



New Hope Newsletter

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To commemorate Easter Sunday, some of the ladies wore beautiful hats.
This year Elder Blanchard joined in on the fun.

Patience in the 1st Degree – By Elder Dolph Painter

The Bible uses the word patience in three manners, or three increasing levels of difficulty. Patience's first level of difficulty comes with waiting, the second level of difficulty comes in doing, and the third level comes with persecution. Today's comments will focus on the first level of difficulty - that of waiting with calmness and composure for a particular event to occur.

Calmly waiting is the level of patience most commonly employed by our culture. Many readers may think the first level of difficulty is supposed to be the least difficult. True, we Americans do not wait patiently for our fast food. I suspect advertising agencies, easy credit and our instant gratification mindset has fueled that tendency.

King Saul is an example of a man who could not wait. Samuel asked Saul to tarry until his return, at which time Samuel promised to sacrifice. Saul made offering without Samuel. Confronted,

Saul's response was full of "mes", "myselfs", and impatience. Saul's impatience costs him dearly – 1 Samuel 13:8-13.

Abraham is an example of a man who waited on God. God promised to bless Abraham, Abraham's seed, and give Abraham's seed much land – Genesis 12:1-4. Abraham waited fifteen years, in his old age. Abraham's faithful obedience got him inducted into the Hall of Faith – Hebrews 11:8.

Patience requires faith in a God who keeps His promises. We lack faith and become impatient when we intervene as Saul did. We are impatient when we marry something less than a God fearing spouse – Proverbs 18:22. 2 Corinthians 6:14, or surrender rebellious children to cultural norms – Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:1-4. Calmly waiting comes with a confident expectation in a God who is faithful to provide – Hebrews 6:12. Let us not forget, God is a provider both of the big and the little things.

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Meeting Notices

Winter Garden Annual Meeting

Winter Garden PBC has planned their Annual Meeting for May 22 -24, Memorial Day weekend. Elder Marty Hoskins has promised to be with us for this special meeting. We plan to begin on Friday evening the 22nd, 7:30 P.M., with services on Saturday the 23rd, starting at 10:30 A.M., followed by Communion on Saturday evening. We will finish with regular services on Sunday the 24th, 10:30 A.M. For more information: Elder Glenn Blanchard, 321-917-1773.
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Nebraska Fellowship Meeting

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 319 W. 11th Street, Cozad, NE located at the corner of 11th & K Streets, will hold the 2015 Nebraska Fellowship Meeting on June 11, 12, 13, & 14th, 2015. Schedule of services are as follows: Thursday, at 7:30 PM: Singing & Prayer – Friday at 10 A.M., 1:30 P.M., & 7:30 P.M. – Saturday at 10 A.M., 1:30 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. – Sunday at 10 A.M. Lunch will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday following morning services. Supper will be served Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6 P.M. prior to evening services. For more information please contact Elder Thomas E. Bond, P.O. Box 303, Cozad, NE 69130, Phone 308-784-5518 (Home Phone) or 308-325-3957 (Cell). Also you can contact Deacon Howard Halbgewachs 75851 Road 419, Cozad, NE 69130, Phone 308-784-4320 (Home) or 308-325-3302 (Cell). Our church phone number is 308-784-2441, email: thomasbond13@yahoo.com, or email church at www.mtzionpbc.org.

Pastor's Letter - Elder Glen Blanchard



This is the time when the Primitive Baptists all over the country enjoy special meetings. There will be Association Meetings, Annual Meetings, Communion Meetings, etc. I have visited with a number of older members that can no longer attend services. They all say that they wish they could attend and wish that they had attended more when they had the chance. Now is that time, for those of us that can attend, to build those memories that we will cherish when we can no longer go to church. I encourage you to be active and participate while you can.



We were blessed to have Zelma Trotter and Margaret Wehner's family members, Debbie Echols and her daughter, Kaitlin Wehner worship with us.

We were delighted to worship with the Bullard family. Scott, Tammie, Kristin, Emily and Lauren are from North Carolina.



Mothers -

The Heart of the Home

Elder Neil M. Phelan, Jr.

"Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord" – I Samuel 1:20

It is at this time of the year that we focus our attention to that special person in our life that has meant so much to us all: our mother. We all have but one. While the Bible does not mention Mother's Day, it does say a lot about mothers and we find no greater example in all of scripture than that of Hannah, a godly mother.

We say "godly" because this is the attribute most profitable to motherhood. It is not her looks, her knowledge, her social status, her wit, her friends or her wealth, but rather those graces which flow from God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. If we were to take a poll of every child and ask them which attribute of their mother was most treasured, I believe the attribute would be found to be most precious. It is here that we find the graces of Christ: sacrifice, security, warmth, love and compassion. Is it not so in your case?

Of all the things that Hannah could become in her life, there was nothing she wanted to be more than a mother. She placed this great honor above fortune and fame. Therefore, we find this request at the top of her prayer list. When her son was born into this world she named him 'Samuel.' Samuel means 'asked for.' This is a refreshing thought in a day in which freedom and pleasures are placed above this godly calling.

It is always great worshiping with out of town guests. From Maryland, Cynthia and Wayne Shaw and Bill and Nancy Ruble.



The word 'mother' is a warm expression. It suggests three: wife, husband and child. It suggests a home. This is the purpose of motherhood, to have a home. As a matter of fact, that is the Bible definition of a mother: "the bond of the home." We might extend the thought to the "heart" of the home.

According to the examples that we find in scripture, there is more to being a mother than having a baby. From the examples of Hannah, Eunice, Lois, and Moses's mother, we find the mother to be many things. But one that stands out above all others is that of being a teacher of good things. These mothers taught their children about the Lord. And what an impact it had upon their lives. If you trace the footsteps of Samuel, Moses and Timothy, you will find God's promise to be true: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6.

History can not erase the indelible impression that godly mothers have had upon families; towns; societies, and countries. Abraham Lincoln's mother died when he was nine. But in the short time he had

with his mother, she had a powerful influence upon his life. In his later years he said, "All I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. I can remember her prayers, and they have always followed me." In just nine years, a mother can accomplish much.

Mothers not only have an impact upon the lives of their children, but upon all of society as well. Wm. Ross Wallace wrote, "They say that man is mighty, He governs land and sea, He wields a mighty scepter O'er lesser powers that be; But a mightier power and stronger Man from his throne has hurled, For the hand that rocks the cradle Is the hand that rules the world." The godly mother is a blessing to all of humanity. God knew what he was doing when he placed her in the heart of the home.

Indeed, the call of motherhood is great. It is a life of sacrifice that yields a bountiful reward. As we consider our mothers today, let us consider the unselfish sacrifice of every part of her:

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Mothers - The Heart of the Home

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"The heart of her, that beat against my own
The love of her, out-breathed in every tone
The eyes of her that saw my smallest grief
The feet of her, that flew to my relief
The hands of her, that mind and body fed
The voice of her, that soothed and comforted
The ears of her that heard my childish plaint
The face of her, with halo like a saint
The lips of her that smiled her motherhood
The mind of her, my own that understood
The prayers of her-Oh, I would worthy be
Of all my mother was, and is, to me." – Ida Scott Taylor

Lord, we thank thee for godly mothers!



Letters

3/5/14

Brother Glenn,

We appreciate so much the hard work by the members of Winter Garden in hosting the Fellowship Meeting. It was a blessing to be able to hear our local as well as the visiting ministers. I would like to request a copy of the sermons. If you intend to post the sermons on your website please don't have anyone go to the trouble of sending any CD's, we will just listen to the sermons on-line. Thanks again so much, we all know how much work and planning is involved.

May the Lord reward you all for your good works. Via email
– Elder Chris Taylor, Pastor, Antioch Primitive Baptist Church,
Vero Beach, FL



Enjoyed wonderful
fellowship with:

Charles Crawford of Winter
Garden (above)

Don and Sandy Hamilton
from Rock Springs PBC, KY
and son, Dustin, with wife,
Tiffany, from Orlando (left)

Eddie Wilson from Tyner, KY
(below)





Steve and Kim Engmann were joined by Steve's cousin, Kay Marx. (left)



Elder Glenn Blanchard's brother, Clyde, visited with his friend Kathy. (right)

Brother Glenn,

It was so good to be with you and the brethren at Winter Garden on the fourth Sunday of February. We enjoyed seeing faces that we hadn't seen in many years and making new friendships.

Please give our thanks to whomever was responsible for putting the Florida Fellowship sermons on the website. We have listened to the first two and enjoyed them greatly and anxiously look forward to listening to the rest!

May God bless today as we worship Him. Via email

Don Hamilton, Rock Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Booneville, KY

Dear Bro. Glenn,

Thank you and all involved in providing us this paper. It is very cheering in a biblical way.

Please change my mailing address.

In Christian bonds,

Elder Roger Campbell

Dayton, TN

Elder Blanchard,

Praying that God brings you many BLESSINGS for your kindness. Thank you for sending the DVDs for our use at Luling PBC [Texas] while we wait on the Lord to send a new pastor our way. We will certainly be blessed by the messages you shared.

In Christ,

Carl & Connie Weyel

San Antonio, TX

***Kjungja Park
worshipped with
relatives from South
Korea, Kyangbok
Namgung and
Soonye Park.***





It is such a blessing to see such little ones hard at play, Ashley going shopping around the church. (left) It was great getting to know the Moss family from Gordo, AL. (center) James, a friend of Erline Pierre-Luis, joined us in February. (right)

BIOGRAPHY - Elder Pay Byrd

written by Lynn Pyles Bruce

Patrick Henry "Pat" Byrd of Twin City, Georgia, will always be one of the most quoted ministers among all who knew him. He is remembered for his quick wit, his ability to condense years of wisdom into a short proverb, his broad scope and deep insight in the scriptures. Elder Sonny Pyles often refers to him as "the greatest systematic theologian I ever knew among the Primitive Baptists." At age 58, Elder Byrd married Miss Bossie Cowart, a spinster school teacher who is also vividly remembered as a faithful minister's wife and a true Southern lady given to hospitality. He was mentally sharp and spiritually profound to the time of his death at past ninety years of age, in 1976. Elder Byrd was a great influence on several ministers who still serve in the 21st Century.

Elder Pat Byrd – written by Elder Manning Temples in "Gospel Appeal"

Brother "Pat," as he was affectionately known by the host of church brothers and sisters who knew him, experienced a call to preach the gospel at an early age. He had been reared in a Methodist family, and preached about a year for the Methodists. However, after being enlightened to the doctrine of the depravity of man, and

the doctrine of sovereign grace he felt he could no longer remain with those who preached a universal atonement and the free will of man. He accordingly united with Hebron Primitive Baptist Church in November 1906. In June of 1908 he left Hebron and went to Baptist Rest Church of the Progressive Primitive Baptists in Twin City, GA. He was ordained to the ministry at Baptist Rest Church on May 22, 1909. He remained with the progressive order until the year 1916, when he returned to Hebron Church, and was subsequently ordained to the ministry there on October 21, 1916. In September 1920 he moved his membership to Old Canoochee Church, where it remained until November of 1941, at which time he moved it to the Vidalia Church. In 1945 he moved his membership back to Old Canoochee, where it remained until the time of his death. He served as Pastor to many churches in southeast and central Georgia during the 66 years he preached for the Primitive Baptists. He also traveled extensively in the South, Midwest, and Eastern sections of the country, and was highly esteemed wherever he went.

Florida Fellowship

We were richly blessed during the Florida Fellowship through the presence of the Holy Spirit in the preaching, singing of hymns, and the fellowship of like-minded believers. All of the messages can be heard online at www.wintergardenpbc.com.



Pictured on the back: a friendly Winter Garden police officer took time to allow some children of the church to explore his police car, and field the many questions that they had.



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