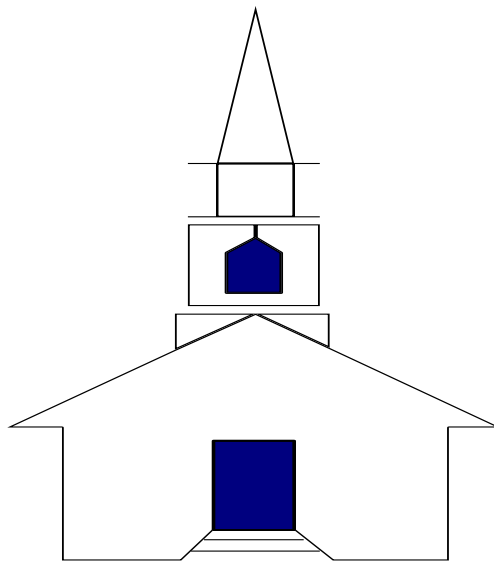


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*"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;
(for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to
good works: Not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together,"
Heb 10: 23-25a*



GREETINGS FROM PALMA CEIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tampa, FL

A THOUGHT TO PONDER

The Redeemer's work is done

I am looking forward to this most sacred and Holy time of year, when we celebrate the great love our Lord Jesus Christ for each of his children by forgiving, and paying for all our sins and washing us in his redeeming blood so that we may ever live with HIM. How can we not stop and Praise and Honor HIM and continue to do so all through our lives. We send you JOY UNSPEAKABLE as we celebrate Jesus' obedience to the Father to purchase HIS children.

I must state that most of those, who were ill mentioned in the last letter have been released from the hospital and are on the way to recovery. Our dear sister Connie went to be with our Lord March the 31st 2010. We will miss her and her words of wisdom. Please be in prayer for Peer Millar and the family.

Of course we had our Fish Fry in January. We had plenty of fish, hush puppies, grits etc. We were also blessed with a beautiful day and lots of hungry people. The Love Banquet held in February was a great success. Again, the young ladies did a great job decorating the Annex. Then our 51st Homecoming was celebrated the 7th of March. We were blessed to have had 5 original members attending, but they ain't spring chickens. The Lord still has work for them to do. We sure enjoy the great food but it is sure rough on a diet. The young people of the church are trying to move us elder folk into the here and now. We now have a screen and it is connected so that we can see our scriptures, songs and prayer list. It does move our services along. We have also been blessed with a young man who had lost his job, but we have put him to work for the Lord and the Church. The Sanctuary has been painted after about 40 years. It has brightened it up so much. Trees have been trimmed and all sorts of little projects accomplished that have been needing attention. We are so thankful for the young men the Lord provided.

We will be celebrating Communion April 3 and 10:00a.m. followed by the PBYF egg hunt and picnic. April 4 we will have Day Break Service 7:30a.m. with breakfast and a movie to follow. Regular morning services will be held at 11:00a.m. Our Spring meeting will be April 28-30, Elder. Mike Newman will be delivering the messages. We extend an invitation to all to come and fellowship and hear the message the Lord has laid on Elder Mike Newman's heart.

We at Palma Ceia wish you the Joys of the Lord.

Chris Nicholson, Reporter

RIVERSIDE CHURCH,

Jacksonville, FL

With Spring and Easter just around the corner, we know that the Lord continues to work in His Kingdom, because the Church has kept very busy. Elder Gary Johnson was invited to preach our Spring meeting in March. What an uplifting, spirit-filled meeting we had. Our choir and youth sang specials at each evening worship service. The Lord was in our services and we give Him all the praise.

We collected medical supplies, water, large quantities of canned food, rice and clothes in all different sizes to send to the Good Samaritan Orphanage and School in Haiti. In all, 1500-1700 lbs of supplies were delivered. All the needs in this small country haven't been met but with everyone's help we can make a difference.

Our Youth and their parents have been planning a snow trip north for the past year. Snow doesn't come to Florida very often so we have to travel where the snow is. In February, 15 of the youth packed their winter gear and headed to Atlanta to try "snow tubing" at Stone Mountain. They hadn't been on the road very long when the snow started coming down in Valdosta, and it snowed again in Macon. They took lots of pictures, enjoyed their visit to the Atlanta Church and then it was off to the Aquarium.

We are preparing for our Easter services as of this writing. We hope all will have a Blessed Easter, knowing that our Lord Jesus we worship has risen and is with the Father in Heaven.

Submitted by:
Sis. Debbie Ash

MIAMI CHURCH OF BROWARD

Cooper City, FL

The Lord continues to bless us at the Miami Church under the leadership of our Pastor, Elder Jim Young.

We were also blessed this past week, when Elder Richard Williams conducted our Annual Meeting. He preached a 5 part series on the Powers of God. He and Sister Wanda are special people and we thoroughly enjoyed having them with us. We enjoyed great fellowship and great blessings.

If any of you readers are ever in this area, we would like to issue you a special invitation to come and worship with us. If you have friends or family here, send us their names and contact information and we will most definitely send them a note with our times of worship.

Respectfully,
Ellen Young
Church Clerk

CAMP SONLIGHT

Summerfield, FL

On March 13th we held a work day at Camp Sonlight. Those that turned out to work completed several maintenance projects that needed to be done before the beginning of the busy summer rental season. Carpets were cleaned in the Social Hall, the Social Hall walls and wood work were painted, bathrooms in the staff house got a new coat of paint, flower beds were weeded, new flowers were planted and the and the children's play area was cleaned up and pressure washed. We were also blessed with good fellowship and were thankful for the opportunity to support the ministry of Camp Sonlight. We thank those that sacrifice their time to come out for the work day.

It looks like we will be blessed with a busy summer rental season. We have several church youth groups that will be returning this year. Over the years these groups have expressed their thankfulness for Camp Sonlight. They think of Camp Sonlight as their camp. They feel blessed to be able to return with their youth and have the opportunity to have a place like Camp Sonlight to come to.

Please continue to be in prayer for the Camp and Nancy Steven. We are blessed to have Nancy as our Site Director. The Steven's family started their tenth year at Camp Sonlight. We are thankful for their faithfulness and labor of love at Camp Sonlight.

Elder Richard Williams
Chairman, Camp Sonlight Board of Trustees

Meetings and Special Events

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

Camp Sonlight: Board of Trustee Meeting
April 24, 2010
9:00 AM

Palma Ceia Church: Spring Meeting
April 28-30 2010
Elder Mike Newman

Florida Youth Camp
Camp Sonlight
June 21-26, 2010

Southern States Bible Conference
Epworth By The Sea
St. Simons Island, GA
July 5-8, 2010

Prayer List:

Peer Millar and Family

Primitive Baptist Minister's School at Camp Sonlight February 22-24, 2010



Front Row (left to right) Elders: Emerson Proctor, Terry Lynn, Richard Williams, Jim Young, Lindy Webb Jr., David Summerford, and Lindy Webb Sr. Back Row (left to right) Elders: Ben Fordham, Lic Ben Nessmith, Alan Sapp, McKinley Wright, Jason Solomon, Keith Hamilton, Don Gilbert, Jim Bowen, Lic Peer Millar, and Mike Newman. Attending not in this picture Elder: Phillip Smith.

The Age of the Earth Part 2

Elder Richard Williams

In our previous article we listed the scriptures that establish the age of the earth, at just over six thousand years. By the authority of the word of God we have the Biblical record of the age of the earth. So why do we hear so much about millions or billions of years? In every type of media today we hear of millions of years. Even in children's cartoons these ideas are reflected. Millions of years are not taught in the Bible. Up until the late 1700's the Genesis account was largely accepted as the truth of the origin of all creation. Where did the idea come from that the earth is billions of years old? Things started to change about the time geologist, Charles Lyell finished his work called Principles of Geology in 1833. His writings were an attempt to explain the former change in the surface of the earth. The central theme of his work was that geological change came about as the steady accumulation of minute changes over enormously long spans of time. This theme became increasingly popular and is widely accepted by secular science today. Lyell's work denied catastrophic geological events. He denied the biblical account of the Flood of Noah's day, which was a major catastrophic geological event. With the influence of Lyell, the science taught today in schools and universities teach that all creation can be explain by time, chance and natural processes. This thinking excludes God from creation and denies that He is the creator. In fact in secular science God does not exist.

The apostle Peter spoke against this type of thinking.

2Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Peter warns us of those that would not believe the word of God. He warned us of those that refute God's very existence. Scoffer motivated by their own lust and not by reverence of God or to the truth of His word. He calls them scoffer because they mock, deride and scorn those that believe that God created all things in six days just over 6000 years ago, as the Bible teaches. The scoffers claim that Bible believers are ignorant. Paul says about this unrighteousness of men that they are without excuse, in Romans 1:20. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" David said "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" Ps 14:1. These scoffers Peter says in verse 5 are willingly ignorant of the Flood with which God judged the world that then was which perished. Praise God that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Scoffers set nature and its so-called laws above the God of nature and what He has reveled in creation. This is their philosophy that the earth remains the same with minute changes happening over long periods of time (Millions of years). The evidence we see is that the world has changed but the changes have taken place more quickly.

Peter speaks of the world that was then (time of the flood) and also the heavens and the earth which are now. He makes a difference of the then world and now world, because we live in a much different world today than God created in the beginning. We live in a world that shows the evidence of God judgment for sin. Adam's sin was judged by God. Paul says "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Ro 5:12. There was no death until Adam sinned. The curse of Death passed on all living creatures. We even see corruption in the plants when God cursed the ground and said that it would bring forth thorns and thistles (Gen 3:17-18).

God judged the world by the Flood and in doing so change the earth. The Flood was not just forty days and forty nights of rain. We are told in Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all the fountains of the great deep broken up**, and the **windows of heaven were opened**. Genesis 7:20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the **mountains were covered**. Genesis 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days. Genesis 8:1 God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged. This word asswaged describes the receding of the water to expose the mountains and dry land. Genesis 8:3-5 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. Genesis 8: 13-14 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. Noah and his family were in the ark for over one year when God told them that they could depart out of the ark. There was much more than rain going on during the Flood of Noah's time. It was more like earthquakes, tsunamis, and rapid drainage.

Read Psalms 104: 5-9 hear Bible further tells us where all the water went to. God, it explains made the mountains higher and valleys lower. After the flood the mountains were higher and the oceans were deeper. He also set the bound of the water so that they will never turn again to cover the earth. The flood also created billions of dead things buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth. The flood explains the fossils that are found buried in the earth. The Flood of Noah's time explains why we have places like the Grand Canyon.

Peter concludes in 2Peter 3:7 above, by teaching us that the same power of God which created the world, keeps it in being, and will keep it till the time appointed for his judgment by fire.

Modern science gives us a lot of great man made things such as airplanes, cars, computers and more, but it fails in its attempt to answer how and when the earth was created. Mainly they fail because they excluded God from creation. Paul wrote "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:" 1Ti 6:20. The philosophy of billions of years is not science it is just a belief some men have. It is as Paul said, "science falsely so called." Some may say, "Does it really matter when or how the heavens and earth were created?" Well Jesus put it this way; "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" Jn 3:12. There is much evidence that creationist science teaches that support the young age of the earth. Hold to the truths of God's word for it is God "which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is" Ps 146:6.

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