow us to comment upon each one, but if you will look, you will find a biblical example for every time and season that Solomon prescribes. By observing each one, we gain a little knowledge about God and how He thinks. We are ushered into the throne room of wisdom that we may learn how to behave in the many passing seasons of life and live more skillfully.

The seasons of life are before us all, just as summer and winter. Through these we must pass. They are full of people, places and events. Each season will demand from us countless decisions, the sum of which make up the bundle of life. Some are quite trivial, while others will have lasting implications. And just as we recognize the coming of spring, we must recognize the many seasons of life and behave accordingly. This is wisdom, says Solomon, looking at life as God has designed it, knowing what to do and when to do it, taking our measure by God's standards, for there, and there alone, will we learn "skillful living". Lord, help us to control our passions.



Sister Francis McSwain was thrilled to be in the company of granddaughter, Shelby.

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Kid's Corner

Royalty

1. What king of Israel was described as being head and shoulders above the crowd?
2. Who saved a king's life after he overheard two eunuchs plotting against the king?
3. What queen did the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 serve?
4. What king was responsible for bringing a guaranteed water supply to Jerusalem?
5. What king of Judah cleared the temple of objects used to worship Baal?
6. Who was the only ruling queen in Judah?
7. Who was king of Israel for only seven days?
8. Whose reign of fifty-five years was the longest of the kings of Judah?
9. Who took away the treasures of Jerusalem during the reign of Rehoboam?