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A number of our youth joined together to volunteer at a local animal shelter. They made mobiles for the cats in cages as one of their projects.

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Walk About Zion

By Elder Neil Phelan

“Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.” Psalm 48:12-13

One of the greatest blessings that we may enjoy in the church of Jesus Christ is the grand

and glorious doctrine that He gave us. As cities are known by their stately structures, so the church by her stately doctrines. The Psalmist encourages us to “Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.” Psalm 48:12-13. These bulwarks and palaces do not speak of the physical edifice that we meet in. We are encouraged to mark them well, consider them and teach them to our children.

The doctrines of the church are simple enough that children may comprehend them and yet deep enough to rejoice in throughout eternity. A simple illustration that I have employed with my children is that of the “TULIP”. Let us begin at the bulwark marked “T” which stands for Total Depravity. This bulwark forever reminds us of what fallen man is without Christ. It begins at the beginning and shows us what we were in Adam. Left to ourselves, we are all sinners by nature and sinners by practice, unable to pull ourselves out of this condition by our own bootstraps. Paul describes this condition in Romans 3:10-18 as he states: “there



Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

I enjoyed being with Little Union at their July meeting. It was good to see Elders Mike Montgomery and Ronnie Loudermilk, the invited speakers for the meeting.

We were blessed to have Brother Derek Kitchens preach for us in August. He is the son of Elder Charles Kitchens and has been exercising for awhile and did a fine job.

Some upcoming meetings that require some planning: The North Georgia Preacher's Fellowship Meeting is scheduled for the first week in November. The Defense of the Faith Seminar is scheduled for the end of December. Dates and times will be forthcoming but let this brief "heads up" help to get our minds ready for these two very profitable meetings.

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Pageant Contestant

Thank you to everyone who contributed to my daughter, Jamie Engel's, participation in the National American Miss pageant that she was a contestant in July, 2013. It was a very gratifying and fun experience for her. She learned life-long lessons and made some important decisions for her future because of the experience. Again, thank you for your generous support and kind words.

(photos on left)

Noreen Blanchard
Contestant's Mother



Siblings, Hope and Bill Blanchard, grandchildren of Elder Glenn and Sister Pat, enjoy a Sunday together.



Convening for a fun game of Bible Trivia, a few families of WGPBC enjoy each others company on a Friday night.



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is none righteous, no not one.” There are no exceptions. An outside source must condescend and lift the creature above his fallen condition. That person is Christ. That is why we say that man is depraved.

Having accurately observed this bulwark, we will rejoice in the bulwark of “U” which stands for God’s Unconditional Election. This bulwark is always appreciated after we have observed the tower of depravity. This glorious doctrine reveals the sovereignty of God as He chose a people and lifted them out of the fallen condition in which they were found. It speaks of “divine choice” and not human choice. Therefore, the choice was made not upon the merits of the creature, but upon the merits of Christ and the love that God had for His people. It was made before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4); it was made in spite of our fallen condition (Romans 9:11); and the reason God chose to save was based solely upon love (Eph. 1:4; Romans 8:33-35).

The next bulwark we must observe is the bulwark marked “L”: Limited Atonement. As Adam represented his family, so the “Second Adam” represented His family. It was limited to those for whom He died. Either He died for all the sins of all the people; or He died for some of the sins of all the people; or He died for all the sins of some people. Surely, the latter reveals the doctrine of Christ.

“I” is the tower we must next inspect because there we discover God’s Irresistible Grace. Since some may fear that there may be one object of His grace left out, our strong tower must reply, “Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.” Jeremiah 31:3. What comfort is found in our God who loves with an everlasting love. His love is not fickle. It does not come and go with our mistakes. God draws the objects of His grace by a power that outstrips men and angels. His life giving voice will reach behind iron curtains and stubborn wills. It is irresistible!

Finally, take then to the tower of security, that one over there which is marked “P” for the Preservation of the Saints. There is great security in this strong tower for it points away

from our works to Christ and His perfect work as He says, “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. When we see the beautiful tulip raise its head above the ground let us remember the glorious Savior who raised his head from the grave, redeemed us and gave his glorious doctrines to the church. Lord, help us to tell it to the generation following! ■



Sister Mary Lawrence and daughter, Lorianne, were delighted in a visit from sister, Mariah.

Contributions

Warren Family
Joe & Hazel Brooks
Fred & Jeannine Herrmann
Joseph & Phyllis Fletcher
Mary J. Green
Mike & Lorelei Lopez
Elder Don Farris

And others who have asked to remain anonymous. We know that some cannot contribute but we never want that to be a hindrance from receiving our newsletter. ■



We enjoyed special visitors, Erik, Terri and Kinnley Chavira from Fellowship PBC in GA, with Erik’s mother, Natalia, and Alida and Kelly Saura from Winter Garden.

He is Indescribable

By Elder Dolph Painter



We welcomed Brother Lance Hocutt from Tuscaloosa, AL (above) and Wayne and Cynthia Shaw from Colombia PBC, MD (on right)

From Providence PBC in WI are Ron, Marsha and Alexis Malloy.

Jesus is holy, faithful, perfect, sufficient, godly, propitiation, gracious, righteous, friend, stability, truth, surety, knowledge, lawful. Sovereign, sinless, obedient, Savior, and the Son of God. He is Immanuel, immortal, immutable, interminable, infinite, immeasurable, endless, inestimable, enduring, excellent, eternal, evermore, and everlasting. He is all good, all knowing, all seeing, all present, all powerful, and all deserving, almighty, all together righteous, and the All in all.

Jesus forgave the inexcusable, adopted the cast off, saved the undeserving, delivered the lost, justified the indefensible, redeemed the poor, reconciled the opposed, loved the unlovable, finished the undone, pardoned the sentenced, had mercy on the unmerciful, reclaimed the discarded, regenerated the unregenerate, satisfied the discontent, atoned the guilty, restored the irreparable, purified the polluted, and accepted the defiled.

He fed the hungry, quenched the thirsty, cleansed the filthy, comforted the sorrowful, strengthened the weak, healed the sick, de-



fended the unarmed, raised the dead, conquered the enemy, blessed the young, lighted the world, silenced the critics, purchased the worthless, assured the hopeless, purged the temple, calmed storms, embraced the troubled, taught the uneducated, ruled the elements, freed the captive, loosed the bound, prayed for his own, lightened our burdens, eased our yokes, fulfilled every jot, and carried out every tittle.

The facts could not deny Him, Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not entice Him, doctors could not stump Him, lawyers could not entangle Him, Sadducees could not trick Him, Pharisees could not catch Him, Pilot could not find fault in Him, Roman soldiers could not guard Him, death could not keep Him, the grave could not hold Him, and the heavens could not contain Him. ■

How Did Moses Do It?

Sister Sarah Pyles, Forwarded from the internet

Amazing Data on Moses: the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food. According to the Quartermaster General of the Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1,500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each at least a mile long, would be required! Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4,000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day.

And just think, they were forty years in transit. And oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day and a freight train



with tank cars, 1,800 miles long, just to bring water! And then another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea at night.

Now, if they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea, 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5,000 abreast to get over in one night. But then, there is another problem... each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long. Think of it! This much space for camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him.

Now do you think God has any problem taking care of all your needs?

So when the road you're traveling on... seems difficult at best, just remember, keep on praying, and God will do the rest.

Hollywood can never depict the real magnitude of the events of the Bible. The latest mini-series on the Bible is a good example. The scraggly line they depicted coming out of Egypt had me talking to the T. V. God's greatness is still beyond the media's ability to recreate it. Praise



Photo above depicts the ministers attending the Annual Meeting at Little Union PBC. L to R are Elders Blanchard, Loudermilk, Crouse (pastor at Little Union), Montgomery and Nunley.

the Lord! Use your imagination to picture the actual events in the Bible. You'll be amazed at what they really looked like.

— Elder G. Blanchard

Answers To This Month's Quiz

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| 1. wisdom, Dn. 2:16-18 | 6. Tarshish, Jon. 1:3 |
| 2. gold, Dn. 3:1 | 7. calm, Jon. 1:15 |
| 3. wall, Dn. 5:5 | 8. Ninevah, Jon. 3:1-2 |
| 4. Daniel, Dn. 5:12 | 9. fasted, Jon. 3:5 |
| 5. Joppa, Jon. 1:3 | 10. gourd, Jon. 4:6 |

We were happy to receive visitors, Lester from Winter Garden (on right) and Lee Schmidt from Mobile, AL (on left), a friend of Brother Billy Chu.



Church News

New Members at Cool Springs PBC, Travelers Rest, SC

Bro. Charlie Woodlee and his daughter Sis. Rachel Woodlee came forward and asked for a home at Cool Springs PBC in Travelers Rest, S.C. on **June 2nd** and were baptized the following **Sunday** by Elds. Daniel Wood and Eddy Flick. We rejoice to see this precious family added to our flock and pray that we will continue to serve the Lord and seek the old paths that we may walk there in. The Lord has been so good to us! We desire an interest in your prayers for this father and daughter and for our congregation at Cool Springs. God Bless, **Daniel Wood**



Friday September 6th - 7:00pm (no supper)
Saturday September 7th - 10:30am (lunch to follow)

2:00 pm Communion Service
6:00 pm Fish Fry

Sunday September 8th 10:30am (lunch to follow)

Meeting Notices

Annual Meeting, Little Zion PBC Davenport, FL

Lord willing, Little Zion will be hosting our 2013 Annual Meeting, beginning on Friday, September 6th through Sunday, September 8th. We invite all of you to attend this meeting and worship with us. If the Lord permits, we will follow this schedule:

We have invited Elder Joe Nettles of Vidalia, GA, and Elder David Stone of Statesboro, GA to be with us for this meeting.

We hope that you will be able to join us for all or part of this gathering. We would also ask for your prayers, that the Lord might be worshipped in spirit and truth in this service.

Sister Mona Miles was delighted to worship with one of her co-workers, Sabrina. (below)



Frequent visitors, Ruby and Reynold Sukal, from Winter Garden, have become like family to us.

Moving for the Right Reasons

By Sister Robin King

My husband, Brandon, has been a member of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church since 2005, I joined the church shortly after we got married in 2010. We lived in Tampa and made the 164 mile round trip every Sunday. Brandon told me that he wanted to move closer to the church but was hesitant due to his son being in Tampa. After much consideration, I was on the job hunt. Since we are both Registered Nurses, I prayed that if this was the right thing to do, God would find us jobs. I applied for a couple different jobs and it wasn't until I was recovering from surgery when I got a call for an interview. I drove to Kissimmee and was hopeful, although far from Winter Garden, I felt it would have been a step in the right direction. I then received a call from a hospital just 5 minutes from the church. I interviewed and not only was I offered a job, but they were very interested in hiring Brandon as well.

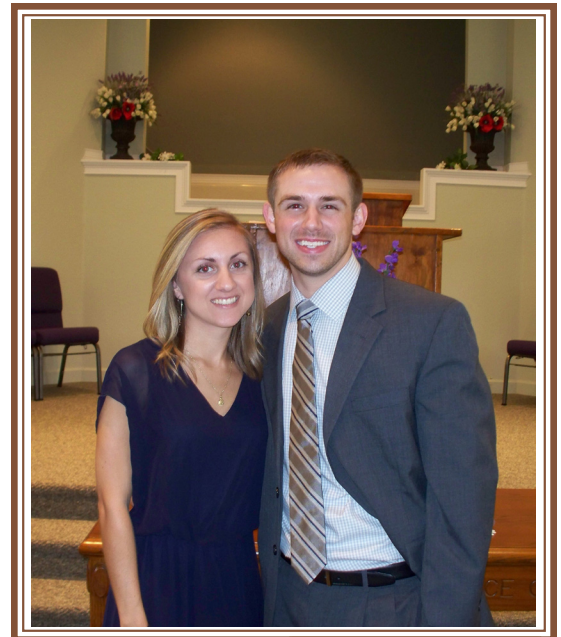
So, step one, get jobs, step two, find a place to live. We found a cute house and put in an offer on a house and prayed about it. With time and our lease running out, we needed to find somewhere to live. Brother Don and Sister Jackie Watkins pulled us aside one Sunday afternoon and offered to have us stay with them until we found a house. We packed up our life in Tampa, said our good byes and journeyed east to Winter Garden. Our church came together and welcomed us by helping to move our things.

We decided to build a new house just a mile and a half from the church. Delays on the house resulted in Brandon and I needing to get an apartment, since the holidays were upon us and the uncertainty of our house being finished. Again, we recruited the help of our fellow church family help us move into an apartment. It was farther from the church but at least we were here. I felt we took one step forward and two steps back. I prayed every day and asked God, "Did we make the right decision?"

After eight months of feeling like a nomad, Brandon and I closed on our house and for the last time, asked for help to move. I was unsure of how many folks would be able to help. Brandon reassured me that we would have plenty of help. On a cool March morning, I was shocked to see

about 25 of our church family members, as well as a few of my family members from Tampa show up to help us. Sister Jackie took photos of our move, Sister Pat watched Nathan and Lorianne so Mary could help. Karen, Stephanie, and little Joshua organized my kitchen as boxes came in. The young men did all the "heavy lifting". The Morton family took Connor for the day. We bought lunch for every one, but I felt that it was the very least I could do. Seeing all the people who came to our rescue, made me realize, this was worth all the struggles we went through to get to this place.

I thanked God for all that He has blessed us with. It was a tough journey, but like many families before us, the Blanchards, the Watkins, the Lawrences, and individuals who made the sacrifice for the right reasons; being closer to church, being able to fellowship, being able to help each other, God has surely been a presence. It has been almost six months since we moved into our new home. I hope and pray that we will not be the last family to make the right decision, to move for the right reason.



We were blessed to hear Brother Derek Kitchens, pictured with fiancé, Sammie, conduct services for us one Sunday.



Photo above shows Sister Robin with husband, Brandon and son, Connor, at their new home. To the left, Elder Glenn helps with the move.

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Kid's Corner

Daniel/Jonah

1. When King Nebuchadnezzar asked Daniel to interpret his dream, Daniel prayed to God for _____.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of what metal?
3. God communicated to King Belshazzar with handwriting on a _____.
4. Who was the only person who could interpret the handwriting?
5. When God sent Jonah to Ninevah Jonah instead fled to _____.
6. Jonah tried to hide in a boat heading to _____.
7. After Jonah was thrown overboard, the sea grew _____.
8. When the fish vomited Jonah on dry land, the Lord told Jonah to go to _____.
9. Upon hearing Jonah's message, the people of Ninevah _____ and wore sackcloth.
10. For shelter, God gave Jonah a _____.