

# New Hope Newsletter

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## Daily Bread

By Elder Dolph Painter

The amount of nutrients in a loaf of bread baked with fresh ground wheat berries is quite surprising. The vitamins and proteins present are enough to nourish a person. The problem with bread is that its nutrients oxidize very quickly. Ninety percent of bread's nutritional benefits oxidize away in 72 hours. It doesn't matter if we grind the grain, wait 72 hours, cook, and eat it; or if we grind the grain, cook it, wait 72 hours and eat it – In either case, 90% of the nutrients have disappeared. So a weekly trip to the bakery for bread or a weekly trip to the grocery store for flour will not provide the nutrients for life. We cannot stock up. We simply have got to be in the kitchen every day.



Allow me to apply the principle of bread to three situations:

1. Israel in the wilderness: God provided Israel bread on a daily basis and it sustained them. What happened to the manna after a short period of time? It was no good (Ex 16:21). What was God trying to teach? Dependence.
2. New Testament prayer: The prayer Jesus presented during The Sermon on the Mount has us asking for "daily bread" (Matt 6:11). What was Jesus trying to teach? Dependence.
3. Bible reading: Some of the most blessed people in scripture were those who spent time in God's word daily (Deut 17:18, Josh 1:8, Ps 1:2, Acts 17:11). What does this fact teach? Dependence.

With regards to Bible reading, can a weekly trip to church provide the spiritual nutrients for life? Can we stock up or do we have to be in God's kitchen daily? Till I come, give attendance to reading (1 Ti 4:13). My prayer is that this [article] will help keep its

reader motivated to grind, bake, and eat their wheat berries on a daily basis.



**We enjoyed Mothers Day Sunday services. These blessed men gave the ladies the day off in the kitchen following lunch.**

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# Pastor's Letter

**Elder Glenn Blanchard**

We were blessed to receive three new members recently. All three are children. We had enjoyed an especially spiritual Annual Meeting and Communion Service. Elder Carl Staten was blessed by the Holy Spirit to deliver four messages on "Unity". After the Communion Service, Brother Nathan Lawrence told me what he had told others during the day- that he wanted to be baptized. Because of his age, several of us discussed the matter with him to make sure he understood what he was doing. Being convinced, I baptized him Sunday morning.

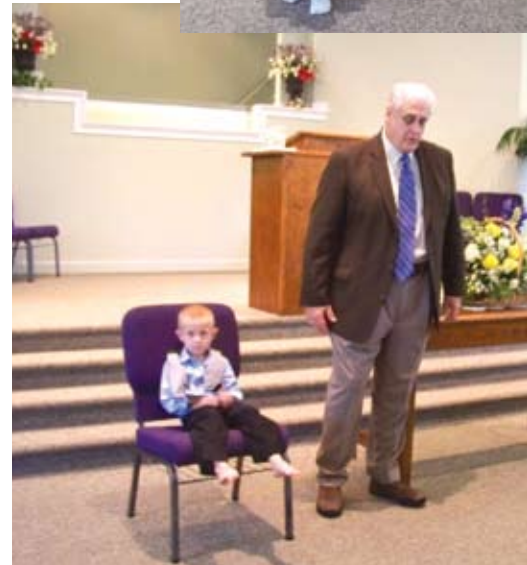
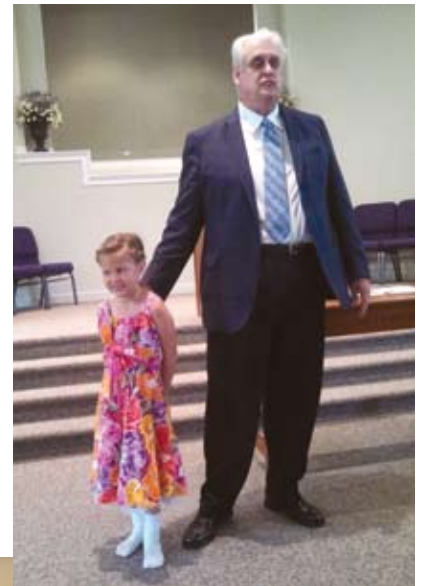
The next week Sister Lorianne Lawrence and Brother James Porter came forward asking for membership.

I hope this will be an encouragement to all of us. The Holy Spirit is still moving among our people. That thought should get us through the difficult times.



## WGPBC Baptisms

We have been abundantly blessed with young people uniting with the church through baptism. First was young Nathan Lawrence, age 4 (photo bottom right), followed by his sister, Lorianne Lawrence, age 6 (photo on right) and James Porter, age 9 (photo below), the following week. Lorianne and Nathan are the children of Luke and Mary Lawrence and James is the son of Jerry and Denise Winterstein. All three were baptized by Elder Blanchard and the congregation rejoiced.



# Meeting Notices

## Coastal Georgia Fellowship Meeting Zion PBC, Brunswick, GA

The Coastal Georgia Fellowship Meeting will be held at Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Brunswick, GA on July 11, 12, & 13, 2014.

### Church Address:

2195 Old Jesup Road  
Brunswick, GA 31548

### Contacts:

Elder Chris Folsom, *Pastor*  
912-674-5679 (cell)

Bro. Raymond Phillips, *Deacon*  
912-242-7620 (cell)

Bro. Art Suber, *Deacon*  
912-674-3163 (cell)

### Schedule

Friday, July 11

7:00 pm - evening service

Saturday, July 12

7:00-9:00 am - breakfast served at church

10:00 am - morning worship service

12:00 pm - dinner on the grounds

1:30 pm - afternoon service

(No night service)

Sunday, July 13

10:00 am - morning worship service

12:00 pm - dinner of the grounds

Make plans to come and be with us. Please be in prayer for this meeting.

~ Brother Chris Folsom

## Annual Meeting, Bethlehem PBC, Oklahoma City, OK

Bethlehem PBC of Oklahoma City, OK is scheduled to have their annual meeting July 10-13, 2014.

### Church Address:

9010 S. Fairview Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73159-6408

### Schedule

Thursday, July 10 - 7:00 pm, evening service

Friday, July 11 - 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm services

Saturday, July 12 - morning and afternoon services

The church phone number is 405-703-1728. Elder Randy McCarthy is their pastor.



## Annual Meeting, Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

Little Union PBC, Lithia, Florida has announced a special meeting for July 17 – 20, 2014. The invited speakers are *Elders J. C. Stanaland, and Mike Roberts.*

### Schedule

Thursday, July 17 - 7:00 pm, evening service

Friday, July 18 - 5:45 pm, Fish Fry; 7:00 pm service

Saturday, July 19 - 10:30 am, service; lunch; 5:45 pm, supper; 7:00 pm, Communion

Sunday, July 20 - 10:30 am service; lunch

For more info: 813-634-4754  
or littleunion.com

Julie and Ben Anderson recently moved to our area with sons, Gavin and Asher (pictured above) and daughters, Hannah and Abby.

Blaine and Eddra Patterson welcomed friends from work, Molly and Ashley.





We were delighted to welcome visitors Emery, Elizabeth, Hattie and Adele Sayre from MS.

Brother Don Watkins enjoys a Sunday service with daughter, Kim and son-in-law, Steve Engmann from WI.



## Las Vegas PBC Special Meeting, Las Vegas, NV

The Lord willing, **Elder Chris McCool** from Zion, Alabama will be preaching a special meeting at the Las Vegas Primitive Baptist Fellowship on Friday, July 11th thru Sunday, July 13th. There will be preaching services as well as times of informal

fellowship. If you know of any one in the area who may be interested, please let them know. It would be a great encouragement to the group that meets there. Please contact me or Sister Valerie Flock for meeting locations and times. My phone number is 863-797-6685 Sister Valerie's is 702-273-8719 You may also text us at these numbers

Your Brother in Christ,  
**Elder Buddy Abernathy**

## Special Meeting, Pearl, MS

We received this announcement too late to put in our last newsletter but wanted to make the acknowledgement anyway. Grace had a special meeting June 5-8, 2014. Grace is located in Pearl, Mississippi. Their pastor is **Elder David**

**Pyles**. This congregation was located in Jackson, and has recently moved to Pearl. The invited speaker was **Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr.**

We pray they had a spirit filled meeting.

# The Pearl of Great Price

*Printed from Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.s "The Daily Record" The First Year in Retrospect*

*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it". Matthew 13:45-46*

While there are many blessings to be enjoyed in the Lord's kingdom, there is one treasure that sets it apart from all others, and that is the

person of the Lord Jesus Christ. His is the 'pearl of great price'.

In 1905, a man by the name of Kokichi Mikimoto changed the pearl industry forever. He developed the art of cultured pearls. Before that time only royalty could afford them. Wars were fought over them and kingdoms established by them. Montezuma's hoard of pearls attracted the eye of Cortez as much as his gold. Rumors of pearl treasure in Britain prompted its invasion by Julius Caesar. According to one story, one Maisis Platt swapped her Fifth Avenue mansion for a double strand of pearls valued at \$1.2 million that Jacques Cartier dangled before her. The house remains to this day, the American flagship of Cartier Jewelers.

Some say that royals of old kept score among themselves, not by their gold, but by the splendor of their pearls. And in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the necklaces of matched sea pearls worn by the Romanov royal women were the envy of their cousins in European courts.

The number of matched pearls constituting one necklace could be appreciated by the number of trips it would take to the ocean

floor to obtain them. Before the invention of scuba and diving gear, an entire career of a pearl diver could expect to retrieve four or five perfectly matched pearls. Many of those royal strands contained over 200 matched pearls! When our Lord spoke these words, pearls were more valuable than diamonds and gold. Thus we observe the value of our Lord Jesus to His own.

In our parable, we have a noble person. He is a 'seeker'. In the previous parable, we have one of a different character. He was not looking for anything. He just stumbled over the treasure in the field (Christ) and bought the whole field to gain it. Indeed, there are many experiences. But there is but one Treasure.

Our 'seeker' is looking for "pearls", in the plural. His expectations are moderate. He makes his living this way and he searches everywhere for these lesser jewels. While attending a college graduation a few days ago, I listened to one of the speakers as he spoke of integrity, honesty and loyalty in the work place. I thought to myself, "Yes, what he is saying is true, these are all 'pearls of wisdom'. But do they not all emulate from the one 'pearl of great price'?" He should be mentioned." In our parable, our seeker has found some lesser pearls and he has been thankful for them. But one day our Lord's promise unfolds, "he that seeketh findeth"; our seeker found the pearl of "great price".

He must have said in his heart, "I never expected this! I never knew such a pearl existed!!" His expectations were moderate, but his find was immaculate.

The next thing he did was sell out. We have heard of people selling out on others. But here, one must sell out to self; they must empty self, they must die to self. He said, "I want that pearl and I will sell all I have to obtain it." He had to sell out his old prejudices; his vices; his sin; his doctrines that he could not prove by the Bible; some places and friends; some worldly pleasures and pursuits; and his pride as well. But most of all, he had to sell his own righteousness. This was not difficult, for when he saw the "pearl of great price" they became as filthy rags before his eyes.

Finally, he bought the pearl. His purchase was immediate. He didn't think on it for several years. He knew that another would come along and purchase it first. And his purchase was final. He bought it and never regretted it. It was one treasure of a lifetime.



**Elder Chris and Sherry Taylor, with daughter, Sofie and sons, Isaac, Harry and Joe, from Antioch PBC, blessed us by taking part in our Annual Meeting.**

We close today with a small lesson about the keeping of our pearl. It is well known by jewelers that pearls should be kept far from perfume and face powder's damaging chemicals. And they glow from brushing against skin and fresh air. If placed in a stagnant box, pearls may disintegrate into worthless powder. Is the pearl of great price on display in our life? Lord, lead others to thy kingdom!



**Visitors at our recent Annual meeting, Gina and Max, (top) and David Warren, with cousin, Laverne Earls and son, Michael. (bottom)**



# Church News

## New Members at Palm Bethel, West Palm Beach, FL



Palm Bethel was pleased to have two new members join recently. Angel E. Rivera and his sister, Tatiana asked to unite with the church and be baptized. They join their parents, Sister Vanessa and Brother Angel as members of the church. After their baptisms by Elder Charles Dennis, they joined with the rest of the members in the Communion service and foot washing. We are thankful to God for these blessings to His church. *(see photo on left)*

## Annual Meeting at Winter Garden PBC

Winter Garden's Annual meeting was a tremendous blessing to all who took part. We met for three days and enjoyed a series of sermons that Elder Carl Staten from Arkansas, was given liberty to deliver. We enjoyed good visitation from our sister churches for which we are grateful. Elders Michael Lewis,

Charles Dennis and Chris Taylor were among our visiting ministers. Communion Service was Saturday night, following a cookout. Elders Staten, Taylor and Fuller conducted this part of the service. We rejoiced at a spirit filled meeting in the Lord. *(See photos below)*



## Correction..and apologies!

Two photos in the May/June issue featured the Smith family mistakenly labeled as the Jackson family. My sincere apologies to Elder Ken Smith and his wife, Kerry, and daughter, Harmony. *Editor*



### Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Genesis, Gn. 6-9
2. three, Gn. 6:9
3. 600, Gn. 7:6
4. 40 days, Gn. 7:12
5. 7 & 1/2 months, Gn. 8:5
6. raven, Gn. 8:7
7. olive, Gn. 8:11
8. 601, Gn. 8:13
9. alter, Gn. 8:20

### Contributions

Thomas & Debra Peters  
Ruth Rose  
Larry & Rachael Hanna

We were pleased to welcome visitors Susan, Beth Ann, John and Greg Murphy.

## Anyway

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

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind 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



Brother Terry Muzzy was joined recently by his wife, Kari. Above is Terry with daughter, Janae, with grandchild, Emmylee, and friend, Ben Davidson.

## Letters



The Fuller family was more complete on Sunday meeting recently. L to R are Elder Joel, John, grandson, Mason and grandparents, Brother Joe and Sister Peggy.

New Braunfels, TX

Dear Bro. Glenn and Sister Pat,

Your note when Charlie passed away in August of '08 will always be treasured! I re-read it so often and I also feel that you and Charlie really “clicked” when you met! You two had much in common and I wish that you had met sooner!!

Have meant to send this love offering for your paper earlier, but just failed to do so – I really enjoy your Newsletter. Thanks for sending it to me.

In Christian love,

Ruth

P.S. Let me know when you are coming to this area and you two will have a most welcome place to stay. Please say a prayer for my son, Chuck, who is having open heart surgery on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you – he misses his Dad so much; they were so close!

May 14, 2014

Dear Elder Blanchard,

Enclosed is a small donation. We wish to continue receiving the Newsletter. Larry is now cancer-free, Praise the Lord! He had a difficult year, but God has been with him each step of the way. The prayers of family, friends, especially church friends, have helped so much.

May God continue to bless you.

Larry and Rachel Hanna

Floris, IA

Photos below are of our cookout preceding our communion service at our Annual Meeting. A good time was had by all.







Some of our young folk met to pick blueberries together. It would appear they enjoyed the time together and the harvest.

## Biography

*(With each future issue of the Newsletter we will print a biography of a former Primitive Baptist Elder from the "Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers, Volume II" (Montgomery & Green) – Printed without permission.*

### Elder James Cash Penny, Sr.

Letter from Mr. J.C. Penny to Sister Emma West: My father, Elder James Cash Penny, Sr. was born on December 29, 1841, near Mirabile, Caldwell County, Missouri. At the age of 19, he was united with the Old School Baptist Church in Missouri. In 1861, when rumors of the Civil War became great, he was called upon to escort his Kentucky Cousin, Mary Frances Paxton, back to her home in Kentucky, following her extended visit with relatives in Missouri. A romance developed between the two and he decided not to return to Missouri. They were married within a few weeks in Kentucky. He subsequently enlisted for service in the Civil War.

Family records indicate he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky on August 16, 1863, in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year. After the close of the war, he moved back to Missouri with his family. It was about the time that he decided to become a minister and farmer. His pastoral charge was the Primitive Baptist Church at Log Creek, about twelve miles from Hamilton, Missouri, where he preached for more than twenty years.

He died on March 22, 1895 in Hamilton, Missouri at the age of fifty-three years. Note: Elder Penny was the father of the founder of the J.C. Penny Stores. ■

Sister Edna Gordon was overjoyed with a visit from her son, Giles and Tonya Rainwater, and grandson, Malcolm and Bonnie Rainwater.



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# Kid's Corner

1. The story of Noah's ark can be found in the Book of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many sons did Noah have?
3. When the flood started, Noah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
4. How long did the rain last?
5. Noah could see the mountaintops after \_\_\_\_\_ months.
6. The first bird Noah sent out from the ark was a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. After the second time out, the dove brought Noah an \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
8. Noah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he and his family got out of the ark.
9. After God saved Noah's family from the flood, Noah built an \_\_\_\_\_ to God.