

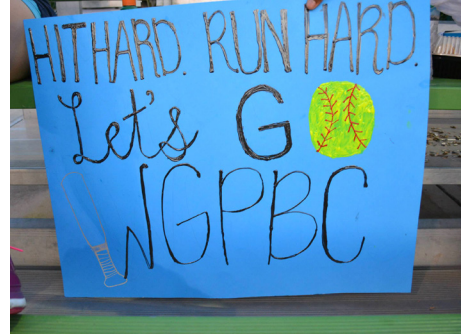


# New Hope Newsletter

*A Publication of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church*



Some of the men from Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church have joined a softball league. A large number of the congregation enjoys cheering them on. It is a blessing to see them start each game with a word of prayer.



## Initial and Add-on Gifts - By Elder Dolph Painter

The Bible often couples spiritual gifts with a command to grow, increase, add to... Let us consider a few gifts so as to understand how this happens:

If any lack wisdom, ask God – James 1:5. A fool will not ask for wisdom – Romans 3:11. It takes wisdom to ask for wisdom. From whence does initial wisdom come? How does add-on wisdom come? God gives both, but initial wisdom is given to passive man and add-on is given to active man. Solomon is an example of a man who had wisdom, yet asked for more wisdom – 1 Kings 3:5, 11-12.

If any desire the Holy Spirit, ask God – Luke 11:13. A depraved man will not ask for the Spirit – 1 Corinthians 2:14. It takes a portion of the Spirit to ask for the Spirit. From whence does initial Spirit come? How does add-on Spirit come? God gives both, but initial is given to passive man and add-on is given to active man. Elisha is an example of a man who had the Spirit, yet asked for more of the Spirit – 2 Kings 2:1-15.

Increase my faith – Luke 17:3-5. A

man without faith cannot ask for faith – Romans 8:7-8. It takes a certain amount of faith to ask for faith. From whence does initial faith come? How does add-on faith come? God gives both, but initial faith is given to passive man and add-on is given to active man. The lunatic's father is an example of a man who had faith, yet asked for more faith – Mark 9:20-29.

Those with love, increase – Philippians 1:9. A man without love will not ask for a greater capacity to love – Ephesians 2:1-3. It takes love to want to love more. From whence does initial love come? How does add-on love come? God gives both, but initial love is given to passive man and add-on is given to active man. The Thessalonian Church is an example of a group who had love, yet sought to love more – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10.

Wisdom, faith, love, and ministries of the Holy Spirit are multi-faceted. May we thank God for initial gifts, and seek the add-on.

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## Pastor's Letter - Elder Glen Blanchard

I would like to use this space to tell you about our Annual Meeting this past May. Elder Marty Hoskins and his family came here and became part of our church family for three days. Elder Hoskins preached a wonderful series of messages and the Lord truly blessed him with the spirit of preaching.

On Saturday, Sister Kyla Morley came forward and asked for a home in the church. She gave a wonderful testimony and was warmly received and baptized that afternoon. She took her first communion with us that evening.

I have thought it strange that during communion, the ministers sit up front and are waited upon by the deacons. Then we go into the feet washing service and talk about humility. So this time I did something different. I asked the

ministers present if they would serve the wine and bread. They agreed! So Elder Hoskins, Elder Chris Taylor and I served communion to the entire assembly. The comments I received were all favorable.

Elders Chris Crouse, Charlie Dennis, and Clayton Peterson were also there on Saturday morning. We enjoyed good visitation from churches in the area.

On Sunday morning, Sisters Hannah and Abby Anderson came forward asking for a home in the church. They are the daughters of Brother Ben and Sister Julie Anderson who are also members of our church. They are the granddaughters of Elder John Anderson, so we know they come from good stock!

We thank God for a wonderful spirit-filled meeting.



During our annual meeting we were excited to welcome three new members who chose to make a profession of faith through baptism. To the left Hannah and Abby Anderson and to the right Kyla Morley.





## Meeting Notices

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### **Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church's Annual Meeting - First Primitive Baptist Association of Oklahoma**

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, located at 9010 S. Fairview Drive, Oklahoma City OK, 73159-6408, Phone 405-703-1728

**Services:** Thursday, July 9th - sandwich supper at 5:30 PM, Services at 7:00 PM  
Friday, July 10th - 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM services  
Saturday, July 11th - breakfast at 8:30 AM, morning and afternoon services  
Sunday morning services on July 12th.

Please see our website at [www.pbokc.org](http://www.pbokc.org) for other information that may be of assistance.

### **Coastal Fellowship Meeting Zion Primitive Baptist Church**

Invited Minister: Elder Tim McCool

**Services:** Friday, July 10 - 7:00 PM ~ Light Meal Before Services  
Saturday, July 11 - Breakfast 7:30-9:30 AM, Services, Lunch  
Sunday, July 12 - Services, Lunch  
Also, July 8 & 9 (Wed & Thur), 7:00PM, Elder McCool is to preach for us.

Zion Primitive Baptist Church  
295 Old Jesup Rd.  
Brunswick, GA 31522

Announced By: Brother Raymond L. Philips.

### **Little Hope Association Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church**

**Services:** Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22 - Morning and Afternoon each day, beginning at 10:00 AM

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church  
12 Miles West of Maplesville, AL

Contact: Elder Wayne Crocker 205-292-1338;  
[Waynecrocker41@yahoo.com](mailto:Waynecrocker41@yahoo.com)

### **Little River Association Union Primitive Baptist Church**

335 Cox Rd.  
Roswell, Ga. 30075

**Services:** Thursday, August 13 - 7:00 PM  
Friday, August 14, 10:00 AM All Day  
Saturday, August 15 10:00 AM

Contact: Elder Marty Smith 770-401-7982; [brothermks@gmail.com](mailto:brothermks@gmail.com); [www.unionpbc.com/wordpress/](http://www.unionpbc.com/wordpress/)

### **Union Meeting, Old Carroll Primitive Baptist Church**

Second Weekend October 2015  
Point Of Rocks, MD

**Services:** Friday 6:00PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM  
Sunday 10:00 AM

Contact: Elder Jonathan Cook [micromusic@comcast.net](mailto:micromusic@comcast.net)

Fourth Weekend of March 24-26, 2016

### **Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church**

Headland, AL

**Services:** Meeting will conclude after the Saturday afternoon service.

Contact: Elder Clayton Nowell, 334-405-9682;  
[clatonnowell@yahoo.com](mailto:clatonnowell@yahoo.com)  
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### **Annual Meeting Old Carroll Primitive Baptist Church**

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# A Sinner's Thoughts - By Elder Ernie Bryson

## The New Christian

When the Apostle Paul stood before Felix, he spoke of righteousness, temperance, and the judgment to come. Today's "Christian" wants no part of such things. To understand righteousness, one must confess that they are depraved by nature and prone to sin. They must acknowledge that they are unwilling and unable to come to God in their depraved state. They are dead in trespasses and in sins and God must give them spiritual life before they can even believe in Him. This puts man in an impotent position and today's Christian will have no part of it.

Paul spoke of temperance. Temperance is self-control. We live in a world today that is practically void of self-control. Today's Christian follows suit with the world. Every sin now has an excuse for it and most are now being protected and defended by the laws of the land. In the name of "love," "choice," and "equality," Christians have joined the masses in turning a blind eye to sin and have joined the ranks of the disobedient; which brings us to the concept of judgment.

Any concept of judgment has long since been lost. Judgment has become the new four-letter word. We live now in an "anything goes" society. Anyone who acknowledges the sin of another is simply prejudiced, discriminating, or a bigot. Today's Christian condones all sins, embraces all lifestyles, and defines their own standard. In the last several days I have listened as professed "Christians" dismantle the Word of God and twist it to conform to their worldly view of life.

I have heard the Bible called "outdated," "fallible," "erroneous," and "behind the times." These words did not come from the world. They came from those that have professed a faith in Christ. These viewpoints are now held and advocated by those in the pews and the pulpits of "churches" across the country. The "new Christian" no longer holds any similarity to his namesake. They are self-willed, self-governed, self-taught, self-lead, and self-absorbed.

For years we stood upon the walls of the church, with swords drawn, fighting off our enemies. We were determined that nothing would breach the walls and hinder our service to God. We spent so many years protecting ourselves from without, that, we didn't realize the problem was within. The world has found its way in. Despite all of our efforts, our thoughts and our minds have been conformed before our eyes. Grandparents have watched as their children and their grandchildren abandon the faith and trade it in for a watered-down version. They have watched as our young people embrace the world, condemn the faithful, and mock their creator with their lives. We live now in the age of acceptance and "love." We live now in an age without rules and without any purpose other than our own.

As Paul spoke before Agrippa, the king responded, "almost." "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Today's Christian has abandoned almost – have convinced themselves that they are Christian. They have convinced themselves that Christ would have them live the ungodly lives they now embrace.

Conviction and conscience are no more. They find no conviction in their actions because their actions are justified in their own eyes. Their Bible, their church, their God, and their Christ is one patterned after the world and its wickedness. There stands now, no obstacle between them and complete self-destruction.

I pose the challenge to you dear reader. Revival will not come from the church. It will not come from the pulpit. It is not governed by the Pastor. Revival must start with you, the individual. You must stand up even if you stand alone. You must remain faithful even if all forsake Him. You must remain vigilant even if family and friend reject you. YOU must decide. The salmon does not swim upstream, against the current, because it is easy. They do it because it is necessary for their survival. You are in the same situation. The current is strong. I know you feel it pulling you downstream. It is at our weakest moments that we must lean on God's strength. Swim. Climb. Stand. Walk. Perhaps, by your actions others will find the courage to follow suit. It is time for God's people to abandon our idle existence. It is time for us to stand in the gap. It is time for us to face the lions, endure the fire, and face the giants. It is time for us to be who we were called to be. Turn us, Oh, God. Give us grace to be your people once again. Perhaps the time has come to abandon "Christian" and go back to following Christ.



Two of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church's finest. Faithful followers of Christ Sister Edna Gordon and Sister Zelma Trotter.



We enjoyed having visitors Carol Bergman, from Golden Pond Nursing Home in Winter Garden, her caretaker Joan Reid and their friends Colleen, Vic and Janet, also from Winter Garden.



Selena Taylor, a Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church member, with frequent visitors Peyton Downs and Elizabeth Lee.



## Addiction - By Drew Hoskins

(Originally published in the April 2015 issue of the Dallas Primitive Baptist Church Newsletter)

What do you think of when you hear the word addiction? I would venture to say that most commonly the word is used in reference to drugs and/or alcohol. Given my line of work, I come across many people who have addiction problems. I have seen what things like heroin, meth, marijuana, alcohol, etc. have done to people's lives. Some of these people were and are good people who made a few wrong choices and now they are going down a slippery slope. Once you are abusing drugs it becomes very hard to walk away from it. Some people care enough about themselves and those around them to go to rehab and get clean. Some go to rehab because it is court ordered, and as soon as it is over, they go back to using.

I want to take a step back and look at addiction at another angle. Most people can look around at a group of people and pick out the drug users in the crowd. Maybe they are covered in sores, have lost their mind, have some weird twitch, or just look well older than they are. Let's think about this for a second. How easy is it to look around and point out the people who are addicted to Church, Jesus, etc.? Addiction does not only apply to drugs. It could be that TV show you watch every day at the same time, your job you put long hours into, or maybe even the smartphone you have in your pocket. Anything you have in your life that you do on a regular basis that has a bad influence on your spirituality is a worldly addiction. Some of these addictions are just as hard to get rid of as a drug addiction. Things like ego, pride, denial, or apathy get in our way. Many Christians are addicts of these worldly things, and just like people on drugs, too much of these worldly things will begin to change your appearance. You will become less careful of what you say and do, and look more secular in appearance.

When we begin to see this negative change in our life we need to care enough about ourselves and those around us to go to rehab, and the best rehab center for worldly problems is the Church. We need to replace our bad addiction with a good one, and if you are going to take up a good addiction, it does not get any better than Jesus, Himself. If you will become addicted to Jesus it will change your appearance, perception, and life just like any other addiction will. The only difference is, this addiction will have a positive effect on your life, and maybe even those around you.

Be someone who cares enough to go to Church. Be the one who realizes they may have some bad worldly addictions and take Church more seriously. Be that

person that people will pick out of a crowd as a Jesus addict.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (KJV) Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Psalms 50:15 (KJV) And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Matthew 5:16 (KJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

About the Author: Drew Hoskins is the son of Elder Marty and Sister Twanna Hoskins. At time of this writing, Drew is 20 years old and a member of the Dallas Primitive Baptist Church in Dallas, GA. Currently, Drew is employed be the Paulding County Sheriff's Office where he serves as a Detention Officer while waiting for the opportunity to go to mandate school so that he can be an "on the road" deputy.



We were fortunate to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit when Elder Marty Hoskins preached at our annual meeting. Pictured here with his lovely wife Twanna, and daughters Hannah and Maddie from Dallas Primitive Baptist Church in Georgia.

## Letter

Dear Elder Glenn Blanchard,

St. Andrew Primitive Baptist Church Hosted the Twenty-Second Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting, April 16- 19, 2015. The Lord graciously blessed us during this Meeting with the joyous feeling of His presence with us and He mightily blessed the preachers with outstanding and God honoring messages that encouraged us, exhorted us, and admonished us.

The first Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting was held in August 1993 at St. Andrew Primitive Baptist Church. At the present, the Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting rotates among four Primitive Baptist Churches: St. Andrew in Panama City, FL.; Piney Grove in Headland, AL.; Bethel in Bonifay, FL.; and Palm Chapel in Crestview, FL. Piney Grove Primitive Baptist Church will host the 2016 Gulf Coast Fellowship Meeting the Fourth Weekend in March 2016.

We want to thank all who prayed for the Meeting, supported the Meeting, and came to worship with us during the Meeting. The kind and generous offerings were a great help.

We truly appreciate and offer our sincere thanks to the Ministers who came and preached so ably for us. It is obvious that each of you have prayerfully labored in the Word of God.

Audio CDs, both preaching and singing, are available. Anyone who would like to receive a copy of the CDs, please write to us at the Church address.

May the Lord richly bless and keep you all is our most sincere prayer.

Your Brother In Christ,

Elder J.C. Stanaland, Pastor

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II John 1:3 "Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, .from God the Father, and .from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love."



Winter Garden Primitive Baptist church members Lorianne and Nathan worked hard on their studies throughout the year and celebrated at their graduation ceremony. Proud parents are Luke and Mary Lawrence.





We always enjoy fellowship with friends and families alike. Kimberly, member of West Palm Primitive Baptist Church, along with her children and her mother (above). Sister Donna Lawrence with daughter Audrianna, Mia & Matt Bevis. (lower left) Joey Porter and friend Abbey Johnson (lower middle). Garvin & Janice Newman, from Orange City with their daughter Lesia and Phil Langbecker (below right).





We were blessed to have visitors Alex and Tiffany Sisk from Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in South Carolina.



We were fortunate to meet Christene, friends with John Dombrosky.

## Contributions Always Appreciated

Winter Garden PBC is happy to send out this newsletter, CDs, and DVDs at no cost. This is a ministry that we believed in when I came to this congregation over 20 years ago. However, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the support from those outside of our congregation that have helped support our efforts. They have made things much easier for us. If any would like to help these efforts with a monetary contribution, we'd certainly be thankful. Nevertheless, we plan to continue to make these services available to anyone that will benefit by them. Thanks again, Elder Glenn Blanchard



Brother E.W. McDonald, with friends Brandi & Leanna visiting in the fellowship hall during our annual meeting.



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Hebron Primitive Baptist Annual Spring Meeting

Pictured left to right: Elder Clayton Peterson, Elder Chris Taylor, Elder Mike Lewis, Elder Mark Nunley, Elder Glenn Blanchard, Elder Roger Pinkston, Elder Tommy Green