

New Hope Newsletter

A Publication of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church

Volume 18, Issue 9, September 2012

The Importance of Hope

By Elder Sonny Phelan

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"
-Hebrews 11:1

God has supplied His children with many beautiful graces. One of the most important of these is hope. While the world has its definition for hope, the world is based upon conjecture. "Perhaps" or "maybe" are terms that describe the way most people use the word hope today. But the hope that God supplies his children with is much more substantial. Since "faith is the substance of things hoped for", the ground for Biblical hope goes through faith, back to the one who has made the promise: God. Hope goes beyond the believing of the promise to the anticipation of the promise fulfilled. Therefore, hope is the anticipation of the promise coming to pass; the longing for promise; the desire to enjoy the fulfillment of the promise; the "I can't wait until it gets here". Biblical hope is strong, resolute, and enduring, just like the God that made the promise.

Paul describes hope as an anchor of the soul: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil" -Hebrews 6:19. The anchor is a small part of a ship, but of vast importance. What good is a ship without an anchor? It is by the anchor that the mighty ship may come in from the stormy sea and unlade its heavy cargo. It is by the

anchor that the ship may come in to port and find rest. The anchor also exerted its calming influence as it was cast out of the ship when the storms were raging. Hope is to the soul as the anchor is to the ship. The soul must unlade its heavy cargo; it must encounter the many storms; it must come in to rest from time to time.

An anchor must attach itself to something other than the billowing waves and the wind. It must penetrate through the storm and the waves to terra firma, something solid and immovable. And so must our hope. It must not attach itself to anything here on earth. These things are so transient. It must penetrate "within the veil". The Hebrews well knew the meaning of this phrase. "Within the veil" spoke of the "Most Holy place" where the high priest entered once a year to offer sacrifice for the sins of the people. It was a figure of heaven itself. Therefore, while the ship's anchor goes down to the earth, the believer casts his anchor up. Up, within the veil, to where Christ, the rock of ages, sits at the right hand of the Father. When our anchor is fastened

Sharing a Sunday with family guests are L to R-Sister Jackie Watkins, Bill and Nell Sasser, Sister Pat and Elder Glenn Blanchard and Woody Hamilton.

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church
P.O. Box 771048
Winter Garden, FL 34777
407-656-7007
www.wintergardenpbc.com

Worship Service
Sunday 10:30am
Bible Study
Wednesday 7:30pm

Elder Glenn Blanchard
771 Bending Oak Trail
Winter Garden, FL 34787
407-905-5627
primitivebaptist@embarqmail.com

Tapes (subscription or address information):
tapes@wintergardenpbc.com



upon this rock, the devil and all his angels can not tear the ship loose from its promise. Many a ship has perished at sea because the anchor was absent on the voyage. Is your anchor intact?

Paul would have the brethren at Thessalonica cast their anchor up when they longed for their loved ones that had departed this life. He would have their anchor rest in the same place as their loved ones: within the veil. So he wrote, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. Do you see the promise, the faith, and the longing for the fulfillment of the promise?

Paul didn't tell them that they should not sorrow for their loved ones, but he reminded them that they should not sorrow as those who have no anchor. Since Jesus died and rose again, so will your loved ones. You will see them again when Jesus returns for He is going to bring them "with Him." Hope.

How can we find the strength to take that final glance at our loved ones and walk away from the grave? Is it not by the strength that hope gives? Hope that they are presently resting with Jesus, happy, whole and secure. They are no longer suffering. They are at rest and we will fellowship with them again around the throne of God's glory. Have you experienced the importance of hope? ■

Winter Garden's Beach Fellowship



We relished in a perfect temp, a light breeze and beautiful waves for our beach fellowship at Melbourne Beach in July. Thanks to Brother Dick Lawrence for organizing the event. We plan to reconvene once again on Sept. 3. Please join us if you can.



Meeting Notices

Annual Meeting, Little Zion PBC, Davenport, FL

Little Zion PBC invites everyone to join them for their upcoming Annual Meeting on Sept. 7-9, 2012. The invited guest minister is Elder Sam Bryant from Birmingham, Al. The schedule is as follows:

Friday Sept. 7- 7:30 pm service

Saturday Sept. 8- 10:30 am service, lunch, and communion service to follow lunch

Sunday Sept. 9- 10:30 am service

The church is located at 333 CR 547 North in Davenport, FL and **Elder Mark Nunley** is their pastor. Please call Wendell Ulmer at (407)889-4763 or Elder Nunley at (904) 491-3441 for any questions.

2012 North Georgia Preacher's Meeting

This meeting, Lord willing, will be held at Shoal Creek PBC, in Canton, Georgia. The dates are November 6 – 8, 2012.

Elder Randall Cagle and his congregation do an outstanding job of hosting this meeting and making us all feel comfortable. The meeting is open to all Primitive Baptist ministers and interested members.

Preachers Meetings

Elder Glenn Blanchard

While it is true that we have only two New Testament references to preachers gathering together and no command to do so, I have found these meetings to be profitable to me and my congregation. We have no New Testament authority for Association, Fellowship or Annual meetings either, yet I have derived much good from all three. We certainly have no authority for church papers, yet, I hope this paper is a blessing to God's people.

For that matter, I see no New Testament authority for a regularly scheduled conference meeting.

The presentations and the preaching have been a blessing to almost all that attend. In my 41 years of being around Primitive Baptists I believe my sensitivity to bad doctrine and bad practice is fairly fine-tuned. I have neither seen nor heard either in these meetings. When you



get that many ministers together, good doctrine and good order should be easily kept.

I admit that preacher's meetings are not for everyone. Neither are Associations or church papers. Being recognized as a sound Primitive Baptist is not based upon keeping, or not keeping, any man-made institution or invention. Rather, like the Hippocratic Oath that doctors take, "do no harm".

Our church papers, Associations, Fellowships, Annual Meetings and radio broadcasts further sound doctrine, and sound practice, if they are done in a God-honoring way. After 13 years of attending minister's meetings, I feel the same way about them.

Please consider Acts 20:17-20 and if the Lord places this meeting upon your heart, I know the congregation at Shoal Creek will make you feel welcome.

In any case, as I grow older and get ready to take my leave, I pray that the Lord will continue to send men into the ministry that will be whole-heartedly dedicated to the vocation wherein they are called and committed to serve God's people to the best of their ability. That they will cover each other with a mantle of charity and while they may not be uniform, my prayer is that they will be united.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

1. Nehemiah, Neh. 4:17-1
2. Centurion, Acts 10:1
3. 300, Jdgs 7:6-7
4. 5, I Sam. 17:40
5. Hezekiah, 2Kng. 19:32
6. 2, Lk 22:38
7. Assyria, 2Kng. 19:35
8. Gedaliah, 2Kng. 25:22

We welcomed Sister Eddra Patterson's family, L to R, mother, Shelby Henderson, nephew and sister, Jalen and Jana Wilson, and Sister Eddra and Brother Blaine Patterson.



L to R: Bro. George Oswald, Sis. Sharon Johnson, Elder Chris Crouse (pastor at Little Union PBC), Sis. Vanessa Kuder, Bro. Terry Kuder, Jr., Bro. Zack Crosby and Bro. Clay Crosby.

Church News

New Members, Union PBC

Little Union Church has been blessed to receive six new members within a period of eight weeks. On Sunday June 3rd, Br. George Oswald came forward seeking baptism, and the same day Sis. Sharon Johnson requested to join by letter. Br. George was then baptized the following Sunday, June 10th.

On Sunday, July 22nd, Br. Clay and Br. Zack Crosby joined, seeking to be baptized. Their baptism was scheduled for Sunday, July 29th. The morning of their baptism, Br. Terry Kuder, Jr. and his wife Sis. Vanessa joined, requesting to be baptized at the same time. It was a wonderful day in the Lord for Little Union, as all of us were renewed in the Lord's service at the sight of four baptisms. *(photo above)*

We strongly believe the Lord is still reigning, and thankfully, still blessing His churches. There is still a harvest in this nation, we simply need to be mindful to be laborers with God in inviting and encouraging our family, co-workers, friends and neighbors to visit our churches. I believe the message of the Bible is still being sought by sincere seekers, we simply need to pray the Lord will providentially bring the seeker and the believer together, so we can show them where (the church) the truth is proclaimed. ■

Three Therefore's

By Elder Dolph Painter

The word **therefore** appears in Romans 12:1, Ephesians 4:1, and Hebrews 10:19 to switch the reader's attention from theology to practice. Please consider:

"I beseech you therefore...present your bodies a living sacrifice" - Romans 12:1. The Book of Romans is an important theological book; with total depravity in chapter 3, substitutive atonement in chapter 5, predestination in chapter 8, election in chapter 9, and so on. But the therefore in 12:1 says, "OK, enough intellectualizing, time to put theology into practice." The rest of the Roman Book teaches earthly duty.

"Therefore...walk worthy of the vocation" -Ephesians 4:1. The Book of Ephesians is also an important theological book; with God's sovereignty in chapter 1, spiritual birth in chapter 2, Christ dwelling in us in chapter 3. But the therefore in 4:1 says, "Now show salvation in your walk." The rest of the Ephesians Book teaches earthly duty.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest" -Hebrews 10:19. The Book of Hebrews is a tremendous book proclaiming the superiority of Jesus in chapters 1-5 and the superiority of New Testament worship in chapters 7-10. But the therefore in 10:19 says, "OK, put His superiority into practice. The rest of the Hebrew Book teaches earthly duty.

How does one go about thanking the Lord for eternal salvation and knowledge of that salvation? We do by keeping His commandments - 1 John 5:2. Maybe that's why the Spirit moved James to write, faith without works is no faith at all - James 2:14-26. There are no maybe's about it. God's word teaches us earthly duty because He would have us to walk in a new and living way - Hebrews 10:20. May the Lord help our theology appear by our shoe leather. ■

Contributions

Rita Renfoe
Pat Winkleman
Joe & Hazel Brooks
Larry & Rachel Hanna

Confession

by **Bessie R. Kennamer**

When rain beats down in torrents
Upon our planted fields,
And threatens devastation
Upon our hoped-for yields,
Then, Lord, we fall upon the sod
And humbly own Thee, Sovereign God.

When clouds for weeks withhold the rain
To aid our sun-scorched crops,
And we gaze on diminished yields
Where we had hoped for tops,
Then, Lord, we pray Thee day and night

For help in our impoverished plight.

But when all nature is benign
With sunshine and with rain,
And we can see our hopes fulfilled
In fields of bounteous grain,
We look with pride out o'er our lands
And boast the work of our own hands.

Lord, that thy people would always
ALL POWER give to Thee-
That Thou dost rule both heav'n and earth
And cannot hindered be,
And humbly walk in Thy command-
Then Thou alone wouldst heal our land!

Report from South Africa

By **Elder Darrell Chambers-part 1**

Elder Vernon Johnson and I arrived safely and almost simultaneously at the Johannesburg airport. Bro. MacMillian Phiri met us and brought us to his home at the school where we would be teaching for the next week. We arrived in time to see some of the beautiful countryside and to see the gorgeous sunset. Pretoria is a beautiful city and looks very much like an American city. We stayed out in the country, about 20 minutes from Pretoria, so we did not see too much of the city. Sister Angela Phiri and Sister Symphrose Jonas prepared hot bath water and great meals for us and made us feel at home in their home. We were treated very hospitably and enjoyed being a part of their family for a week. The South Africans were so soft spoken, that I had difficulty hearing them. But, the contrast with much of the noise and commotion I am used to in America was refreshing.

We truly enjoyed our teaching and preaching efforts in the various places we visited here. The South Africans were very kind to us. There are a lot of racial tensions here, and most of our services were comprised of a mixed congregation. It was good to see the easing of the racial tensions when people were in the house of God. We were told that South Africa has the highest crime rate in all of Africa. That seems hard to believe in the rural areas; but, some parts of the cities seemed very dangerous. The complex where we stayed was in a rural; but, developing area. Even here, there were necessary precautions that we were warned to take. The property was surrounded by a 7' fence topped with rolled razor wire. They lock the gates at night and were very careful. In this age, the white males are highly discriminated against, especially in the job market. Many white South African males are leaving the country to find good jobs - especially the younger generation.

Elder Vernon Johnson and I enjoyed a good time in the service of God in South Africa. We had a small group of about 10 -15 students for most services. Attendance at the teaching sessions included a mixed group of blacks and whites, and men, women, and children, especially in the evening sessions. We had students from several African countries including Uganda, Botswana, Zambia, the Congo, etc. We covered a lot of ground in our teachings over the course of a week, and the instructions seemed to be well received. We fielded a number of doctrinal questions, even meeting between the formal times of instructions with the inquirers. We had private Q&A sessions and worship services in addition to the teaching sessions. We love to share the good news of the love of God, and the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us.



**Elder Darrel
Chambers
preaching at a
church in Africa.**

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
c/o WINTER GARDEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
P.O. BOX 771048
WINTER GARDEN, FL 34777

NONPROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
MID FLORIDA
PERMIT #12145

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Help us keep costs low! Let us know **before** you
move! Thanks!*

Please come visit us!

New Hope Newsletter

Kid's Corner

Lord's Army

1. Who had to build a wall with one hand while holding his sword in the other?
2. What military rank did Cornelius, a Gentile convert to Christianity, hold?
3. How many were in Gideon's army?
4. How many stones did David choose from the brook before meeting Goliath?
5. What good king of Judah did Isaiah tell not to worry, that the Lord would fight for him?
6. How many swords did the disciples take with them when they followed Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane?
7. What nation's king went to sleep and, upon waking, found his entire army dead?
8. Whom did Nebuchadnezzar appoint as governor of Judah over the people who remained there ?