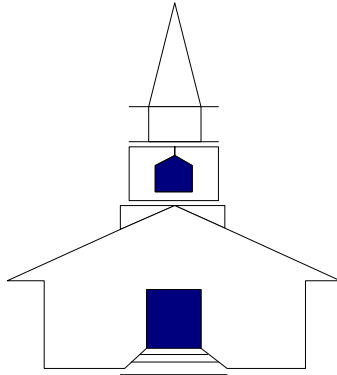


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The CHURCH NEWS



*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;
(for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
Not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together,"
Heb 10: 23-25a*

PLANT CITY CHURCH

Greetings to one and all!

We are holding a Spring Meeting with Elder Pat McCoy beginning on Sunday night, April 25th through April 29th. The meetings will start at 7:30 each night. Everyone is encouraged to attend if they are able.

We are just finishing a book "Renewing Your Mind" in our Thursday night meetings and look forward to starting another lesson soon. Elder Emory has led our Thursday night meetings and has put much effort and prayer into the teaching of these lessons.

On May 30th the Plant City Church will be hosting the Fifth Sunday Fellowship. We are thankful for this time that our sister churches come together. Please come and enjoy the preaching, singing, eating, and Christian fellowship with us.

Elder Alvie Davidson is eager to show the slides of the Donetsk Missions' trip which he participated in last November. If any churches would like to see this presentation, give him a call to set up a date (941)-858-6745.

Eula Hinson and Lawson Baylous are two of our older members who are in nursing homes and we need to keep them in our prayers.

We have so much to be thankful for in this day of strife and turmoil. Praise God for His goodness and His grace on His people.

In Christ,
Dianne Davidson, reporter

RIVERSIDE CHURCH

God has answered our prayers to begin a New Year by sending us a new pastor. We welcomed Elder Steve and Sister Pat Flowers from Metter, GA., on January 3, 1999. We have had His blessings on our Church for sending supply preachers to us each Sunday for the past 2 years and also giving us a Pastor to watch over His flock. We have had new members come forward and be baptized. They are: Brother Ray and Sister Janice Wachsmuth. They are a sweet couple who love the Lord. May our Church bless them in the coming years and they be a blessing to our Church.

Our upcoming Spring Meeting begins on March 2nd and closes out on March 7th. Elder Bill Durrence will be preaching all services. We should be blessed with an uplifting revival during this week, if our prayers are that God bless His servant that stands before us.

We have a baby addition to report. Brother Mark and Sister Cheryl Sanborn are the proud parents of a son, named Daniel, born February 22nd, weighing in at 9 lbs. His proud grandparents are Brother Vic and Sister Linda Sanborn, and also Aunt Susan Sanborn.

Our Wonderful Wednesdays have started back with supper, and then Bible Study. The attendance has been good, 35 people were there to study the Bible. It has always been such a blessing to see that we can take the time out in the middle of a busy work week and be in God's house.

The youth and their parents have put on a 5th Sunday dinner. The Ladies Circle planned a "Give From The Heart" dinner on February 14th. Good food and fellowship right after morning worship services was on the program.

Brother Bryan Rice is home from the Army Reserves. His graduation from boot camp was last week. It was nice to see him. May the Lord be with him in his future endeavors.

Our prayer list has been lengthy the past few months. We do have a few names that we would like to mention from the church membership. They are: Sisters Iris Roberts, Myrtle Edenfield, Ruby Mikell, Iris Thompson, and Novie Green.

To all our churches, we wish you prosperous blessings for your church. May all of our churches have a solid foundation as we work for the Lord here in His kingdom.

Sister Debbie Ash, reporter



SOUTHSIDE CHURCH

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1Peter 2:5

Southside Church is still keeping house for God. We are blessed with the feeling of God's presence, power and Spirit each Lord's Day. Elder Joe Smith teaches and preaches to us out of God's word. Recently he has been preaching on "The Church That Jesus Built". Elder McKinley Wright has preached for us and also leads our singing. Brother Mickey Smith, Brother Joe's son has also preached for us.

Southside Church has a spiritual holiday season, place the emphasis on Christ and our commitment to Him. On December 21 we had a Christmas dinner after worship service. Some of the Northside Church members joining us for dinner.

We are looking forward to hosting the Florida Ministerial Association Meeting in May. We hope some of our sister churches will be able to join us and support this meeting.

During the Lenten Season as we approach the communion service let us remember the day Christ died for us. May we be drawn closer to him with this blessed hope. Easter brings us hope. May we praise God for our gift of the Gospel.

Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; Philemon 1:5

Sisters Virginia Poole and Varneda Minard, Reporters



MIAMI CHURCH

As we serve the Lord with gladness we rejoice in His continued favors. We have had new siding put on our building and the architect is working on plans for a covered entrance and a steeple. The drawings look quite nice. Attendance is still very good. We are also looking for a new pastorium so that Brother Jim can be better situated and closer to the church. We will be selling the present pastorium.

Some of our members that have been ill are back at church now. It is good to have Sibyl and Lonnie McDonald back. Tommie Smith has been out some due to illness. Fred Baessler is to have shoulder surgery soon. We ask you to keep these in your prayers as we pray, too, for those in your congregations who are ill.

Our pastor and deacons attended the Florida Deacons' Association meeting at Camp Sonlight and returned tired but inspired concerning the new ideas presented.

Thirteen of us attended Katherine Lott's ninety fifth birthday party at Covenant Village. It was a wonderful celebration and as always, her gratitude and sunny personality gave us much to take home.

March 16-18 are the dates for our Annual Meeting and we invite every one in our area to come and worship with us. We joyfully anticipate having Elder John S. Mikell as our guest minister and with him, Sister Mildred. We need not say how we look forward to hearing him preach from God's word and renewing a strong circle of love planted when the Mikells who were with us for twenty-five years.

Sister Bobby Dasher, Reporter

TAMPA CHURCH

Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." We extended our deepest sympathy to Sister Mary Caruthers and family upon the death of her dear husband, Wallace, on December 22, 1998. It was with much sadness as we again extended our deepest sympathy to the families of Brother Winton Lynn, deacon since 1951, upon his death on January 7, 1999. Sister Ruth Bragg died on January 8, 1999 and Sister Geraldine (Gerry) Johnson died on January 12, 1999. Each of them was unique in their own way and very special to us. Their death is truly a great loss to our church family.

Elder Don Gilbert officiated at the funeral service for Sister Eleanor Ferrell on Wednesday February 24, 1999. She died on February 20 in a nursing home in Tampa. She was a very "special" and sweet lady. It was with happiness that we were present to share her 100th birthday party on April 4, 1998. Our sincere sympathy was extended to her family.

Our January 1, 1999 began with a traditional New Year's dinner in the church annex. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship very much.

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved", Acts 2:47. We were thankful when Sister Marie Gordon and Brother Bobby Jones came forward on Sunday January 10, 1999 asking for a home in the fellowship of the Tampa Church by letter. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

On February 6, 1999, deacon Al Watton, his wife Lena Ann, and Elder Don Gilbert represented the Tampa Church at the Florida Deacons Association meeting at Camp Sonlight. They reported a good meeting, learned lots of general information, along with being encouraged about all the good things being accomplished financially for the Primitive Baptist denomination, also with the progress of the youth camp. They were happy to report that seven preachers were present and how much they enjoyed the fellowship and lunch with everyone.

There was a good attendance at the "hot dog" supper and singing on February 12 at the church. Everyone reporting a great time of fellowship and food.

Our church was represented at the Haven Church, Winter Haven, on February 13 for their dinner and singing. The report is always good - wonderful people, who make a spiritual difference; a good time of fellowship, and wonderful food for the evening.

We are looking forward to our annual meeting on May 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Since May 23rd is our annual Homecoming Day, we have invited two of our former pastors as our guest speakers; Elder Gerald Proctor on Thursday the 20th, and Elder Brad Faircloth will be preaching on Friday and Saturday night the 21st and

22nd. Evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each day. Elder Don Gilbert, our present pastor, will complete the meeting with the Sunday morning worship service. We ask an interest in your prayers for the meeting, the ministers, and the church. It would be a blessing for us if each and everyone of you could visit with us during this meeting.

Sister Bertie Castleberry, church reporter

Matthew 5:14-16

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

*Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick;
and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and
glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

**PRAY FOR
YOUR CHURCH
AND HER PASTOR**

DELAND CHURCH

The DeLand Church looks forward to her annual Spring Revival Meeting March 26-28. Services will be held Friday evening at 7:30 PM, Saturday at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday at 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM, with Bible Study beginning at 10:45 AM. We will have a covered dish dinner on Friday evening at 6:00, and following the morning worship service on Sunday. Our guest minister will be Elder Pat McCoy. Please pray for this meeting and come join us in lifting up the name of our Lord in worship.

Is that wedding bells I hear? Congratulations to Rebekah Williams and Bill Hawthorne. They have announced their engagement and wedding plans for July 24, 1999. Sister Wanda has been hard at work preparing for the festivities. Pray with us that God will bless this couple in their new life together.

We were saddened to learn that Brother Talmadge and Sister Sandra Kicklighter will be leaving to return to Georgia some time in June. They have been a blessing to all at DeLand and will greatly missed by everyone.

We continue to have visitors occasionally and thank the Lord for sending them our way. We extend an invitation to all to join us whenever you are able. May God richly bless you all.

Sister Sharon Catchings, reporter

BETHEL CHURCH

A singing convention was held at the church on the first of January. Our Brother Albert and Mittie Deas are members of this group. It was well attended inspite the rainy day. Good singing was enjoyed by all. Supper was served at the church immediately following the singing.

Our Spring Meeting is planned to begin Thursday night April the 15th and continue throughout Sunday morning the 18th. Night services only 15th through the 17th. Homecoming is planned for Sunday the 18th. Lunch will be served after the morning services. Elder George Daunhaurer of Statesboro, Georgia is to be our guest minister. Everyone has an invitation to come worship with us.

Please continue to pray for our church and pastor, Brother Jimmy Bedingfield.

Pat Hill and Joyce Staten, reporters

PALMA CEIA CHURCH

Some of our members were able to enjoy the Fifth Sunday Services and Dinner at Winter Haven, January. 31st We appreciate the opportunity to worship with our Sister Churches Palma Ceia is scheduled to host the next Fifth Sunday Service, May 30th. Come and join us.

We had two members attend the annual Deacon's Association Meeting. This year was very special because of the Donetsk Ministry presentation before the meeting and the Evangelism Forum held by the Florida Ministers following lunch. We need more services like this at the camp. We encourage you all to attend when you have these kinds of opportunities.

We had a wonderful day February 14th. Brother Al Straubel brought a message on God's love for us and how He expects us to love each other. There was a dinner following the morning services. The fellowship was sweet and the food, well let's just say was not diet food.

Our 40th Homecoming Service will be held March 14th. We encourage all members, previous members, friends, family and sister churches to come join us for this special day. We will have dinner following the worship services and other special activities.

Our Annual Spring Revival Meeting will be held April 9th - 11th. Elder Holt Simms will be our quest speaker. We are all looking forward to this weekend meeting. We would love for you to come and worship with us. Please pray for safe travel for Elder Hoyt and Sister Mildred and for God's spirit to bless the services.

We are so thankful for our members that serve so diligently. We have been without a pastor for over 6 years how We have lost members recently and need your prayers. Please lift us up to the One that knows all our needs. We know that many of you pray for us often and we thank God for your love and concern.

Connie Millar. reporter



Riverside Church March 2nd - 7th
Elder Bill Durrence

Miami Church March 16th - 18th
Elder John S. Mikell

Deland Church March 26th - 28th
Elder Pat McCoy

Palma Ceia Church April 9th - 11th
Elder Holt Simms

Bethel Church April 15th - 18th
Elder George Daunhauer

Plant City April 25th - 29th
Elder Pat McCoy

Tampa Church May 20th - 22nd
Elder Gerald Proctor
Elder Brad Faircloth

Florida Primitive Baptist Deacon's Hold 41st Annual Meeting

Front row: Elder Jim Young, Deacons: Herman Summerford, Ronald Caves, Peer Millar, Elmore Owens, Dan Deal, Ed Poole, Vic Sandborn, Mike Self, Back row: Elders Richard Williams, Don Hazen, Deacons: David Ash, Mike Catching, Elder Emory Pactor, Deacon Dean Franklin, Elders Steve Flowers Joe Smith. Present but not shown Elder Don Gilbert.

The Florida Primitive Baptist Deacon's Association met on February 6, 1999 at Camp Sonlight to conduct their 41st Annual Meeting of officers, executive committee members, and directors. The meeting was well attended as 7 Elders and 12 Deacons were present. The officers and executive committee members for the coming year are:

David Ash - President
representative
Elmo Owens - Vice President
Mike Catchings - Secretary
Herman Summerford - Treasurer
Al Watton
Peer Millar
J.W. De Vane
Lamar Hill

Dean Franklin -Minister's Association

Dan Deal
Vic Sanborn

The director's thanked Brother Peer Millar for serving as president for the past 8 years. Deacon Carlton Simms resigned after many years of faithful service. Deacon Ronald Caves attended from Miami-Broward church.

The general business meeting was held after Elder Alvie Davidson presented a photo presentation on the Donetsk Ministry. Brother and Sister Kicklighter served lunch for all attendees and visitors.

Assets of the association rose to \$180, 144 in cash and bonds. The Camp Sonlight consolidated balance sheet showed \$1,036,944 in property, equipment, and cash assets. Various committee reports from Camp Sonlight and the Florida Reporter were provided.

Please support the Florida Primitive Baptist Deacon's Association with your prayers and contributions. Please send donations to the association treasurer at the following address:

Florida Primitive Baptist Deacon's Association, Inc.
c/o Herman Summerford, treasurer
1400 NE 191st Street #212
N. Miami FL 33179

The Deacon's Association charter is to support churches and ministries of the Primitive Baptist denomination in the state of Florida.

After the Deacon's Association meeting, Elder Emory Proctor was the moderator for a very informative discussion on evangelism. Several of our Florida ministers participated as panel members for this uplifting and educating meeting. The Camp Sonlight board of trustees is sponsoring another session on evangelism on April 30-May 1, 1999 at Camp Sonlight. The Riverside Primitive Baptist Church will host this session. Look for details in the mail.

Please contact Brother Mike Catchings at (407) 834-9518 with any questions concerning the work of the association.

In Christian Service,

Mike Catchings, secretary

The Camp is situated on a beautifully wooded, 20 acre tract located 18 miles south of Ocala, Florida, just off Highways 301 and 42.

The main goal of this camp is to provide facilities for teaching, instructing and encouraging young and old in the Christian way of life.

Facilities include Air conditioned and heated dormitories and staff house capable of accommodating 128. Air Conditioned and heated kitchen dining hall and social hall which seat approximately 200 with stage. Outdoor facilities include a chapel, BBQ facilities, pavilion and craft hut. All facilities accommodate the handicap. Recreational areas include large swimming pool, ball field, volley ball court and many acres for other recreational activities

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Contributions can be sent to the Camp Sonlight Treasurer.

Camp Sonlight
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1499 Grace Lake Circle
Longwood, Florida 32750

News from Camp Sonlight

Camp Sonlight had a great year in 1998. The board of trustees want to thank you all for your generous support during 1998. The coming year will present us with new challenges as we are sad to report the resignation of our resident site managers, Talmadge and Sandra Kicklighter. We can't thank them enough for their dedication and service to the camp. Please pray for the Kicklighter's as they return to Georgia to support their son and granddaughter who has been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.

Florida Ministerial Association Study March 8-9, 1999 Camp Sonlight

We invite all that are able to attend come, enjoy the study of God's word.



Our meeting is scheduled to make your traveling convenient. If you wish to stay the night at the camp, you a welcomed to do so. Just remember to bring you own bed linens and toiletries. Remember the camp is heated

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1:15 - 2:00 PM

1. Jesus and the Law Matthew 5: 17-20 Elder Richard Williams

2:15 - 3:00 PM

2. Murder Matthew 5: 21-26 Elder Emory Proctor

3:15 - 4:00 PM

3. Adultery and Marriage Matthew 5: 27-32 Elder Richard Williams

4:15 - 5:00 PM

4. Oaths and Profanity Matthew 5: 33-37 Elder Don Gilbert

5:00 - 5:30 PM

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Tuesday March 9th

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30

Assemble and Prayer 8:45 - 9:00

9:00 - 9:45

5. Revenge and Retaliation Matthew 5:38-42 Elder Steve Flowers

10:00 - 10:45

6. Christian Love Matthew 5:43-47 Elder Joe Smith

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Discussion

11:30 - 12:00

Business Meeting and Adjourn

Lunch 12:00 - 1:00

Note From Editor to Reporters:

I wish to thank you for your faithfulness and sacrifice to send in your church's news. You have made what work it is to publish the Florida Reporter easier. May God Bless you for your support of your Church.

Brother Richard

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