

# New Hope Newsletter

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## Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church

943 West Story Road  
Winter Garden, Florida



### Come and See

- ❖ We welcome you to worship with us and join our family as we strive to walk closer to the Lord. Come and see! John 1:39
- ❖ We enjoy a simple worship service. We sing, pray and preach. Every Sunday service is followed by lunch and a time of fellowship. This gives us a chance to get to know each other and our visitors in a relaxed, unhurried setting.
- ❖ We avoid the trappings of modern Christianity that attracts visitors with special programs and parties. We desire to worship the God of the Bible in the way that He has established.
- ❖ Our message is modern and up-to-date. We thrill at the message of salvation by grace and the forgiveness we find in Jesus Christ.
- ❖ We endeavor to reflect the love of God in our walk, our love for each other, our attempt to serve our fellow man.

Elders at Winter Garden Church are pastor, Elder Glenn Blanchard, Elder Perry Terrell and Elder Joel Fuller. (Photo on left)

Six deacons serve as well. (Photo below) L to R- Richard Lawrence, Roy Miles, Bill McSwain, Rodney Roberts, and Carroll Phillips and (not pictured), E. W. McDonald.



## Pastor's Letter

### Elder Glenn Blanchard

This is a special edition of our newsletter. Usually, we try to include more news from around the country. In this issue we plan to concentrate on information about Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church. This is being done so that we may use this edition to reach out to our

community. We have been in Winter Garden for almost 100 years and would like to reach out to those who might be interested to know more about us.

We look forward to sharing our history, our present efforts, our plans for the future and the doctrines and practice of our church with those in our local community.

Our plan is to return to our usual format next month.

Elder Glenn Blanchard





## Who We Are

The message from Primitive Baptist pulpits all over America is as up-to-date as the morning newspaper. We believe in a sovereign God who is infinitely concerned for the welfare of His people. His interest is so great that He gave Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, as the sin bearer, that all His family might safely live with God after life on earth has ended. God provides daily guidance for His servants as they face the choices, decisions, trials and conflicts of life. Learning to make the right choices that will honor God is a principal part of Christian activity.

We feel that you might find a Bible-based worship service among the Primitive Baptists refreshing. Sometimes the hectic machinery of modern religion detracts from the simple,



but central message of Jesus Christ. At Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church you will find a congregation of enthusiastic believers who love to be together, because fellowship strengthens faith and renews zeal in God's service.

We invite you to turn aside from the materialism of modern religion and experience a rare blend that can be found today among Primitive Baptists. Step into a time tunnel, walk in "the old paths," and worship in a manner that is 2,000 years old.



## Articles of Faith

Our Articles of Faith do not contain the totality of what we believe. However, we feel that certain basic beliefs define a church and should be stated plainly and with supporting Bible verses.

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. Matthew 28:19, John 1:1 and I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed and inspired word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice, particularly the New Testament for saints under this dispensation. 2 Timothy 3:16,17, 2 Peter 1:21.
3. We believe that in the transgression of Adam, he fell under the just condemnation of God's holy law, that all the human race was corrupted in and by him and that it is impossible for any of them to recover themselves or gain the favor of God by their own works or an act of their own will. John 6:44, Romans 3:9-20, Romans 5:12, Ephesians 2:1.
4. We believe God before the foundation of the world, unconditionally elected a definite number of the human family in Jesus Christ and ordained them to eternal life and glory. Romans 8:29, Romans 9:11-13, Ephesians 1:4-6, Thessalonians 1:4, 2 Timothy 1:9.
5. We Believe Jesus Christ suffered and died in the room and stead of His elect only and that His elect are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Acts 20:28, John 10:11, Hebrews 10:14 and Romans 5:8-10.
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit effectually calls, regenerates, and sanctifies all the elect of God. John 6:37, 2 Timothy 1:9 and Jude 1
7. We believe all the elect shall be preserved in grace by the power of God and never fall finally away. John 10:27, Romans 8:30 and Philippians 1:6.
8. We believe that good works, obedience to the commands of God, are well pleasing in His sight and should be maintained; but they are to be considered only as evidence of a gracious state, and are not a condition of eternal salvation. Ephesians 2:10, Hebrews 13:16, James 2:17-18 and Galatians 5:22-23.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only fit subjects for baptism and immersion is the only proper mode. Matthew 28:19, Luke 22:19-20 and I Corinthians 11:24-25
10. We believe that as our Lord and Savior washed His disciples' feet, we ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:4-17, I Timothy 5:10.
11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the suffering of the wicked will be everlasting. John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:12-15.

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why do you not call your ministers “Reverend”?

A. The Bible says that “...holy and reverend is his name.” Psalm 111:9.

Q. Why do you have the word “primitive” in your name?

A. In the early 1830s’ there was a split in the Baptist family of churches. The churches that stayed faithful to what Baptists have always believed become known as “Old School”, or “Primitive” Baptists, meaning original.

Q. How are Primitive Baptists Churches organized?

A. Each church is autonomous, just as in the New Testament. They are led by a pastor. Each church also has deacons, which serve the New Testament office.

Q. Which version of the Bible do you use?

A. All Primitive Baptists churches use the King James Authorized Version. We feel that it is the translation that gives God the most glory.

Q. Are Primitive Baptists Churches considered “protestant”?

A. No, having never been in the Roman Catholic faith, we did not have to “protest” and come out of it.





**Bill and Francis McSwain work diligently on the tape/CD ministry and Rodney and Becky Roberts publish the newsletter.**



**Our dear sister, Eddra Patterson, followed the Lord in baptism on Feb. 6. She is a great blessing to our congregation.**



## Our Story

A small group of interested members who had obtained their membership letters for the purpose of constituting a Primitive Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Florida, met March 31, 1918 for the first time. After services a presbytery was formed and eleven members brought forth letters from sister churches to form the body known as New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, located on Dillard and Miller Street.

Some of the ministers that have pastored the church are; Elders W. I. Kelly, M. L. Gilbert, Ruben Pepper, T. L. Crawford, Paul Mann, Gus Harter (a Winter Garden native) and Roy Bowles.

In November of 1994 the church called their current pastor, Elder Glenn Blanchard. Since then we have moved to a newly built facility in February of 2006. At that time, in order to show our commitment to the community, we changed our name to Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church.

We currently send out this newsletter around the country to over 1,300 people every month, free of charge. We also send out over 130 CDs of our service every week, free of charge. Our church also holds services at Colonial Lakes Nursing Home every Sunday morning at 10:00.

We meet at our building at 10:30 every Sunday morning and have a Bible Study every Wednesday evening at 7:30. An additional Bible Study is held in a members home every Tuesday evening in Cocoa, Florida. A food pantry is stocked and available to the community. We are also the polling place for our precinct for city elections.

Our desire is to be a trumpet for the gospel, a work site for our members and a blessing to our community.

Elder Glenn Blanchard



# Food Pantry

As members of the Winter Garden community, we desire to help families and individuals who are struggling to fulfill their basic need for food so that they may focus on other aspects of life. Our pantry is in its beginning stages and we are ready and willing to expand and grow. It is open to all individuals in need with a focus on the Winter Garden area. At this point our pantry has mostly non-perishable items, but our hope for the future is that we may be able to provide dairy products, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as loaves of bread. The pantry is open on the last Sunday of each month from 2:00-3:00pm. Sister Lauren Ulmer is the caretaker, and with the true heart of a servant, has allowed the pantry to be a blessing to our community.

# Nursing Home Ministry

Church services are held every Sunday morning at Colonial Lakes Nursing Home in Winter Garden. We have been blessed to have between 30 to 40 residents attending each meeting. Our services are just like normal worship services- singing , preaching, and praying. It has been a great joy to see those who are unable to go to church come to worship and praise our God!

These services are conducted by Elder Joel Fuller and supported by a number of our members including many of our youth. The encouragement given to the residents by this effort is invaluable.



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Wednesday 7:30pm  
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**“Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”  
— Matthew 11:28**

