



# New Hope Newsletter

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## Replacing Spiritual Leaders - by Elder Dolph Painter

The Book of Ezekiel was written after Jerusalem fell into Babylonian hands. Its 34th chapter tells the primary cause of that fall. Verses 1 through 10 describe poor leadership.

Israeli kings (& Judah) forgot they were called to feed the people, but rather fed off the people. The kings did not search for the lost, bind the broken, or mend the sick. They were not attentive to the people. Instead, the kings scattered, oppressed, and devoured. God, having had enough of these men, shifted their duties to the priesthood.

Six hundred years later, Jesus arrived in Jerusalem and found an inattentive priesthood. Jewish priests forgot they were God's servants. The priests were not feeding the people, but feeding off the people – Matthew 23:14. The priesthood was not searching for the lost, binding the broken, or mending the sick – Matthew 23:25-34. God, having had enough of these men, transferred their duties to pastors.

Let us fast forward 2000 more years and consider today's spiritual leaders.

\* God created the office of pastor to oversee the local church. Given the above, what do you think God will do to pastors who become inattentive to their

flocks? Who feed off their flocks, instead of feeding them? He just might shift the pastor's duties to another: to committees, to deacons, or to spiritual women. God may allow this to happen not out of design, but in judgment.

\* God created the office of father to oversee the family. What do you suspect God will do to fathers who become inattentive to their families? I speculate the family's oversight may shift to another: to mothers, or to children – Is 3:12. God may allow this to happen not out of design, but in judgment.

When those God places in leadership roles drop the ball, He passes their duties to others, not out of design, but in judgment. May God forgive us and help us to repent of neglecting our leadership responsibilities.



Inella and Hank Morrow were able to worship with us in June. She celebrated her 40th anniversary of her membership at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church.

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## Pastor's Letter - Elder Glenn Blanchard

I have just finished a sermon series from the book of Philippians. I am still struck by 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The key is "through Christ." Anything we attempt to do, in the will of God, is possible. What more could we do as individuals and as churches

if we sought the will of God in *all* our endeavors. Perhaps we'd be more spiritual, more effective in spreading the gospel and would be *less offensive*, in telling others what we believe. Jesus said, "...and upon this rock I will **build** my church;" (Matthew 16:18). Are our churches growing? It's His will that we do so.



We have a lot to celebrate here at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church. Recently Bob Blanchard and Rachel Sommerer were engaged (left), Ray Blanchard and Kyla Morley were engaged (below), and we had a baby shower for Lauren and Michael Ulmer, celebrating the upcoming arrival of Elijah (bottom left). We have a lot to be thankful for, praise be to God!





We enjoyed getting to finally meet Leta Dunn, and her daughter, Debbie Barnstable, who are visiting from Illinois.



On vacation for the summer from Jamaica were visitors Omar, Jaunel, Yanika, and Abrianna. We were excited to meet their precious family.

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## Announcements

### 2015 Minister's Meeting

Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church (174 Fields McGhee Drive, Canton, GA 30114, [www.shoalcreekpbc.com](http://www.shoalcreekpbc.com)) wants to invite you to the 2015 Minister's Meeting. We will begin the meeting at 9:30 AM on November 10th and conclude at noon on November 12th. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Church: Its Purpose and Power." We are living in a very dark time in the history of God's kingdom, but we know that a light shines the brightest in dark times. We as the church of Jesus Christ need to know how to shine our lights. One of the purposes of the church is to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel, and the power is Holy Spirit God. How do we do this in our local churches? Our churches should be the pillars and the ground of the truth in our families, neighborhoods, schools, and work places.

We need God's presence in our churches more today than anytime in the history of the church. Please plan to be with us at Shoal Creek for this spiritual time of learning and fellowship. 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. Every year it is always asked what the dress code for the meeting is; it is "Church Casual" which means dress comfortably. 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 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. 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 twelve miles from the church: MICROTEL Inn & Suites by Wyndham, 171 H Mullins Court, Jasper, GA 30143, 706-299-5500, [microteljasper@ectmail.com](mailto:microteljasper@ectmail.com).

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Scott, Tammie, and Kristin Bullard. from Park View PBC in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Kristin will be living in Florida and attending Sumpter College in fall, staying with the Watkins.



## The Peculiar Work of the Comforter - By Elder Neil Phelan, Jr.

*"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" John 16: 7-8*

The scene we have before us is a dear one. Jesus is giving his apostles their last instruction before He will be crucified. He is reminding them that His departure is "expedient," necessary, for the furtherance of His kingdom. And when He departs He will send them another teacher, the third person of the Holy trinity, the Holy Ghost: the "Comforter."

Just as Christ had His work concerning the salvation of His people, so the Holy Ghost has his peculiar work. This work was magnified on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was poured out in great measure. But His work continues today in the hearts and lives of God's people, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" – Acts 2:39.

Jesus said the Comforter will do three things: (1) Reprove the world of sin (2) Reprove the world of righteousness and (3) Reprove the world of judgment.

### Reprove the World of Sin

To understand Jesus' words, we must first get our "world" in order. This world that Christ makes reference to must be identified. It is not the world at large, or all would call upon His name. It is not the world that Caesar Augustus taxed (Luke 2:1). It is not the world that John told us not to love (1 John 2:15). It

is not the physical globe, or, terra firma. But rather, a special world, an identifiable world described with such terms as, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" – John 1:29. To this world the Comforter is sent.

This world, and this world alone, the Comforter will "reprove" of sin. The word 'reprove' means "to convince." Only the Holy Ghost can accomplish this work upon the soul. Mom and dad can't do it; the preacher can't do it; the church can't do it. But the Holy Ghost can do it with a power equal to that of a demonstration. Soul trouble, conviction of heart, is the first sign of the Comforter's visit. Sins are brought to remembrance and we are made to cry, "For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth" – Job 13:26. Many times, the greatest sin of one's life is brought to remembrance, followed by other sins as well and the first wonder is, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" To this experience many will "mock" as some did at Pentecost. But be comforted, there have been countless others, loved and chosen of God, who share this "kindred" experience.

### Reprove the World of Righteousness

The Comforter does not leave us there. He then convinces us of "righteousness." Not our own, for the Comforter has convinced us that we have none. But by this Jesus means

"imputed righteousness." It is only by the peculiar work of the Comforter that we are able, by faith, to look away from self and lay hold upon another for our own justification. That other is Christ. We see Him as the "end of the law." When He is found, there is a peace that passeth understanding. Oh, how lovely Christ becomes. He is the "chiefest among ten thousand." He is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" – Jeremiah 23:6.

Now we understand why Jesus speaks of the Holy Ghost as the "Comforter." He has led us away from self-righteousness, to Christ and His righteousness. We sing a "new song" as we are comforted in God's 'amazing grace' and 'redeeming love.' Now we have known the "Comforter."

### Reprove the World of Judgment

Finally, the Comforter convinces this same world of "judgment." By judgment, we mean that 'well grounded peace,' that settled judgment, that the soul makes of itself, since Christ has died for it. We are made to see that our accuser is defeated and "cast down;" his power is diminished; Christ has bruised his head and we learn and experience that "we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" – Romans 8:37.

Lord, we thank thee for our Comforter!

Jennifer Lee, visiting from Georgia, attended with her daughter, Elizabeth Lee.



## Books for Sale

### Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled.

This is the title of a new book by Elder Michael Gowens. It has 276 pages addressing subjects such as Depression, Disappointment, Loneliness, Mistreatment, Grief, Guilt, Fear, and many others. Elder Gowens finds real answers to these difficulties in God's holy word. The writing is different from Elder Gowens's other efforts. This volume is more pastoral, with a focus on helping struggling people to think through and respond to the specific issues that trouble them in a God-honoring way.

We are presently using this book in our Wednesday evening Bible Study and we are enjoying it very much.

The price is: Paperback – \$20.65 + S/H, Hardback – \$31.45 + S/H. From: Sovereign Grace Publications, P. O. Box 1150, Shallotte, NC 28459 or [www.sovgrace.net](http://www.sovgrace.net).

## Be Sure To Attend Church - by Ada Hendrix

Were you at church last Sunday,

Or on a pleasure-chase?

No matter if the house was full,

No one could take your place.

We have six days to call our own;

It seems unfair and odd,

That we should claim the seventh day

And leave no time for God.

Whatever caused your absence,

Your friends at church missed you.

We hope that you were happy,

But you missed something too.

- Florida Reporter, July 1968 -

### Contributions:

Joe & Hazel Brooks

Rachel Hanna

Joseph & Phyllis Fletcher

William & Carolyn Liles



Kaysey (member of Winter Garden PBC) attended with her husband, Nick, and baby Ellie Sharp. They live in El Paso, TX.

Brother Victor Youdeo enjoyed his visit with his grandson, Dominick Youdeo.



It was great having Don and Becky, who visited us from Winter Garden.

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## Biographical Sketch - Elder Bill D. McCarthy

Elder McCarthy was born March 7, 1934 in El Reno, Oklahoma. He married Sue Newman in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on June 2, 1955. They have three children, Mitchell K. McCarthy, Elder Randall K. McCarthy and Pamela K. Winchester.

From a young child he studied the Bible, searching for a church that taught scriptural truth, attending numerous churches and never being satisfied. Elder McCarthy had not heard of the Primitive Baptists until he began dating his wife. He attended services with her for a number of years before admitting to himself that here with this small band of people was the truth he had long sought. He was baptized in 1962 by Elder Oba M. Cummings, his beloved pastor and father in the ministry.

He was ordained on March 30, 1969, at Bethlehem Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since then he has pastored Bethlehem PBC, Bethesda PBC at Mt. View, Oklahoma, and Arlington PBC, Arlington, Texas.

Elder McCarthy has also had a career as an engineer and an intellectual property attorney. He has also taught intellectual property law at Oklahoma City University Law School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He presently serves Bethlehem PBC with his son Elder Randall McCarthy.

## Letters

Dear Elder Blanchard,

Enclosed is a small donation for the newsletter. I do enjoy the articles and pictures.

The Lord called Larry home May 15. He is now with the Savior whom he loved. The Lord has blessed me through this difficult time.

May God bless you,  
Rachel Hanna  
Floris, Iowa

August 3, 2015

Dear Brother,

May the Lord continue to bless you & your family, and have abundant mercy on you, Brother Glenn.

Thanks for the latest cd's.

In Christian love,  
Bro. & Sis. Liles  
Musella, GA



Kyla has had several visitors recently. Her sister, Kara Morley (left), niece, Lola (below) and her friend, Maria (right).





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Sister Robin coordinated efforts to sew bags and send supplies for girls in Kenya. Her aunt will be hand delivering them this fall.