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The Florida Fellowship meeting in February was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Little Zion PBC did a beautiful job of hosting the spirit filled meeting. Elder Mark Nunley (left) is the pastor at Little Zion.

The Name of the Lord

By Elder Neil M. Phelan Jr.-
copied from his book "The Daily Record" – The First Year in Retrospect-

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe – Proverbs 18:10

Solomon observed the name of the Lord as a strong tower; a place of comfort; a place of deliverance; and a place of safety. He saw it as a place where one could ascend, and from its many parapets, view the surrounding world and yet be safe from the world. Since God is so great, it is impossible for us to know everything there is to know about Him. But by way of word picture, His glorious works and attributes are displayed by His many titles and names. As we view this tower, we find a parapet for every challenge and obstacle in this life. By faith, we must ascend, daily, within this strong tower and enter into our parapet of need.

In Genesis, chapter 22, God appeared to Abraham as Jehovah-jireh. This glorious attribute of God reveals His ability to provide for His people what they cannot provide for themselves. As Abraham and Isaac ascended Mt. Moriah, Isaac said, "Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" By faith, Abraham ascended into the parapet of Jehovah-jireh and said, "My son, God will provide himself for a burnt offering." As we view Calvary, we must, by faith, enter into the same parapet and observe Christ as the sacrifice for our sins, a sacrifice in which we could not provide for ourselves. We must abandon the parapet of our own works and by

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

To all of you out there who responded to our call about the NewHope Newsletter, a big "thank you!" We enjoy hearing from you and knowing that you get a blessing

from our Newsletter efforts. We will be holding our Annual Meeting the last weekend in May and invite all who can to share our celebration with us. Elder Jeff Winfrey from Kentucky will be our guest minister. Please pray for Elder Winfrey and Winter Garden Church as the meeting date approaches.

Meeting Notices

Cool Springs PBC, West Palm Beach, FL

June 7th-9th, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church invites you to come and worship with us during our annual meeting. Services will begin Friday with supper at 5:30 and service at 7:00, continue on Saturday at 10:00 with lunch and afternoon services, and will conclude Sunday with service beginning at 10:00, communion will follow preaching, then lunch. Elders Ricky Arnold (TN), Jonathan Blakeley (AL), Marty Hoskins (GA), Ronald Lawrence (Tn), Jared Smith (NC), and hopefully others are scheduled to be with us during this meeting. Come praying that the Lord will bless this time together that the congregation might be comforted and edified by the sound gospel preaching that there may be much

rejoicing in Zion. For directions, or information contact **Elder Daniel Wood** at 865-363-9644, Bro. Landrum Cox at 864-420-4821, Bro. David Sisk at 864-380-4098, or Bro. Jerry Todd at 864-859-0676. **-Elder Daniel Wood**

We were delighted at the baptism of Selena Taylor by Elder Blanchard.



Harmony Highlands Singing School 2013

It's that time of year again when we all start thinking about singing school. Well, I just wanted to send you the dates and let you know to start looking for your forms at the end of this month. We are anticipating another great year at Harmony Highlands.

The dates this year are June 23rd through June 28th. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at dgkitchens@att.net

Winter Garden PBC Annual Meeting, Winter Garden, FL

Our Annual Meeting will be May 25-27, 2013, please see page 5 for details.

2013 Nebraska Fellowship Meeting, Cozad, NE.

Mt. Zion PBC at 319 W. 11th Street, Cozad, NE will hold the Fellowship Meeting on June 6-9th, 2013, at the church. The schedule of services as follows: Thursday – 7:30 PM – Singing and Prayer; Friday – 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM – Preaching services; Saturday – 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM – Preaching services; Sunday – 10:00 AM – Preaching services. Lunch will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday following morning services; supper will be served Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:00 PM, prior to services.

For more information please contact **Elder Thomas E. Bond** at home (308-784-5518), or cell (308-325-3957) or Deacon Howard Halbgewachs at home (308-784-4320) or cell (308-325-3302).

Our desire is to accommodate as many of our guests in our homes as we can. There are two motels in Cozad. The two motels offer a discount for the Fellowship Meeting. Please be sure and ask for the discount when you make your reservations. Also, more motels are located in nearby Lexington and Gothenburg.

Rodeway Inn
809 S. Meridian
Cozad, NE
308-784-4900

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440 S. Meridian
Cozad, NE
308-784-2290

We were blessed with visitors from Little Union PBC, Ken and Roseanna Johnson.

We also have some camper hook-ups available at the church. Cozad is located on Interstate 80 at Exit 222. The town along with the church is all north of the Interstate. After exiting the Interstate proceed north into town until you come to 11th Street. Turn left (west), and go 5 blocks. You will see our church building on your left. We are located 380 miles west of Lincoln, 240 miles west of Omaha and 300 miles east of Denver.



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faith, enter into the parapet of Jehovah-jireh. Have you found this parapet?

In his 23rd Psalm, David spoke of God as Jehovah-rohi. This divine accolade depicts the character of God as “a shepherd”. As David slew the lion and the bear to protect his father’s sheep, so Christ has slain the beast and the false prophet to protect and secure His Father’s sheep. The devil and all of his angels have not the power to pluck the most helpless lamb out of His fold. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand” – John 10:27-29. What a great tower His name is!

In Judges, chapter 6, God introduced Himself to Gideon as Jehovah-Shalom, “The Lord our Peace”. Gideon found peace with God as he spake to the angel and did not die. It was Christ who put away the enmity between God and His people. “For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace” – Ephes. 2:14-15. Today, Christ intercedes for us in prayer and in that great day of His return shall peacefully present us to the

Father. Surely, this is peace, Jehovah-Shalom, a strong tower.

Countless other titles are provided for our edification: El Olam, “God of eternity”, El-Roi, “The Lord that seeth”, Elohim, “God the creator”, El-Shaddai, “The almighty, all-sufficient God”, Jehovah-Hoseenu, “The Lord our maker”, Jehovah-Rophi, “The Lord our physician”, Jehovah-Nissi, “The Lord our banner”, Jehovah-M’Kaddesh, “The Lord who sanctifies you”, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, “The Lord our righteousness”, Jehovah-Shammah, “The Lord is there”, to name only a few.

But allow me to conclude our cadence of parapets with David’s shepherd Psalm and notice the composite of David’s faith: (1) “The Lord is my shepherd” (Jehovah-Rohi); (2) “I shall not want” (Jehovah-Jireh); (3) “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters” (Jehovah-Shalom); (4) “He restoreth my soul” (Jehovah-Rophi); (5) “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” (Jehovah-Tsidkenu); (6) “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies” (Jehovah-nissi); (7) “Thou anointest my head with oil” (Jehovah-M’Kaddesh) (8) “Thou art with me” (Jehovah-Shammah). Let us run into this strong tower today, and by faith, claim our parapet of need.



Neighbors of the Morton family, the Barchucks shared a Sunday Worship service.

Church News

Camp Creek PBC Praise Report

This past weekend, I celebrated the 15th anniversary of my call to pastor Camp Creek Church. That same weekend, however, was the occasion of another greater celebration – Sister Jetha Brooks’s 90th birthday. Knowing her has been one of the great joys of my ministry. She has missed one service in the 15 years that I have pastored. And, if the legend is accurate, since February 27, 1923, she has only missed one other service in those 90 years at Camp Creek. Truly, Sister Jetha has been not only a great example but also she has been one of the most faithful members among our people.

But to me, what I have appreciated more than Sister Jetha’s faithful attendance is the love and devotion she has given to her Lord and His cause. She spent countless hours preparing food for every meeting, every luncheon and for our shut-ins. Visitors to Camp Creek have always been greeted promptly with her warm smile. People who are hurting have always received a card, a note, or a phone call from her. And this pastor, in particular, always received grace and encouragement from her when I needed it most. Although the years have slowed her step just a bit, they haven’t diminished her passion for the Lord and His Church one bit. Camp Creek Church is thankful to celebrate with Sister Jetha and invite all to join us in remembering and thanking God for this dear Saint. – **Elder John Melvin – Copied from the Atlanta Area Newsletter -**

Whirlwind Worship

By Elder Dolph Painter

When sitting down at my desk to study for a sermon or write a newspaper article I have to clear my desk of mail, post-it-notes, pens, paperclips... You get the idea. I have a difficult time concentrating on my work when my desktop is cluttered. I suppose this annual part of my personality is a weakness, but I get easily side tracked.

I also have a difficult time carrying on a conversation when too much is going on around me; whether it is a child tugging at my pant leg, a telephone ringing, or other noises. You would think an ex-middle school teacher would be a little more focused, but I am not. I suppose this inability to filter out noise is a weakness, but my concentration is easily disrupted.

I also have a difficult time focusing in the beginning of a worship service when I have arrived at church in a whirlwind, like when my wife and I have had a disagreement or I am running a little late. Sometimes it takes me a good twenty or thirty minutes before I can tune in the preacher (and I am the preacher). I may be unique in having to clear a desk or to minimize noise, but I am not alone concerning worship – for your faces tell me which couple just had a fight, who broke every moving violation getting to church, and who stayed up really late Saturday night. People, it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure this stuff out.

Do we give the Lord our first fruits (2Cor 9:6) when we come to worship amidst a whirlwind? A week has 168 hours in it. Think how few hours are spent in the worship service. But don’t fix your whirlwind arrivals for the preacher, we have pretty thick hides. Do it for the Lord. Do it for yourself. Do it for your family. Plan for the unexpected. So what if you get to church a little early. What is the worst that could happen? Shake an extra hand, converse with a brother, and arrive prepared to worship in spirit and truth.



We welcomed the Kuck family, Win, Laura, Alec, Carson, and Jesse.

And it Came to Pass

Uncle Charlie, who did occasional yard work for me some years ago, was not well educated in the usual sense; but his scriptural knowledge was profound. One day, while he and I were working on some fall chores, I asked him what his favorite Bible passage was. Uncle Charlie pushed his hat back, thought for a moment, and said: "Well, sir, I've got lots of favorite passages, but there are five words found throughout the Good Book that have helped me more than any other." Curious, I asked the obvious question, "And what words are those, Uncle Charlie?"

"Well, sir," he said, "those little words are 'and it came to pass.'"

I must have looked very puzzled, for Uncle Charlie added gently, "Don't you see? It came to pass; it didn't come to stay. I've known a heap of troubles in my time, but they all came to pass-they didn't come to stay."

Uncle Charlie's homely wisdom has been a lifeline for me on many occasions when things looked bleak. So if trouble singles you out and skies are dark, think about it a bit-it comes to pass, it doesn't come to stay. - Adapted, Author Unknown - **Copied from "Words Fitly Spoken, A Collection" - "Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up." -Sister Marlene Melvin -**

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church will be hosting its Annual Meeting Friday Evening, May 25th through Sunday Morning, May 27th, 2013. The meeting will start at 7 PM Friday evening and end Sunday morning at noon. We invite all who can to come and be with us and share in this 95th Anniversary of the Primitive Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Florida. The invited guest minister will be Elder Jeff Winfrey from Kentucky. We look forward to welcoming all who can be with us.

Answers to This Month's Quiz

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| 1. Uz, Job 1:1 | 6. seven Pro, 6:16 |
| 2. sores/boils, Job. 2:7 | 7. love, Pro. 9:8 |
| 3. 140, Job 42:16 | 8. love, Pro. 9:8 |
| 4. twice, Job 42:10 | 9. shame, Pro. 13:18 |
| 5. wisdom, Pro. 3:13 | 10. honor, Pro. 13:18 |

We had a blessed visit with Daniel Dahlquist and fiancé, Lidia. Daniel is the son of Sister Elaine Gervasoni.

Letters

Brothers & Sisters,

Just received your newsletter and it is always a blessing when it comes in the mail. We truly enjoy the fruits of our labor and want to let you know how encouraging it is to see your continued faithfulness.

Looking forward to seeing Bro. Glenn up in Jasper, and hope to make it down to Florida sometime this year.

Yours in Christ

Fred & Jeanine Herrmann

Hoover, AL

(Hope you two can make it to FL soon! Love, Sister Pat)

Contributions

William Liles

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Elder Dan & Edna

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John & Joy Blevins

Elder Roger & Barbara

Parker

Joyce Hodges

Elder Charles & Doris

Kitchens

Carolyn Cantrell

The Harbins



From Jasper, AL, special visitors, Frank and Zipha Cornett joined us in worship.

Sister Elaine Gervasoni was overjoyed to visit with friend, Hannah Chu.



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Kid's Corner

Job/Proverbs

1. Where did Job live?
2. Satan afflicted Job with painful_____.
3. How many years did Job live after his test?
4. After Job's suffering, God gave him _____
as much as he had before.
5. Happy is the person who finds _____.
6. Proverbs lists how many things that the Lord
hates?
7. When you tell a wise person about a mistake,
the person will _____you.
8. Hatred stirs anger, but sin is covered
by_____.
9. A person who will not listen to wise advice
will find poverty and _____.
10. A person who heeds wise advice will
find_____.