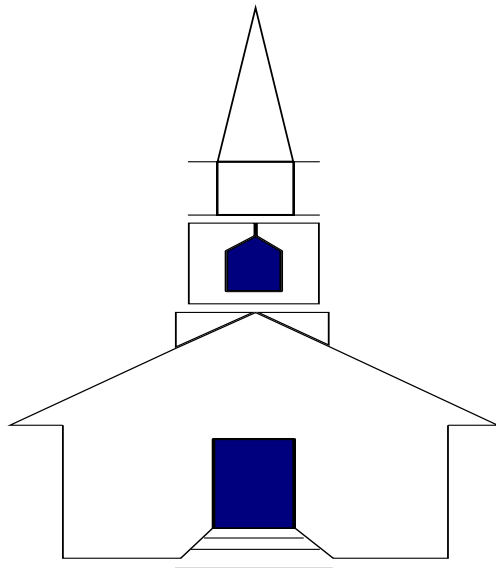


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*"Earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints"*

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*"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*



## **Riverside Church Jacksonville, Fl**

Greetings go out to all our Churches. Where does the time go? Our Church has been busy with our annual Fall Meeting, having Elder Steve Taylor in the pulpit for morning and evening services. What a blessing that the Lord put on his heart to preach mightily of our Saviour.

We want to remember one of our dear deacons, Bro Nollie Hinton who passed away and went home to be with the Lord. His funeral services were held on Saturday, following the Fall Meeting. He was a man that kept busy working with Camp Sonlight and being the President of the Florida Deacon's Association. We will miss him dearly.

Please be in prayer for the family of Tiffany Rice. Tiffany passed away on Saturday, Dec 12, 2009 here in Jacksonville. She is now in the presence of the Lord, and not suffering with this terrible disease of cancer anymore. She will be missed by her Church family.

Our Homecoming was a spirit filled day when the doors of the church were opened by our dear Pastor, Bro Mike Newman. Sis. Ashley Smith and Bro. Joshua Cason came forward asking for a home in the church. After accepting them, the right hand of fellowship was given. Their baptisms will be at a later date.

In September, one of our dear sisters, Ollie Cavin celebrated her 101 birthday. She has moved to Tallahassee, but she was inundated with cards and best wishes. She has told us she gets up every morning at 630am at the assisted living home and walks down to the dining room for breakfast. What a blessing she is!

Our annual "Sweet Potato Run" to Georgia took place with 12 people making the trip. We stopped at the Anderson House for lunch. A beautiful day, good fellowship, and buckets of sweet potatoes. Our annual picnic at the Holt's Lake was held. We had approximately 60 people enjoying the food and fellowship.

Thanksgiving and Christmas is around the corner. We wish you all a "Happy Thanksgiving" and a "Merry Christmas".

Submitted by:

Debbie Ash, Reporter

## **Bethel Church**

### **Jennings, Fl**

Greetings and God's blessings to our sister churches of Florida. We at Bethel have enjoyed the riches of God's kingdom in the year just finished. During 2009, we were blessed to have Brother Walt Deloach and Brother T. C. Norris hold our Spring and Fall meetings respectively. Several new members came our way during the year and the congregation continues to be so very faithful in the service of God.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were special blessings for us as we continue to minister to the folks at Hidden Oaks ALF. We have been conducting that ministry for the last couple of years and those people have become a part of our joy. We also continue to hold our monthly fellowship dinners (on the second Saturday of each month if any of you can join us).

We are looking forward to 2010 with special prayers for our Spring meeting and Homecoming with Elder Mike Devane doing the preaching. Please mark your calendars for April 15-18, 2010 and plan on being with us for part or all the services.

Our young peoples Bible study classes conducted the Christmas service for 2009. Bethel is truly blessed to have so many youngsters under 13 years of age taking part in our worship service each Sunday. Our service time is 10:00 Bible Study and 11:00 Preaching Service each Sunday morning with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please come see us as you can, and please remember us in your prayers.

Elder Don Gilbert, Reporter

## **Miami-Broward Church**

### **Cooper City, Fl**

The Miami Primitive Baptist Church continues to be blessed by the sermons of our Pastor, Elder Jim Young. Brother Young has been offering sermons on the Advent of Christ for the last few weeks

This is a very busy time of the year. The Church had our Annual Christmas Party and "Grab Bag" Dec. 9, and we all had a wonderful time in the Lord. We have a covered dish luncheon and then swap "Grab Bag" presents that we take from our homes. We buy no new presents.

Elder Richard Williams will be holding our Annual Meeting on March 23, 24 & 25, 2010. We are waiting with much anticipation.

In Christian love  
Sister Ellen Young  
Church Clerk

## **Palma Ceia Church**

**Tampa, FL**

This has been a joyous, busy time with our brothers and sisters here at Palma Ceia. We had our Fall Festival the 14<sup>th</sup>, of November. Our theme was a country Ho Down, We had southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and biscuits, (yes, there were desserts) plus games and a hayride and corn shuckin.

We started off the month of December with our annual Ladies Circle meeting-decoration-Christmas party, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Our devotional What Will You Give Christ This Christmas, by Elder Mike Newman, December - Banner Herald , was very insightful and a good question for each of us to ask ourselves this Christmas season. Our Holiday dinner was held Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>., which everyone seem to enjoy, except Elder Brad Faircloth. He was in quite a bit of pain and we haven't learned the cause but we will pray and trust the Lord for an answer. Our merciful Lord enabled him to make it back home to Georgia. Saturday, Dec. 12, was the annual children's party. Of course, the children know how to enjoy a Christmas party. The following Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Was our annual caroling at the nursing home. This was one of the most joyous parts of the season, to see the joy in the faces of those in the home as they sang with us and you could see the memories of past joys flood their faces. The Lord has blessed us with young voices and did they sing their little hearts out. On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. , the young people and children presented the Christmas pageant. I know we are in Florida , but it was cold that night and the pageant was outside, but the presentation warmed our hearts so much that we didn't seem to notice at all.

We do ask your prayers for those who are ill and in the hospital. Brother Ronny Stroud was hospitalized several weeks before Christmas with pancreas problems, at this time there is some progress, he is in less pain and able to walk and move about , but there will be a prolonged period of recovery. Please keep sister Barbara and family in your prayers Brother Al Watton was operated on for stomach problems, but has returned home and is healing but we need to be in prayer for his caregiver and his recovery. Brother Jody Millar was admitted for chest pains, several days before Christmas. He has returned home and is awaiting results from the doctor. Sister Sharon Pierce was admitted to the hospital several days before Christmas and was released on Christmas but I understand she may have to be readmitted. Sister Connie Millar, continues to inspire and encourage each of us to glorify and praise our Lord no matter our circumstances as this may be the purpose He has called us for. As I was talking to some of the families with loved ones in the hospital, it seems the true meaning of Christmas has once again become the focus of families, with Christ as our true and only hope.

**We at Palma Ceia join in wishing all of our Brothers and Sisters where ever you are to have a very blessed New Year growing in His word and the walk He has set for each of us.**

Chris Nicholson, Reporter

**READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE DAILY**

# **Meetings and Special Events**

**Camp Sonlight Board of Trustee Meeting  
January 16, 2010  
9:00 AM**

**Florida Primitive Baptist Deacon's  
Association Meeting  
February 6, 2010  
10:00 AM**

**Primitive Baptist Minister's School  
At Camp Sonlight  
February 22-24, 2010  
Hosted by Palma Ceia Church**

**Miami- Broward Church Spring Meeting  
March 23-25, 2010  
Elder Richard Williams**

**Bethel Church Spring Meeting  
April 15-18 2010  
Elder Mike Devane**

**Palma Ceia Church Spring Meeting  
April to be determined  
Elder Mike Newman**

## **Prayer List:**

**Connie Millar  
Tiffany Rice Family  
Ronnie Stroud  
Sherralynn Gilbert  
Sharon Pierce  
Al Watton  
Jody Millar  
Hinton Family**



## **Camp Sonlight 2009**

**June 15-20, 2009**

**Theme: Kingdom Builders**

**Theme Scripture: Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name:  
and my glory will I not give to another...**

**Lesson Scripture: Gen 11: 1-9**

**We learned about the true building blocks of the Kingdom of God**

# AGE OF THE EARTH

Elder Richard Williams

The geologies of the Bible in Genesis give us a record of the beginnings of man from Adam to Abraham. Further more the historical events of Israel are summarized in scripture from Abraham to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylon captivity. The Scriptures, accepted history and our current calendar brings us the birth of Jesus (BC) and the dead of Jesus (AD) to the current age of the Earth which is 6012 years. Below are the scriptures, book, verse and event. As your read, remember that:

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2Tim 3:16 17.

<b>Verse</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Age</b>
Gen 1:1-2:4a	Creation in six days	0 yrs
5:3	Adam 130, Seth born	130 yrs
5:6	Seth 105, Enos born	235 yrs
5:9	Enos 90, Cainan born	325 yrs
5:12	Cainan 70, Mahalaleel born	395 yrs
5:15	Mahalaleel 65, Jared born	460 yrs
5:18	Jared 162, Enoch born	622 yrs
5:21	Enoch 65, Methuselah born	687 yrs
5:25	Methuselah 187, Lamech born	874 yrs
5:28	Lamech 182, Noah born	1056 yrs
11:10	Noah 502, Shem born	1558 yrs
7:6	Flood when Noah 600	1656 yrs
11:10	Shem 100, Arphaxed born	1658 yrs
11:12	Arphaxed 35, Salah born	1693 yrs
11:14	Salah 30, Eber born	1723 yrs
11:16	Eber 34, Peleg born	1757 yrs
11:18	Peleg 30, Reu born	1787 yrs
11:20	Reu 32, Serug born	1819 yrs
11:22	Serug 30, Nahor born	1849 yrs
11:24	Nahor 29, Terah born	1878 yrs
11:32; 12:4	Terah 130, Abraham born	2008 yrs
12:4	Abraham leaves Haran, 75	2083 yrs
Gen 12:10	Israelites live in Egypt for	
Ex 12:40	430 years	2513 yrs
Gal 3:17		
1Ki 6:1	Solomon builds the Temple	
	479 full years after the Exodus	2992 yrs
1Ki 11:42	Solomon dies, the kindom is	
	divided, 37 years later	3029 yrs
Eze 4:4-6	Ruled by kings, Jerusalem	
	Destroyed, 390 years later	3419 yrs
	Jerusalem's Destruction 584 BC	4003 yrs
	(accepted historical date)	
	Present date 2010	6012 yrs <b>Total</b>

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