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Spending a
Saturday at a local
ministry for the
homeless, several
of our members
practiced their
gardening skills.

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

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It is Written Again

By Elder Neil Phelan

"It Is Written Again" – "Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" – Matthew 4:7"- "The Daily Record, The First Year in Retrospect" by Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.

Our message today centers around one of the greatest battle scenes in history. This battle is not fought with bombs and missiles. It is fought with a weapon more **powerful** than all of these, the most powerful weapon found upon the face of the earth: "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God". The battle is between the Son of God and our arch-enemy, Satan. It is recorded for a purpose. As a general learns his enemy by studying their techniques in battle, so may every believer gain insight into Satan's methods by observing his attack upon the Son of God.

The most dangerous mistake that a general may make is to misjudge his enemy's arsenal. And so it is with this battle for truth. Though it may come as a surprise to some, we must realize: Satan knows scripture and he can quote it with precision. In this particular battle, Satan quotes Psalms 91:11,12 with skill and accuracy in his vain attempt to defile the Son of God. But our impeccable Lord was ready as He drew the sword and replied, "It is written again, "thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

"It is written again" is a **powerful** statement. It would not allow the devil to use a scripture for a purpose for which is was not intended. Nor will it allow us. We are to compare every doctrine; every principle; every truth that is set before us with all other scripture regardless of who is saying it or quoting it. Is there a "thus saith the Lord" attached to that principle, and if so does

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Pastor's Letter

Elder Glenn Blanchard

As we come to the close of the year it is a good time to evaluate our Christian walk for 2014 and plan for 2015. If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time. If you haven't read the Bible all the way through, that might be a good goal. Perhaps attending services with more regularity or getting to know some of the members in your church better. Or maybe being an encourager to someone that seems to go unnoticed. I'm sure you can come up with even more suggestions.

Don't forget the Defense of the Faith Seminar in Winter Garden and the Florida Fellowship in 2015, hosted by Winter Garden Church

May God bless you in the New-Year to draw closer to Him!

WGPBC Summer Events



Brother Jay Blanchard and Sister Faith Rees were overjoyed to announce their engagement. They are a delightful couple and we look forward to their union.



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it agree with the rest of the Bible? Each truth must be like the musician's instrument: it must harmonize with the whole orchestra or the score will be misrepresented. We must consider, "It is also written."

Peter put it like this: "Knowing this first - that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" – 2 Peter 1:20. The prophets were not allowed to privately interpret what God had said to them. They were not allowed to write according to what they wanted God to say. They wrote according to the movings and utterances of the Holy Ghost. They represented God's mind and not their own. Therefore, in 1999, [and in 2014] we are not allowed to privately interpret the Bible for ourselves. It still means what it did when it was penned. Some of the greatest mistakes in the history of religion have occurred from men either bending a scripture to make it suit their own personal ideas or by taking one scripture off to itself and making a religion out of it without comparing it to the whole. Since man is fallible, either avenue will prove a disaster for we can be sure that Satan will be around to help us out with his thoughts. We must always consider, "it is also written."

In this battle, none are exempt. It is fought every day in the trenches of life. It is fought in churches, in homes, in schools, in front of the television, in books, in articles, on billboards, in politics, governments and most importantly, in the heart of every believer. It is a battle between truth and error and the great weapon we have at our disposal is the word of God, the sword of the spirit. For our sword to be effective against our

enemy we must keep it sharp and carry it daily into battle. If we have learned from this battle, every principle that we embrace must agree with Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21. Lord, bless us with the spirit of discernment.



We enjoy frequent visitor, Rachel, from Missouri. Rachel is a friend of the Anderson family.

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.**

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



Also a guest of the Anderson family, Peyton worships with us frequently.



Brother Derrick welcomed his mother, Kay Sabo, from New York.

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 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.

MICROTEL Inn&Suites By Wyndham 171 H Mullins Court Jasper, GA 30143 706-299-5500 Email: microteljasper@ectmail.

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We were blessed to welcome visitors, Sharon and Austin Wauters from Jasper, AL



Fall Meeting, Radnor PBC, Nashville, TN.

Radnor Primitive Baptist Church at 503 Brewer Drive, Nashville TN. 37211 Phone 615-333-3073 invites you to our FALL MEETING on October 24 - 26, 2014.

Guest Minister: Elder Carl Staten from Little Flock PBC in Rogers, AR

Friday 7:00 pm ,Saturday 10:30 am (Lunch Following) Saturday 7:00 pm (Supper at 5:45), Sunday 10:30 am (Lunch Following) Please come, pray, sing and worship with us! For more information or directions:

http://radnorpbc.org/contact.html or contact: Elder Shannon Whipp: 615-837-1043 (pastor@radnorpbc.org), Church Clerk: Bro. Ron Box: 615-719-9934 (rbox@comcast.net).

Psalm 113:1 -3: Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised.

What is Life?

To the preacher, life's a sermon, To the joker, life's a jest. To the miser, life is money, To the loafer, life is rest.

To the soldier, life's a battle,
To the teacher, life's a school.
Life's a great thing for the thinker,
But a folly to the fool.

Life is just one long vacation,
To the man who loves his work;
But it's constant dodging duty,
To the everlasting shirk.

To the faithful, earnest worker,
Life's a story ever new;
Life is usually what we make itWhat, my friend, is life to you?
-Author unknown- Submitted by Sister
Marlene Melvin, Camp Creek Church,
Georgia

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 <u>teaching</u> 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 <u>is not</u> 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

771 Bending Oak Trail

Winter Garden, Florida 34787

321-917-1723

Benefits: <u>Intense instruction</u> on what we believe, <u>fellowship</u> with like minded people, close fellowship with some of our finest Primitive Baptist ministers, and yes, <u>Florida in December!</u>

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

2015 Florida Fellowship Meeting

The Florida Fellowship consists of a group of churches primarily in Central Florida (Shout out to our newbies MacClenny who did an awesome job hosting the 2014 meeting!) that come together once a year in February to join in fellowship with one another. We enjoy singing, praying, and preaching from ministers of like faith from around the nation. In the past, we have enjoyed the visitation of primitive baptists and friends from all over the U.S.of A! Beginning Friday, February 27th, 2015, Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church will be hosting this special event and we pray that you will be able to join us!

February 27-



943 West Story Road, Winter Garden, FL

Winter Garden/Ocoee area accommodations

- 1.) Red Roof Inn- 407-347-0140
- 2.) Fairfield Inn & Suites-407-573-1010
- 3.) The Historic Edgewater Hotel: Downtown Winter Garden-407-654-6921
- 4.) Best Western-407-905-4450
- 5.) Stage Stop Campground-407-656-8000

For more information regarding times and accommodations, please refer to www.wintergardenpbc.com or https://www.facebook.com/groups/FloridaFellowship2015/



Balaam's Talk & Walk

from The Moriah Newsletter, Dec. 2009, by Elder Dolph Painter

A casual reading of Numbers 22, 23, and 24 give a Bible reader the impression Balaam was a decent guy. He apologized for beating his beast (22:34), said no to a king (23:20), and spoke against a pagan world view (24:10), Nevertheless, the N.T. speaks poorly of Balaam (2Pe 2:16, Jude 11, Rev 2:14).

Why did the Holy Spirit inspire such negative comments toward Balaam? Didn't Balaam say all the right things? Yes, but Balaam's walk did not back his talk. Consider:

- 1. Balaam went: God told Balaam to go if they asked, but Balaam went without being asked. His words said no to reward, but his actions spoke otherwise (22:20-22).
- 2. Balaam ate: Balaam ate a sacrifice offered to an idol. Israelites heard his message, but imitated his actions (22:40, 25:1).
- 3. Balaam added: Balaam built altars on pagan worship sites. His words said no to compromise, but his actions spoke otherwise (23:1).
- 4. Balaam deviated: Balaam allowed a pagan king to assist his sacrifice. His words honored God, but his actions



spoke otherwise (23:29).

Balaam mingled: Balaam mixed magic into his ministry. His words said God's way was the only way, but his actions spoke otherwise (24:1).

Why does the N.T. speak so poorly of Balaam? Balaam incorporated the world into his ministry, and Israel followed. God and the world do not mix (James 4:4, 1John 2:15-16). May the Lord help us purge the world from our lives and our worship!

Tim and Anne Dirks along with their family from Fayetteville, NC, joined us for worship service.

Update on Gospel Labors in Africa

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ.

As many of you know, I came back from my last trip to Africa very sick. But thanks be to God and your prayers, the Lord spared me and I have recovered my health. For this I am indeed thankful.

Since that trip, Elder Charles Kenyanjui of Kenya and Elder Kenny Mwankenja of Tanzania have traveled to Zambia under the authority of the church in Dar Es Salaam and ordained Kezala Ngoma to the office of elder and constituted the fellowship into the Word of Life Primitive Baptist Church of Mumbwa.



Sister Faith Rees came forward to offer herself for membership. She was happily received by the congregation.

We were pleased to welcome Elizabeth Lee from Georgia.

We were thrilled to see the Hoskins family, Elder Marty, Twana, Drew, Hannah and Maddie. Elder Hoskins was greatly blessed to deliver our sermon.

Subsequently, Elder Kezala and the Word of Life Primitive Baptist Church have extended an

arm to a group of people worshipping in Lusaka, Zambia under the leadership of a Bro. Lyson Sakala, who has been studying with me for several years now mostly through email and through materials I have sent him. Moreover, another group of men under the leadership of Elijah Nyirenda of Lusaka have requested materials from me to study the doctrines of grace. This group apparently contains about 20 men who have previously preached for other orders of people.

The Word of Life fellowship under the assistance of good brethren and sisters in America have purchased a plot of land and are in the process of building a meeting house on the plot of land. They have done considerable work in making

and burning bricks for the structure.

The preacher brethren in Kenya, under the request of the Kiorina Primitive Baptist Church pastored by Elder Charles Kenyanjui, formed a presbytery and ordained two men to the office of Elder. One of the men is now pastor of a church that was without a pastor.



The Kiornia Primitive Baptist Church under their pastor Elder Charles Kenyanjui have began the process of purchasing a plot of land for a meeting house. They had raised some money and we have helped them out some and the Lord willing we hope to pay off the note in about 10 months.

On Sunday afternoon, 12 October, Elder Sam Bryant and I will be leaving for Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania to have studies and fellowship with a group of Elders and other preacher brethren. There will be five men from Kenya, one from Uganda, one from Zambia, and four or five men from Tanzania at these studies/fellowship. One of the men coming is from Mbeya, Tanzania and is Elder Obey's youngest brother who recently joined the Primitive Baptist church and is heading a fellowship in Mbeya. We hope to have at least 8 hours of study each day that we are there. Please pray for these meetings.

The work in Zambia is really seemingly to be ready to take off. I am currently studying with several men in several different parts of Zambia. I hope to make two trips to Zambia in early 2015. I hope to make one trip to the Kitwe, Zambia area and one trip to Lusaka, Zambia. There is a heavy concentration of men who seem very interested in learning more about the doctrines of grace and the Primitive Baptist Church. I do not like to travel alone on these trips even as the brethren in the book of Acts often travelled by two or more men on their preaching trips. Please pray with me that the Lord will lay it on the heart of one or more men to join me in these labors.

The brother I have mentioned previously from South Africa has been notified that his visa will not be renewed and he will be relocating to Lusaka, Zambia. This brother and his family are desirous to join the Primitive Baptist church.

Your brother and servant in Christ, Vernon Johnson Pastor Denton Primitive Baptist Church

Biography-Elder Cecil Darity

Elder Darity was born in Danville, Twiggs County, Georgia on December 9, 1922. His parents were Freeman Amazar and Erma Lee (Nobles) Darity. Elder Darity was born into a family of seven children: four boys and three girls. His mother first united with Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Danville while Elder Darity was just a babe in arms. His father united with Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia several years later. This is the same church where Elder Darity was ordained.

Elder Darity made his first effort to preach the gospel on the 3rd Sunday in May 1944 at Bethany Church near Fort Valley, Georgia. He was ordained to the ministry on October 20, 1945 at his home church. The ministers were: Elders A.J. Banks (his pastor), Elzie D. Bryant, Sr., E.L. Rhodes, W.H. Hancock, and George Riley Hunt.

Elder Darity has pastored a number of churches in central Georgia. Among them are Bethlehem at Macon, Beaver Creek at Perry, Providence at Roberta, Mt. Gilead at Tennille, Cedar Creek and Lebanon at Cordele, and Cool Springs at Danville, Georgia.

The former Miss Nancy Elizabeth McLeod and this capable minister have been married many years and both have

devoted themselves to serving this Primitive Baptists of Bibb and Twiggs County, Georgia.

Elder Darity was a special blessing to me. He gave me my firs out-of-state appointment and my first opportunity to preach an Annual Meeting. He loved young people and was a great encouragement to all he met. I loved him and miss him dearly.

Elder Glenn Blanchard



Brother Mike Mitchell from AL was delighted to be among lifelong friends, Pat Blanchard, Jackie Watkins and Donna Lawrence.

One Man's Life

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family...

He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself...

While he was still a young man the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to the cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat.

When he was dead he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that one solitary life. – Anon.



Enjoying the company of her granddaughter, Alexandria, is Sister Carolyn Phillips.

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