

KID'S CORNER

BABIES

- 1. What baby was adopted by a princess?**
- 2. What baby's weaning was celebrated with a great feast?**
- 3. What baby's nurse was his mother?**
- 4. What baby's nurse was his grandmother?**
- 5. What twin baby boy was born grasping his brother's heel?**
- 6. What baby was given a name by his dying mother, but had it changed by his father?**
- 7. Who wished he had died when he was a baby?**
- 8. Who was the first baby born on earth?**
- 9. What baby's birth was announced by angels?**
- 10. What baby was given in answer to a prayer?**

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PASTOR'S LETTER

As we embark upon what is known as the "Christmas Season," I pray that God's children will use every opportunity to turn people's thoughts to Jesus Christ. The wonderful spirit that is sometimes felt during this time of year gives us the perfect opportunity to witness to others of His greatness in our lives.

I like to use what I call the "Primitive Baptist Test." A favorite verse at this time of the year is Matthew 1:21. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

I ask them if they believe Mary had a son. Most say yes. I then ask if they believe she called his name Jesus. Again, most say yes. Finally, I ask if they believe He saved His people from their sins. If they say, "Yes," I tell them that they belong in the Primitive Baptist Church because we believe it ALL YEAR LONG!

Fall Meeting Report from Little Union in Lithia, Florida

What a revival we had at Little Union! Elders Guttery and Melvin were blessed each time they spoke with great power.

Their contrasting styles worked perfectly together. The subjects ranged from very practical to very doctrinal, but in each case the subjects were what we needed at Little Union. What a God we worship!

An added blessing during the meeting was when Shayna Lawrence, Elder Ronald Lawrence's Granddaughter, came forward asking for a home in the church. Elder Lawrence, being nearby in Lake City preaching, came and performed the baptism. This was a very sweet service seeing him baptize his Granddaughter and



LtoR: Elder Steve Wilkinson with guest speakers, Elder David Guttery and Elder John Melvin at Little Union's Fall Meeting, November 18-21, 2004.

Fall Meeting ... (Cont. from page 1)



Elder Ronald Lawrence baptizing his Granddaughter, Shayna Lawrence at Little Union's Fall Meeting in Lithia, Florida.

also seeing him baptize where he had baptized so many over the years.

and near to bring the true gospel of sovereign grace to our hearts and souls.

Don't forget the Florida Fellowship meeting Feb 17th - 20th

Services:

In His Service, Elder Steve Wilkinson

- Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:00 pm.
- Friday, Dec. 10, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm., 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, Dec. 11, 10:00 am, 2:00 ordination
- Sunday, Dec. 12, 10:00 am, 6:00 pm

New Address for Elder Dolph Painter

On Saturday at 2:00 pm, we will be ordaining Floyd Tyson, Bill Purcell and Parrish Akins to the office of deacon.

We, the family of Elder Dolph Painter, have completed our move from North Carolina to Georgia. Our new address is 25 Spratlin Way, Hull, GA 30646. Phone numbers are: Home: 706-543-5954, Cell: 706-248-3502.

Meals:

- Dinner - 12:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
- Supper - 5:45 p.m. Friday

Obituary

Directions:

Conner Allen Davis was born June 5, 2004 and passed into glory on November 3, 2004. Conner was one of twins born to Chris and Colleen Davis of Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was buried at Faith Primitive Baptist Church in Toccoa, Georgia. Respectfully submitted by Conner's grandparents, Brother Lee and Sister Linda Bowles.

From I-75 take exit 62, which is Hwy 82. Go East for 5 miles to mile marker 13. Church is on the right. The address is 1632 Hwy 82 East.

Fair Haven Primitive Baptist Church 2004 Annual Meeting, December. 9 - 12

If you are unable to attend please pray that the Spirit would meet with, and dwell among us, during these series of meetings

We are thankful to be having Elder John Horner from Appleby, Texas as well as many of our ministering brethren from far

For more information you may contact:
Elder L. Jeff Harris, pastor @ 229-388-9359 or cell 229-392-2194
Floyd Tyson @ 229-382-0238 or cell 229-402-0512

Baptisms in Ft. Wayne / 2005 Fellowship Meeting

On Sunday, October 24th, the youngest of my five daughters (Chloe, age 4), came forward at the end of our morning service asking for a home in the church. Her baptism was scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 7th. At the conclusion of the service on that day, Makayla Pitney, the nine-year-old daughter of Sister Elin Pitney also came forward requesting baptism. They were both joyfully received and baptized together that afternoon. This brings the total to eight that I have been blessed to baptize since the summer of last year. What a blessing for a church that was reduced to two active members in the early nineties! This brings our total membership to about 27. Most importantly, the Lord is blessing our meetings and we have unity in the faith.



Elder Buddy Abernathy baptizing Sis. Makayla Pitney at Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 7, 2004.



Elder Buddy Abernathy baptizing Sis. Chloe Abernathy at Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 7, 2004.

Also, I wanted this opportunity to begin announcing the 2005 Indiana Fellowship Meeting of Primitive Baptists which will be held at Fort Wayne Primitive Baptist Church, located at 2006 Nuttman Avenue on the Southwest side of Fort Wayne. The dates for the meeting are June 23rd – 26th (Thursday

night through Sunday morning, with three services on Friday and Saturday). It only takes about ten minutes to get to the church from Interstate 69. Just take exit 105 and go east for two miles to the end of Illinois Road. Turn left on West Jefferson Blvd. Go to the second light and turn right on Freeman Street. Go one and a half miles to the end of Freeman and turn left on Nuttman Avenue. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the church on the left.

We plan to specifically invite several ministers to be with us and hope to have others in attendance as well. We truly want this to be a season of encouragement and fellowship among the Lord's people and pray the Lord will bless his servants to preach the word with power.

Please forward this [announcement] via email to your Primitive Baptist friends and to your friends who should be Primitive Baptists.

More information will follow as the time for the meeting approaches. [For information please contact] Elder Buddy Abernathy, 2602 Eme Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818, (260) 625-8087, (260) 417-7839 (cell).

-Submitted by Elder Abernathy-

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Philippine Report from Elder Gus Harter

We are thankful to report our Gracious Lord has continued to meet our needs in the various ministries in the Philippines. Your help is deeply appreciated. The work is progressing. At present among our churches, there is the need to ordain several ministers as well as constitute the churches they serve.

On the recently purchased property we are still in the planning stage. We are trying to determine what is needed in the structure for Beauty for Ashes, the church, and our home. Thank you for your prayers and your continual assistance. May the riches of our Lord's blessing be yours.

One of the purposes of moving to the Philippines was to aid in our churches being established all over the Philippine Islands. We are making progress in this mission.

In the months of October, November, and December we are planning to ordain ministers and constitute churches in four different islands and seven different areas. These good men have been baptized and had experience in building Primitive Baptist Churches for a minimum of one year to over four years.

Most of these pastors have started their congregations through home Bible studies. They are all in different stages of church growth. The average size of these churches is about 25 members, made up of five to fifteen families. The locations of these ministers are in the islands of Bohol, Panay, Negros and Mindanao. In Mindanao our congregations are in Surigao City, Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City and Davao City. Other areas experiencing solid growth are in Manila and Zamboanga Del Sur.

From a human standpoint the future of our work rests upon the soundness of our ministry. All these men are excellent Bible students. They also have been given the best literature presently available written by our own ministry. In their preaching they often quote statements from Hassel's History, The Church of God, Gowen's Basic Bible Doctrines, Wilson Thompson's Autobiography, Oliphant's Principles and Practices, Hunt's Proof Abounding Series, as well as many others.

We desire to add to their library, as books are available. We are thankful for God's providence in opening doors to spread the knowledge of the grace of God. We plead for your prayers for these good men and us.

During the month of September, Brother Alan Hisel, a deacon and an architect from Lexington, Kentucky, visited

us in Davao. He spent several days diligently developing preliminary plans for our new property. May his tribe increase.

We purchased 6.2 acres with 423 feet of road frontage. I personally paid for half the price of the land and from gifts given to White unto Harvest, for that purpose, we paid for the other half. We have divided the land equally and allowed Providence Church to build on a lot near the front. The church and Beauty for Ashes are two separate entities but this will enable the children to have a convenient place to worship and the church can use the children's home facilities when needed. I am thankful building costs are much less expensive here than in the States. At present we are having a builder who is a member of our church estimate the cost of each structure.

We will be building five cottages for the children homes. Two of the cottages will be two stories with a school above one and a central dining hall above the other. We will also build a clinic for severely malnourished children, which has been the heart of this work of mercy. We will first dry in the church structure so that we can meet and not pay rent. We can meet without completing the structure as long as we are out of the rain. We will also meet early to eliminate the heat of the day. I will build my own home when our house is sold. The remainder of the property is at present a working farm. This will provide vegetables, fruit and meat for the clinic and the children. It will also teach the children how to live from the land and give them the discipline of farm life. Also through the raising and selling of live stock, it is our purpose to aid the children in providing their own funds for college. May our gracious Lord give wisdom in this merciful labor. Included in this letter is the preliminary site plan of the property showing the location of different buildings.

We give our Lord praise for the privilege of such wonderful opportunities of service. The planting and establishing of congregations all over this nation of islands preaching the pure messages of grace and practicing the simple faith of the apostles is sufficient fulfillment for our labor.

Our added blessing is the aiding in the saving of the lives of hundreds of hurting, hungry and homeless children. We also have the privilege of sharing our home with abused and abandoned children who before knew nothing but deprivation and poverty. We are blessed above measure. Thank you for sharing this labor.

Your Servant in Christ,
Elder Gus Harter

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Caterpillars Can't Fly

Allow me to define the Doctrine of Total Depravity. Man, by his fall, has wholly lost all ability to perform any spiritual good accompanying eternal salvation. Allow me to illustrate with the caterpillar.

If one were to pick up a caterpillar, speak to the caterpillar about the art of flying, show the caterpillar diagrams of how to fly, pray for the caterpillar, and then heave the caterpillar high into the air, what would be the result? Splat! A confused bug, for caterpillars are not capable of flying. They have neither the equipment, nor the ability to fly.

Metamorphosis is the life-changing event where caterpillars are transformed into butterflies. Before metamorphosis caterpillars are ugly and harmful; however, through metamorphosis caterpillars become new creatures. The new creature, the butterfly, is beautiful and useful. It has both the equipment and ability to fly.

If one were to pick up an unregenerate man, preach to him the gospel, show the unregenerate man diagrams of eternal salvation, and pray for the unregenerate man, what would be the result? Splat! A confused man (I Cor. 2:14), for unregenerate man is not capable of believing (John 8:43). He has neither the equipment, nor the ability to believe (John 8:47).

Spiritual Birth is the life-changing event whereby

unregenerate man is transformed into regenerate man (Eph. 2:1-5). Before spiritual birth man is ugly and harmful (Rom. 3:10-18); however, through spiritual birth man becomes a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17). The new creature, regenerate man, is beautiful and useful (Rom. 2:13-15). He has both the equipment and ability to believe (2 Cor. 4:6).

Which comes first, belief or spiritual birth? Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God – John 3:3. Spiritual birth must come first.

Hymn of the Month

More Love to Thee, O Christ

By Elizabeth Payson Prentiss (1818-1878)

*More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.*

Elizabeth Prentiss's life was not easy. She suffered from severe headaches and chronic insomnia and lost two children to death. In deep anguish, she sought comfort in a Bible and a hymnal. She stopped at the hymn "Nearer, My God, To Thee," and as she prayed, the words for this hymn came to her.

In Old School Hymnal # 12, it will be found on page 231. It is page 246 in Old School Hymnal # 11, and page 413 in the Primitive Baptist Hymnal.



LtoR: Elders Gary Beyer, Dave Forrest, Zack Guess, Jimmy Barber, Roger Parker and LeeRoy Rhodes at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Crown Point, Indiana for their 20th Anniversary Meeting, Sept. 17-19, 2004.

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Letters from Far Places

Brother Elder Blanchard,

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed your tapes over the last several years. They have been a huge blessing to me and my nephew's wife has joined the Primitive Baptist, also, since I've been receiving the tapes & I sent your tapes home with her. I know since then she has started receiving tapes on her own, but seriously I believe your tapes have helped many people come to the truth. I believe God is using you in a mighty way.

Thank you,

Diana King, Porteau, OK

P.S. I always enjoy your Newsletter. It helps me feel I have a huge family that through the Newsletter I can somewhat keep up with. That's not very well said, but I hope you understand.

Dear New Hope Brethren,

I hope this note finds you all having well survived the recent storms. Our family has been praying for you and the church. Recently, Brother David Warren has been kind enough to send Bro. Glenn's sermons to me on CD rather than tape. Having the messages on CD has been wonderful! I've been making multiple copies of the CDs for the members at Shiloh. Copying CDs is so much easier than copying tapes, and some of our members only have CD players in their cars. Two of our male members spend great amounts of time in their cars for their jobs and cannot listen to tapes, only CDs. Thank you again for this wonderful ministry. Enclosed is a check to help with the mailing costs. In Christian love,

Carolyn Still, Lawrenceville, GA

Elder Glenn Blanchard, Sept. 28, 2004

You don't know me but my mother, Mrs. Frank Marble (Toy), has been receiving your tapes and newsletter for quite some time and I have listened to many of your tapes and have been blessed by the majority of them. The reason I am writing to you is that my mother is up in years (89) and she can not drive any more so she can not attend church as she desires to and you are the main source of teaching the scriptures to her. She has been quite worried about you since Florida has been hit by 4 major storms in the past few weeks and she wanted me to send you this email to see if you were all right or had you been adversely effected by the storms. Our prayers and blessing go out to you and your church family there in Florida. Would appreciate hearing a favorable report about you. Thank you and may God continue to bless you as you preach the word of truth. God Bless,

Jerry Marble, Banning, CA

Brother Glenn,

Jeanine & I needed to write you and let you know that there appears to have been a misunderstanding in the talk you gave to the kids after the sermon on the Sunday we attended. I distinctly heard you say to give "hilariously" but apparently some of the kids (namely Bo, Brittany, & Bethany) thought you said "deliriously," and threw the enclosed \$30 into our car at some point after church. We were lucky to spot the money before returning the car so it could be recovered for the church. Please accept their donation and thank them for it. Yours in Christ,

Fred & Jeanine Herrmann, Brandon, MS

P.S. You may want to have others in the church check their vehicles for loose change that the 3Bs may have also deliriously discarded!

All,

Hope this note finds you all well & drying out. We continue our daily activities – get up in the morning, check Southwest for cheap airfares to Orlando, go to work, break for lunch, check Southwest again, just in case, back to work, home again, check Southwest, Travelocity, Expedia; well, you get the picture. Looking forward to coming back soon. Use the enclosed as you need. Yours in Christ,

Fred & Jeanine Herrmann, Brandon, MS

[We look forward to your visit on every occasion of your coming. Especially all of us kids! Love, Pat B.]

Dear Elder Blanchard, Nov. 3, 2004

We enjoy your tapes. Use the enclosed check as it's needed. We would like to have the tape of 2-3-03 – you explained how & why the day of worship was changed from the 7th day of the week to the 1st day of the week. Enclosed is our change of address for the winter. Hope to see you this winter in Florida. In Christian love,

Dick & Janet Albertson, Andrews, IN

*Little Union Primitive Baptist Church
Lithia, Florida
Oct. 10, 2004*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We hope this letter finds all well with you, and that the Lord is continuing to bless your congregation to grow in grace and in the knowledge of His word. We are very thankful here at Little Union for continued mercies and blessings bestowed by our loving Savior. We take this opportunity to encourage you on your building project, and hope that all obstacles are overcome and that progress is being made in all phases. We understand the problems that can arise from dealing with local authorities, and the roadblocks associated with zoning and permitting agencies. However, we serve one who is in charge of all and who will guide and direct our pathways. May our Lord and Savior be

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with you throughout this undertaking, and we look forward to the day we will be able to worship with you in your new sanctuary. Enclosed is a contribution to help on your building fund, and we are also sending a schedule of our planned November meeting. We invite all who can to come and be with us. In hope of Christ,

Little Union Primitive Baptist Church

Brother Donald Dixon, Treasurer

{Thank you, thank you, thank you!! To all the members of Little Union, may God Bless you richly for this gift of love towards us and to His cause. Ed.}

Contributions

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Elder Roger & Barbara Parker

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Fred & Jeanine Herrmann

Kim Engmann

Richard & Janet Albertson

J.C. & Willow Prichett

Elder Lynn & Faye Russell

Building Fund

J.C. & Willow Prichett, Adamsville, AL

Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

Many thanks to you all and may the Lord bless your generosity towards us.

Answers to Last Month's Bible Quiz

Angry People, November '04

1. Moses (Exod. 11:8)
2. Eliab (1 Sam. 17:28)
3. Saul (1 Sam. 11:4-7)
4. Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:19,20)
5. Cain (Gen. 4:4-6)
6. Balaam (Num. 22:27)
7. Ahasuerus (Esther 7:7)
8. Jonathan (1 Sam. 20:34)



Little Union Primitive Baptist Church's Meeting house in Lithia, Florida. Site of the 2005 Florida Fellowship Meeting.

2005 Florida Fellowship Meeting, February 17-20

Little Union Primitive Baptist Church in Lithia, Florida, will be hosting the 2005 Florida Fellowship Meeting.

Schedule of Services:

Thursday, Feb. 17, 7:00 pm (service)

Friday, Feb. 18, 10:00 am (service - lunch after)

2:00 pm (service)

5:30 pm (dinner)

7:00 pm (service)

Saturday, Feb. 19, 10:00 am (service - lunch after)

2:00 pm (service)

5:30 pm (dinner)

7:00 pm (service)

Sunday, Feb. 20, 10:00 am (service - lunch after)

Hotels:

Comfort Inn, (20 miles from church), 2003 S. Frontage Rd., Plant City. ph. (813)707-6000. Reservations must be made before Feb. 1st. Mention meeting for special rate.

Ramada Inn (newly remodeled), (20 miles from church), 2011 N. Wheeler St., Plant City. ph. (813)752-3141. Reservations must be made before Feb. 3rd. Mention meeting for special rate.

Best Western, (25 miles from church), 9331 Adamo Dr., Tampa. ph. (813)621-5555. Reservations must be made by Jan. 30th. Mention meeting for special rate.

Red Roof Inn, (25 miles from the church), 5001 Hwy 301, Tampa. ph. (813)623-5245.

R.V. Sites:

Little Union. Six (6) RV hookups on site for water and lights ONLY. Available on a first come, first serve basis.

Alafia River State Park. (less than 1 mile from church). Beautiful, full service, less than 3 years old. ph.(800)326-3521.

This is a very busy time in our area for tourism. Reservations (especially RV) should be made as soon as possible to insure availability.

We do hope you will make plans to attend this always spirit-filled, uplifting meeting.

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