



# New Hope Newsletter

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## God's Rules for Bible Interpretation

*by Elder Dolph Painter*

Recently, I had the pleasure of playing checkers with a young man in our congregation. My record stands at 3 wins, 4 losses, and 1 draw. Needless to say, I am waiting for the series to continue.

The first game ended in a draw because we chose to ignore the rule which says, "If you can jump your opponent, you must." This rule was enforced from the second game on, and all games thereafter concluded with a clear decision.

Studying the Bible and playing checkers are more alike than one might think. If parties engage in either activity, but ignore established rules, the probability of deciding a matter is very low. If parties agree to abide by established rules, the probability of deciding a matter is much higher.

Following God's rules for interpreting scripture is very important. What are God's rules for interpreting scripture? Good question, important answer.

1. The Bible contains no internal contradiction – Psalm 12:6, Proverbs 8:8, John 10:35, 1 John 2:21;
2. Scripture interprets scripture – 1 Corinthians 2:13, 1 John 4:1, 2 Corinthians 13, 1 Philippians 3:1, Acts 17:11.
3. Mind the context (the who, what, when, and wheres) – Nehemiah 8:8, Isaiah 28:13, 2 Peter 3:16, Proverbs 25:22.
4. Heed the grammar (especially



verb tenses) – 2 Timothy 1:13, Romans 6:17, 2 Timothy 2:15, Matthew 5:18.

5. Reason soundly and consistently – Psalm 119:80, Isaiah 1:18, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 19:8-9.
6. Differentiate between a proof text and a reference text – Nehemiah 8:8, Job 26:3, Romans 4:3-5, Galatians 4:30-31.
7. Recognize figures of speech – Habakkuk 1:8-9, Matthew 7:26, 13-24, Psalm 78:2, Proverbs 1:6.

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. Nehemiah 8:8. This verse describes the preaching during the most celebrated revival recorded in scripture. Bible interpretation was methodical, systematic and effectual. If them, then us. 2 Timothy 2:15.

We are so thankful that Sister Leta Dunn chose to move her membership to Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church.

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## Pastor's Letter - Elder Glen Blanchard

I would like to encourage everyone to make a concerted effort to read the Bible through this year. God has given us a wonderful gift, and we should make full use of it. In a country increasingly being assaulted by foreign ideologies and beliefs, we should be honored to be chosen as the "Keepers of the Flame." The greatest leaders America has ever had went on record as saying that daily Bible reading was a great benefit in their lives.

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We always appreciate having the opportunity to worship with our visitors. Top left: Mimi Jean-Louise. Middle right: Larry and Mary Roach with their granddaughter Julie. Bottom left: Andrea, Kyla's friend from work.



## "I Believe in Angels" - Part 2 - By Elder Neil Phelan, Jr.

- from his book entitled "The Daily Record", The First Year in Retrospect"

*"For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both"*

- Acts 23:8

Inhabitants of a spiritual realm, unobserved by the natural eye, except when they desire to be seen and heard, we will find our angel friends. In that unseen world, they are busy creatures, delivering messages, assisting God's people in battles, and supporting and strengthening the hands of those who labor for God.

Jacob observed angels in the waste howling wilderness, "And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it" - Genesis 28:12. Here we have a beautiful picture [of] God's providential hand, involving Himself in the affairs of this world by His angelic host. I am made to wonder how many events in the history of man have been carried out according to God's design and purpose by the labors of these creatures.

One attribute that humans share with angels is that of individuality. Just as every person has a separate and distinct identity, so do angels. For this reason, they have names. We know of the names of at least two angels: Gabriel and Michael. These names appear in both the Old and New Testament and are recorded by men who lived hundreds of years apart. For this reason alone, who could doubt the inspiration of scripture: Who could doubt the validity of angels! As we observe the span of time between these writings, it would be logical to assume that angels do not age, nor do they know death.

It was around B.C. 600 when Gabriel touched Daniel and gave him understanding from God. "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.'" Daniel 9:21-22. It would be approximately 600 years later that this same angel would appear unto Zacharias bearing the message of the forthcoming birth of his son: John the Baptist (Luke 1:19). Gabriel was also entrusted with another great message. He spoke unto Mary the wondrous message of her conception of Christ (Luke 1:26-28).

The angel Michael is mentioned three times in the book of Daniel, once in the book of Jude and once in the book of Revelation, appearances 600 years apart. Michael is a mighty warrior; a commander in chief. Every time we read of him we observe his valiant stand for the honor of God and the safety of God's people (Daniel 10:13; 12:1; Revelation 12:7).

Another attribute we share with angels is the desire to worship the Lord. Angels enjoy a wonderful life in heaven and desire to worship with us as we gather together and look into "the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;

which things the angels desire to look into" - I Peter 1:12. When the truth of God's Word and the victory of Jesus Christ are proclaimed, even the angels are edified. The proclamation of truth is a spiritual magnetism. Surely, angels have gathered together with us in our solemn assemblies many times that we knew it not!

But let us always remember: Angels are not objects of worship. Only God should hold such a reverential position in our hearts. John was rebuked by an angel that he attempted to worship, "And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, 'See thou do it now: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God'" - Revelation 22:8-9.

As we said in our previous article, so we say again: "If you believe in angels, you are in good company." John records his observance of angels time and time again in his book of Revelation. Peter was delivered from the fetters, chains, and prison by an angel (Acts 12:7-9). Cornelius saw an angel (Acts 10:3-7). And we could go on and on of the eyewitness accounts of angels recorded in the Book of Books. For these reasons, we should all confess: "I believe in angels."



## Announcements

### Little Union Upcoming Meetings

Our New Year's Meeting will be at 7 PM, Thursday, Dec 31st. We've invited Eld. Silas Ford, pastor of Bethany Church in Atlanta to be with us. We'll have our traditional New Year's Day Picnic beginning with breakfast around 9 AM.

Our January Meeting will begin at 7 PM, Thursday, January 14th, continuing on Friday with a Fish Fry at 5:45 PM, services at 7 PM, services on Saturday at 10:30 AM with lunch, supper at 5:45 PM and Communion at 7 PM. The meeting will conclude with services at 10:30 AM on Sunday. We've invited Elders Ronald Lawrence (Bethel Church, TN) and Mike Montgomery (Old School Church, TX) to be with us.

### Minister's Ordination

Zion Rest Primitive Baptist Church has scheduled the Ordination of Brother Derrick Kitchens to the full work of the ministry. We are happy to report the vote was unanimous! The date chosen is January 9, 2016. There will be a worship service at 10:30, followed by lunch at 12:00. The ordination service will begin after lunch. For more information contact: Elder Charles Kitchens at 205-384-4831, or Brother Alan Rhoades at 205-527-3475.

### 2016 Florida Fellowship Meeting

Hosted by Antioch Primitive Baptist Church of Vero Beach, Florida. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 19th, 10:00 A. M., 2:00 P. M. 7:00 P. M. Meals provided.

Saturday, February 20th, 10:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. Meals provided.

Sunday, February 21st, 10:00 A.M. at Antioch Church Meeting House. Lunch provided.

Place: Banquet Room of Vero Beach Inn and Suites, 8797 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32966-6958. Phone: 772-567-8321 Fax: 772-569-8558.

Hotel: Vero Beach Inn and Suites, Vero Beach, see above.

Rate: \$69 per night. Please mention the Florida Fellowship.

The deluxe room rate is \$79 per night.

There are only 40 rooms available, so please make your reservations soon.

Directions: Traveling on I-95: Take the SR60/Vero Beach Exit, Vero Beach Inn and Suites is just East of I-95 on the South side of SR 60.

Traveling on the Turnpike: Take Yeehaw Junction/SR60 Exit and travel East on SR 60 approximately 30 miles to Vero Beach; after you travel under the I-95 overpass, Vero Beach Inn and Suites will be about ½ mile east of the South side of SR 60.

Sunday morning services will be held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, 1210 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach, Florida. The church is located on the corner of 12th Street and Old Dixie Hwy.

More information is available at: [Antiochprimitivebaptistchurch.org](http://Antiochprimitivebaptistchurch.org)

Contacts: Elder Chris Taylor, 772-567-4149 or Bud Carder, 423-309-4310



We were excited to be able to share fun and fellowship at Kyla's recent wedding shower. Pictured is Kyla with her family.

Beautiful newlyweds, Ray and Kyla Blanchard, pictured after their wedding ceremony at Winter Garden PBC.



## Biographical Sketch - Elder Felix Cantrell

Submitted by Elder Lynn H. Russell from *Biographical History of Primitive Baptist Ministers, Vol II*

Elder Felix Cantrell was born September 29, 1876, DeKalb Co., TN; baptized August 1891, and ordained at Mt. View, Smithville, TN, October 1909. The presbytery consisted of Elders J.B. White, E.D. Young, W.P. Russell, and Deacons T.R. Vaughn and A.P. Cantrell. He was called pastor at Mt. View December 3, 1910 and served until April of 1948, 47 years. He also pastured New Bidad for twelve years. He was married to Mary Luna August 1896. To this union fourteen children were born. He died April 1, 1957.

At a very early age he was eager to hear the Gospel. When he was

left at home with his brothers and sisters, while his parents went to church, he would run up to the church house and sit on the rail fence, listen to the sermon, and run home before his parents got home.

He was a pioneer preacher and traveled by horse and mule. Elder Avery Land said as soon as he was on the mule, he would begin to sing the song, "Savior, More Than Life to Me." The mule was relaxed by the singing and would flop his ears back and forth. Once he and a companion were selling fruit trees in North Carolina and became lost on a mountain trail

at dark. They built a fire to keep the wild animals away and Elder Cantrell took his hymnbook and mountain and valley resounded to his singing. People came out of the dark and gathered round. When he had a good crowd he preached to them. Someone carried them to their house to spend the rest of the night.

Elder Cantrell died April 1, 1957, and was buried in Jefferson Cemetery, in DeKalb County.

## Letters

11/12/15

Bro. Glenn,

Hope you can read this poorly written letter. My right hand is failing because of all of its past use! As usual I always read your Newsletter, first off. Always enjoy it very much and appreciate your loyal and good work in the name of our precious Lord & Savior. Things are not and I know never will be the same since the passing of my loyal helpmate, as of now it would be 65 years. A small donation is for your good & gracious publication. May God continue to bless you and Sister Pat, as well as all of you and your church. Remember me and my daughter.

Yours in Hope,  
Brother Kelly Hicks  
Rainsville, AL

11/24/15

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church,

Thank you for sending the Newsletter so faithfully. We haven't been likewise in supporting the publication. Cynthia and I have precious memories of the visits we have been blessed to make to FL.

We love you all and thank God for you, Pastor.  
Howard & Cynthia Halbgewachs  
Cozad, NE

This year's Minister's Meeting was a blessed time in the Lord. He richly blessed the entire meeting. The meeting is ready to be downloaded from the Shoal Creek Church's web site. The handouts that were used by the ministers are also available for downloads. Please feel free to share these with anyone, there are no copyrights to any of these. Our website is [www.shoalcreekpbccanton.com](http://www.shoalcreekpbccanton.com). If you have any problems with this please let me know. There are also pictures on the web site.

Thanks,  
Randall Cagle

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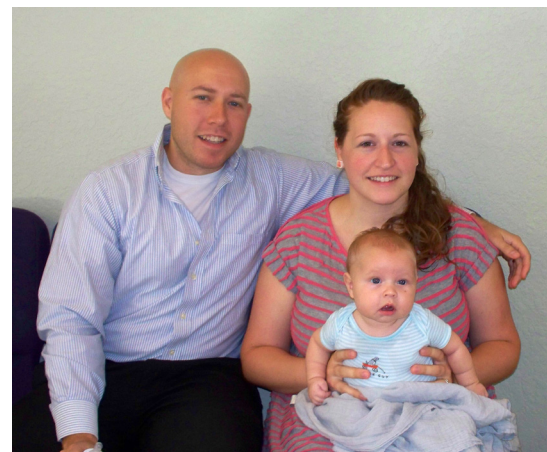
Alan & Karen Sapp  
Kelly Hicks  
Howard & Cynthia  
Halbgewachs



It is always a tremendous blessing to worship with little ones.

Left: Denise Winterstein  
with her grandson,  
David.

Right: Michael, Lauren,  
and Eli Ulmer







We were delighted to welcome visitors, Chambers family, Tracy and Janelle, with children Rebecca, Kathryn, Melanie and Caroline (above); and Jewel and Kim Studle (right).



## Area Church News

### Little Union November Meeting



It is always encouraging when people make a public profession of faith, submitting themselves to baptism. Brother Luke Sumner being baptized (left), Sister Heather Cunningham being baptized (right), and Elder Chris Crouse with Brother Luke and Sister Heather.



Elder Chris Crouse pictured with Elder Adam Green (left) and with the Coates Family from Texas, Brother Reed, Sister Laura and their son Abel (right).



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## Dates to Remember in Florida

December 31 -- Little Union New  
Year's Meeting, Lithia, Florida

January 14-16 -- Little Union  
January Meeting, Lithia, Florida

February 19-21 -- Florida  
Fellowship Meeting, Vero Beach,  
Florida