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Protecting Sheep & Lambs

By Elder Dolph Painter

How do we tell the difference between longsuffering and foolish suffering (Rev 2:20)? How do we know when we ought to switch from making peace to naming names (1 Tim 1:1-20)? From tolerance to discernment (Rev 2:24-25)? From hoping all things to sounding the alarm (Gal 2:4-5)? These are not easy questions. Consider a parallel:

Shepherds' responsibilities are all about protection: from predators, from disease, from being led astray, from fear, from polluted water, poisonous vegetation...so when a sheep endangers self, a shepherd shelters that sheep. But when a sheep endangers the fold, a shepherd shelters the fold.

Paul taught sons in the ministry to behave like shepherds. To those harming themselves, Paul said to be patient (2 Tim 2:23-26). But to those harming others,

Paul was impatient. He said, shun the profane, identify the babbler, and cauterize the canker (2 Tim 2:16-18). Who was Paul loving when he named Phygellus, Hermogenes, Hymenaeus, Philetus, Alexander, and Demas? He was loving pastors, but he was also loving babes, when he warned their pastors.

Yes, in times past our people have too quickly declared folks out of order. But the other extreme is to say nothing about false doctrine and false teachers. How do we know when to speak up? Pray, read, and pray some more. And if convicted – Pray, read, and pray some more. May God guide us!

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The McCool and Whitehead families joined us for Sunday worship service. The young people at Winter Garden are always happy to be together with these families.



Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

The fact sheet for the 2014 Defense of the Faith Seminar is an insert in this Newsletter. Please read it carefully and see if there is any way you can assist us in this meeting. We are really excited about hosting it for the first time, and would love to have as many as feel led, to assist us.

Also, the dates for the Florida Fellowship Meeting are February 27, 28, and March 1st of 2015. The Winter Garden PBC is scheduled to host this meeting also. We'll have the details on that meeting in the next Newsletter. The hotel for the meeting is the same one as for the Defense of the Faith Seminar.

Two wonderful opportunities to "warm up" in the winter months, attend church meetings, and visit the "Vacation Destination" of the world. We look forward to seeing you.

WGPBC Families



Summer brings visitation from our extended families and we are thankful for it.

Photo on left is the Anderson family, Ben and Julie with children, Hannah, Abby, Gavin and Asher, and grandparents, Dan and Lana Snurr from Missouri.

Photo above is the Blanchard family, (seated) Noreen, with her mother, Diane Daniels, Bob and (standing) Jay, Jamie Engel and Ray.

We are always thrilled to welcome our families and worship together.

Meeting Notices

November Meeting, Little Union PBC, Lithia, FL

Please join us in worship at at our Annual November Meeting – 11/6/2014 – 11/9/2014.

Invited Ministers: **Elders Philip Conley and David Montgomery**

Thursday – 7 PM Worship

Friday – 7 PM Worship, 5:45 PM Fish Fry

Saturday – 10:30 AM Worship, lunch, 5:45 PM

Supper, 7 PM Worship

Sunday – 10:30 AM Worship

Little Union is pastored by **Elder Chris Crouse**.

Annual Meeting, Little Zion PBC, Davenport, FL

Little Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Davenport, Fl. is planning our Annual Meeting Sept. 12- 14, 2014. All are invited so please make plans to join us. Invited guest ministers are **Elder Michael Green, Elder Dan Parker and Elder Philip Conley**. Meeting schedule is:

Friday Sept 12th 7:30 pm services

Sat. Sept. 13th 10:00am services-lunch to follow

2: 00 pm communion service

6:00 pm fish fry

Sun. Sept. 14th 10:30am service- lunch to follow

Little Zion is located at 3333 County Road 547 North, Davenport, FL 33837 and is served by **Elder Mark Nunley**.

Minister's Meeting, Shoal Creek PBC, Canton, GA

Shoal Creek Church in Canton, GA invites you to the 2014 Minister's Meeting, which will be held at our church on November 11-13. We will begin the meeting at 9:00 am on Nov. 11 and conclude at noon on Nov. 13. Everyone is invited to attend and participate with us. We will have twelve sessions during this time on the subject of "Ministering to All Age Groups". What brought this up was - for the first time in the history of America-we are worshipping,

working and living with four generations of people. These are sometimes called:

- "Traditionalists, 1925-1945";
- "Baby Boomers, 1946-1964";
- "Generation X, 1965-1980";
- "Millennials, 1981-2000".

All these generations have been uniquely influenced by the world in which they were raised. God's word is a perfect furnisher to all these generations, and we need to know how to apply it to all these age groups. How do we teach, baptize, and continue to teach all these age groups? Christ's disciples were taught to obey God's Word by what they heard Jesus teach, and, more importantly, by what they saw Jesus do.

We are pleased to have you come and learn, enjoying the word of God with some of God's called messengers. If you are planning to be with us, the church at Shoal Creek requests that you please reply to us (RSVP) so we can better serve you at this meeting. We will serve all the meals, and have a motel lined up for your stay. Please let us know by Oct. 1st if you can be with us. During this year's meeting, we will have more time for prayers and dialogue, which was a request from last year. Every year it is always asked what the dress code for the meeting is; it is "Church Casual". We will also take up a "Love Offering/Contributions" to help with the expense of the meeting. We are planning to spend three days learning from God's word, and we want to treat you as best as we can and make you as comfortable as possible. Please start now praying for this Minister's Meeting, because without God's blessing, it will not prosper. The Minister's wives are planning their "Retreat" again this year it will be held in Lake Arrowhead near the church. Any minister's wife is invited to attend. If you want to know more about this please contact Debra Cagle at 770-853-1156 and she can reserve you a place.

The motel we have arranged for your stay is in Jasper, GA 12 miles from the church. The rates are \$63.74+tax for two queen beds per night, one queen bed \$55.24+tax, or a Suite \$72.24+tax. Please ask for the Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church Meeting.

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We were delighted to welcome visitor, Erica. Erica is a friend of the Anderson family.



We enjoy the company of visitors, Vic and Janet from Winter Garden.

Ben and Julie Anderson asked for a home at Winter Garden PBC. They are a great blessing to our congregation



Walk About Zion

by Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr. from his book “The Daily Record” The First Year in Retrospect

“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, but rather, the glorious doctrines that we greatly rejoice 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 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.

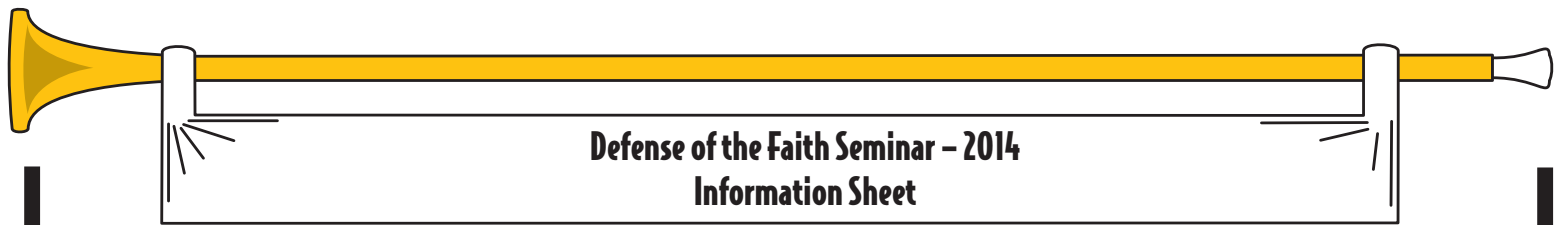
Having accurately observed this bulwark, we will rejoice in the bulwark of “U” which stands for God’s Unconditional Election. This bulwark is always appreciated after we have observed the tower of depravity. This glorious doctrine reveals the sovereignty of God as He chose a people and lifted them out 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 (Ephesians 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. It was limited to those for whom He died. Either He died for all the sins of all people; or He died for some of the sins of all people; or He died for all the sins of some people. Surely, the latter reveals the doctrine of Christ. We may be sure that all who call upon Him and love Him are included in this work.

“T” 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 them 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!



Defense of the Faith Seminar – 2014 Information Sheet

The Defense of the Faith Seminar is designed to give instruction in the things that Primitive Baptists believe. It is a rare opportunity to attend a meeting with several Primitive Baptist ministers with the object of teaching our articles of faith. This is a seminar and will be conducted as such. Presentations will be made by selected Primitive Baptist ministers. They will have handouts and will have prepared their presentations. This is not to be confused with a Primitive Baptist worship service.

When: December 30, 31 2014 and January 1, 2015.
Tuesday and Wednesday will be full days.
Thursday will be a half-day.

Where: Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church
943 West Story Road
Winter Garden, Florida 34787
407-656-7007

Target Audience: We welcome everyone that wishes to attend. The presentations, however, will be aimed at the 14-25 age group.

What is provided: Meals, materials, facility, etc.

Designated Hotel: Red Roof Inn, 11241 West Colonial Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34761
407-347-0140

Information: Elder Glenn Blanchard
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Winter Garden, Florida 34787
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Benefits: Intense instruction on what we believe, fellowship with like minded people, close fellowship with some of our finest Primitive Baptist ministers, and yes, Florida in December!

Naturally, there are many details to be ironed out. Please call me with your questions.



WINTER GARDEN Primitive Baptist Church

July 16, 2014

Dear Friends,

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church is excited to be holding the 2014 Defense of the Faith Seminar this year. The Bible declares *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"* Psalm 11:3. Our young people are deluged with false teaching every day. The assault on their Christian beliefs comes from the reading list in English class to the movies, television and the large amount of time they now spend on computers.

Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth", and he was staring truth in the face! I'm afraid that many of our young members will have the same problem. Even Christian churches today cannot be trusted to teach the foundational truths that we hold so dear. Our goal is that our young people can resist modern temptations with an arsenal of primitive truths.

Therefore, it is our job to see that our young people are equipped to withstand the onslaught of error that they hear every day. This seminar is designed to disengage our participants from the media for 2 ½ days and give them intense instruction on our Articles of Faith. After each session there will be time for participants to question the presenters about the subject matter at hand.

This is a seminar, not a church service. It is designed to strengthen those that attend so that they can go back to their home churches and be better grounded, and better members of their home church. Not cast about with every wind of doctrine.

Please feel free to copy and distribute this letter and the enclosed fact sheet.

What do we need? Prayers for all concerned. Also an enthusiastic group of people willing to spend time being taught. If you feel impressed to send a tax deductible donation, mark the memo section of the check, DOF. I expect the expenses will be staggering.

This is a large undertaking for our little congregation. The young people at Winter Garden PBC have led the effort. They saw a need and refused to be deterred. May God bless them for their zeal. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me.

We are looking forward to Primitive Baptist ministers teaching the principles that once rocked the Roman Empire. Will you join us in this epic undertaking to spread the truth?

Elder Glenn Blanchard

Church News

New Members, Lower Mill Creek PBC, Statesboro, GA

Lower Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church rejoiced to baptize it's newest members on May 25th. (see photo on left). We thank God for His abundant blessings.



New Member, Palm Bethel PBC, West Palm Beach, FL

Elder Charles Dennis, pastor at Palm Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, was pleased to baptize newest member, Alfred Johnson. The church was delighted to welcome Brother Johnson as he followed the Lord in baptism.



Contributions

Larry Jones
Dorothy Lee
Elder Edwin & Linda Carter
Genese Carter
Joseph & Phyllis Fletcher
Adam Brooks
Leta Dunn

From the Past

Elder O. Strickland - An Autobiography and Obituary

WRITTEN BY ELDER STRICKLAND IN 1961:

I was the oldest son of Matthew and Martha Francis Strickland. The date of my birth was November 28, 1883, in Scott County Arkansas near the town of Waldron. I grew up in poverty, whatever we raised to eat that is what we had, my mother made the most of our clothing by carding and spinning cotton, and wool, and making our clothes with a needle and thread.

I have picked cotton in cold weather for 35 cents a hundred and not get a hundred pounds in a day. When I was 16 years old the cares of our family fell on my shoulders and this same year the great burden of sin and my accountability to God and also my duty to do whatever God required at my hands-stood before me like a mountain and is still standing.

I was working in a grade camp on the Arkansas Western Rail Road-it was a terrible place to be as they gambled until midnight most every night, I have never gambled, but I was watching a bunch play poker and shoot craps one night, and it occurred to me that I was the worst one in the tent. I stayed in this condition for a week or so.

I started for home one Sunday morning in a covered wagon, all at once, my burden was gone, and I never expect to be any happier than I was there.

I remember that the Saviour told a man that He had healed, to go home to his friends and tell them what great things the Lord had done for him-and I asked who is my friends and the answer seemed to be the Primitive Baptists, up to this time I had called them Hardshells, and hated them-But

the scene had changed-I went down and they went up-I fought these reactions until 1908.

I went to Tioga, Texas in a covered wagon to join the Church-but went through the three days and nights with out joining. After meeting was over I asked them to give me an opportunity-and I joined, and was baptized by Elder J. W. Herriage.

The first meeting after that they asked me to take part and I refused, until I went to Farmersville Texas where Elder J.B. Denton was Pastor-he almost picked me up and put me in the stand-and looked me in the eye-and said you are afraid of everything and nothing is going to hurt you, forget yourself-the congregation, and every thing else and think of something God said and to go to talking about it.

What good advice that was. I was ordained by the authority of East Fork Church near McKinney, Texas in Collins County, in 1909 by the following: Elder J.W. Herriage and Elder H.G. Ball and others were in the Presbytery.

I have tried to serve Churches in Rains County, Collins County, Knox County, Wilbarger County, Childress County, Floyd County, Crosby County, Young County and others that I am unable to remember. I have preached in twelve States-My latest sun is sinking fast-my race is nearly run.

OBITUARY WRITTEN BY ELDER W. A. (SONNY PYLES): Elder Strickland died in Wichita Falls, Texas hospital about noon Thursday, Dec. 1964 of a heart attack. The last years of his life were spent in suffering much of the time and he underwent several major operations during that time.

Elder Strickland's mannerisms, keen intellect, the sounding of his voice, his laughter and his appearance set him apart and identified him as a man unlike anyone else. His ability to condense wisdom into a few words had made him one of the most quoted ministers of his day.

His knowledge of the scriptures was profound until his dying hour. The wisdom he prayed to God for since his teenage days never left him, though his bodily strength ebbed away.

His final conversations were of the gospel he had preached, and lived every day of his life. He was a father to ministers, who are

Ruby and Reynald Sukal were joined by their daughter, Penny, husband, Greg, and children, Joel and Sydnie.



now laboring in different parts of the country, and to some who went before him.

Elder Strickland was a wonderful link with the past. He had associated and kept company with Elder Sylvester Hassell and S.A. and Dr. Paine, yet his vision into the future caused him to take a keen interest in the youngest of ministers. None who met him could ever forget him and all were richer from having known him. No sermon could be preached or article written that could properly pay tribute to this great, though imperfect man of God.

His life speaks for itself and will continue to speak as long as men remember him. ■

Marriage -Part 5

By Elder Buddy Abernathy

When a man and woman unite in the bonds of marriage, the happiness of their new life together is in part determined by how well they establish their home as a separate entity from the home of their parents. The failure to establish a new home in this manner is the cause of unrest in some marriages. In Genesis 2:24 we read, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." This verse is not instructing us to abandon or dishonor our parents when we marry. Such an interpretation would violate other biblical principles (Exo. 20:12 and 1 Tim. 5:4). However, it does clearly teach that the husband and wife are to leave their parents' homes and establish a separate home of their own.

Various circumstances can interfere with this important separation. The location of their home, with respect to their parents' homes, is an important consideration. Living near parents can be a blessing as long as the lines of separation are understood and respected. Each couple must consider their situation based on the tendencies of both themselves and their parents. While some newlyweds will find it necessary to move several miles away from their parents' homes, others may be able to live next door to their parents with no significant problems. It all depends on the commitment of the parents and children to maintain separate homes in the sense of establishing separate decision-making units. That's not to say that parents cannot provide encouragement and even counsel as God's word directs (Tit. 2:1-6). However, failing to recognize

God's structure can be the cause of strife between the homes of the married children and the parents. This is especially true if the parents interfere with their children's problems (Pro. 26:17) or if the children confide in their parents about problems that should be privately discussed between themselves (Mat. 18:15).

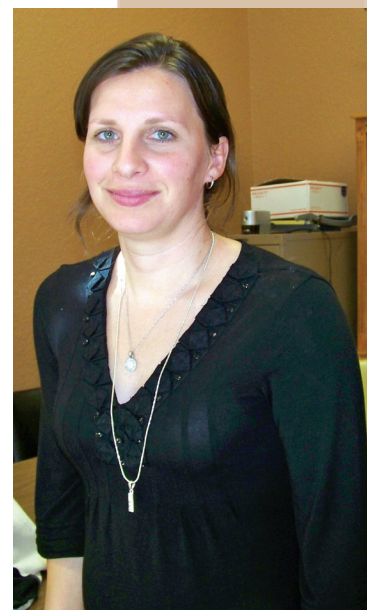
When children are born, tension may arise if the grandparents do not respect their children's responsibility to train their children. There are appropriate times for the grandparents to provide counsel with regard to the biblical method of training children (Gal. 6:1, Jam. 5:19-20); however, it is the responsibility of the parents to train and discipline (Pro. 1:8, Eph. 6:4). The grandparents need to make sure they do not spend too much time with their grandchildren, especially at the grandchildren's home (Pro. 25:17). Occasionally, in today's culture, the grandparents spend more time with their grandchildren than the parents. Oftentimes, this is the result when the mother of the children has a full time job. Grandparents can be excellent babysitters; however, the responsibility of raising children is placed on the parents. There are situations in which the grandparents are required to help raise the grandchildren. Too often, however, the parents allow the children to spend too much time with the grandparents because of choice, not necessity. I have often observed grandparents encourage this practice because they prioritize their desire to be with their grandchildren over their responsibility to encourage parental responsibilities.

As the world around us drifts farther away from the family structure that God ordained, may we exemplify the proper order of the home and thereby shine as lights in a confused society (Phi. 2:15). Furthermore, if you are part of the older generation, make sure the counsel you give your married children is based on the truth of scripture, not your emotions (Jer. 17:9). ■



Brother Jose Carerra shared time with friend, Young Choul Lee.

We always enjoy a visit from Lorelei Lopez and her beautiful family. Lorelei is a member at Camp Creek and is the daughter of Dick and Donna Lawrence.



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Dates to Remember in Florida

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Nov. 6-9 – Little Union Special Meeting,
Lithia, FL

Dec. 30-31, 2014, Jan. 1, 2015 – Defense of
the Faith Seminar, Winter Garden, FL (see
insert in newsletter)

Feb. 27-28, March 1 – Florida Fellowship
Meeting, Winter Garden, FL