



New Hope Newsletter

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Vengeance is the Lord's

-by Elder Dolph Painter

"...for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." – Romans 12:19

If ever a man lived this saying, David was that man.

To say David was treated unjustly by King Saul would be a colossal understatement. Saul hated David. Saul lied about David, he broke covenants with David, he took away David's wife, hunted David like an animal, and tried to kill him on several occasions. Nevertheless, David trusted God to right all injustices. David deferred vengeance to God.

David remained faithful to Saul, despite ample opportunity to avenge himself. David was presented with opportunities to get even, but declined.

Consider 1 Samuel 24:1-12 – David and a few hundred men were hiding from Saul's army in a cave. Saul entered the cave alone. David's men said it must be providence. God has delivered Saul on a silver platter. But David would not harm Saul. David viewed Saul as the Lord's anointed and said: The Lord shall avenge me. I will not touch Saul.

1 Samuel 26:5-20 – The Lord put

a deep sleep upon Saul and his army. David and Abishai snuck into their camp. Abishai said it must be providence. God has delivered Saul into your hand again. Let me kill him. But David said, Saul's day will come, by the Lord or in battle; but his day will come.

David believed in a different kind of providence than his soldiers (and many folks today).

The Lord told David he would be king. David believed God's words and waited upon God to fulfill His promise, but David also knew God demanded respect for authority. David refused to break God's word in order to help God keep His word (as Abraham lied to help God keep a promise – Genesis 12:2, 11:13). No man ought ever to construe circumstances to justify sin. Might we say, Vengeance is God's, even when we think God served it to us on a silver platter?



We were fortunate to be able to worship with Ron & Marsha Malloy, Martha Wills and Kim Engmann, from Providence PBC, Wisconsin.

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Winter Garden Annual Meeting

Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church will be hosting its Annual Meeting May 27th through the 29th, 2016.

Our guest minister will be Elder Buddy Abernathy from Alabama. The meeting will be as follows:

Friday evening at 7:30 PM-
no meals served.

Saturday, the 28th at
10:30 AM, lunch following,
2 PM another service,
6 PM Supper, and
7:30 PM Communion Service.

Sunday the 29th will be our
regular service at 10:30 AM,
lunch following.

We invite all to come enjoy
our meeting with us and to
visit sunny Florida!

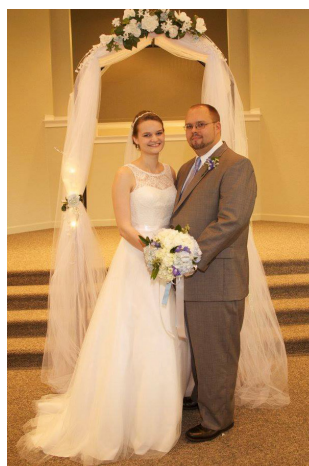
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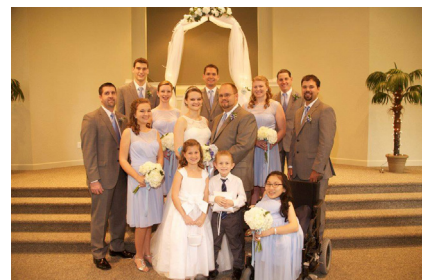
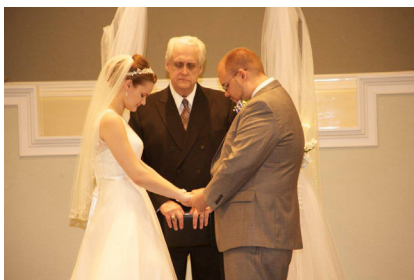
We have rejoiced at the new members we have gained in the last several months. We have also experienced a number of visitors. It should be noted that our young people are the ones mainly responsible for the new members. I thank God for their zeal and willingness to share their church, and what we believe, with others. Perhaps we could all take a page from their book.

Maybe it would be a good idea to ask ourselves, "When was the last time you brought someone to church?" How do you feel about the answer?

On another note, one of our newest members, Sister Leta Dunn, is working with our young ladies, teaching them how to sew, which in turn, teaches them how to be mothers and keepers at home. With the women of today desiring equality in the military, workplace, sports arenas, etc. this is a breath of fresh air and a much needed "school of learning" for our future homemakers and wives. Thank you, Leta, for your steady hand in teaching girls and women this most useful skill! Her youngest pupil is my niece, Lorianne Lawrence, who is eight!



It is always exciting to see two like-minded believers come together as one. January 2nd Rachel Sommerer and Bob Blanchard were married at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church.



"A Closer Walk with the Lord" - By Elder Neil Phelan, Jr.

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

"How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin" – Job 13:23

Even in the midst of his great trial, Job would seek a closer walk with God. If his suffering was due to sin, Job was honest about it. He wanted to know. Here we learn from a faithful brother as to how we, too, might walk closer to the Lord. We must approach One who knows our own hearts better than we do and ask, "How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin." – Job 13:23.

It was Amos who asked, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. Of course, the answer is "they can not." Therefore, a closer walk with God requires agreement with God. We must be in agreement with Him concerning sin: not only the sins of our society, but those personal sins that war against our own soul. We must ask and then agree with the answer that He reveals unto us, taking them to the throne of grace where forgiveness is abundant and power to overcome is complete.

Some would suggest that they can count their sins as easily as they can count their fingers. However those who are honest, those who have been touched by the divine hand, know differently. David wrote, "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." – Psalm 19:12. David had learned from experience that a "secret fault," one that is yet unrevealed, is that very fault that will deal us the most misery. In this arena, ignorance is not bliss: "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight

of any bird." When we become wise enough to recognize that we do not know our own hearts as well as the Lord, we find ourselves in good company.

But why do I not ask this question more often? Have I ceased to sin? Do I really want to know? Do I fear a change will be required? Do I love my sin more than my God? Surely, we will never reach a plateau in this life that we cease to sin. So, why would we reach a plateau that we cease to ask? This, in itself, must be an evidence of my own depravity. Let us not desire to remain in ignorance. Let us pursue a closer walk.

Spurgeon told of a man who seemed devout in his devotion as he prayed, "Lord forgive me of my many sins and shortcomings." One passed by and said, "Yes, you have been guilty of the first commandment." But his reply was, "No, I have never broken that dear commandment." Another passed by and remarked, "But you have forsaken the second." To which he replied, "Oh, no, I have never broken that one either." Another passed by and accused the man of breaking the third. His reply was the same. Seven more passed by and accused the man of breaking the other seven in like manner. To all these, his reply was one of denial. While it is one thing to acknowledge oneself as a sinner, it is quite another to be honest with God and say, "I am a thief; I have a problem with covetousness; I have lustful thoughts and desires of heart;

I have a problem with anger; jealousy; bitterness; envy; my tongue. Then, and only then, will we find the grace to overcome those little foxes that spoil the vine and enjoy a closer walk with God. Let us not be vague with God. After all, God knows already, and for us to know, we must inquire from One who searches the heart.

And, what about the sins of omission? Those things we should be doing that we do not do? What gifts and graces have been bestowed upon us from the giver of every good and perfect gift? Have we placed these under a bushel and not asked God to discover them to our own hearts? Are these not equally a plague to our walk?

The question we ponder today is a tough one. It is uncomfortable; hard on the flesh; a blow to our pride; one that requires great struggles of the soul. It is not a question for the slothful, but what abundant peace that it yields and what amazing fellowship we will find as we learn more about our own soul as we weed out the source of separation between us and our Lord. Let us ever remember, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverbs 28:13. Prosperity of soul is one of the sister graces of these great inquisitions. Lord, today we ask: "How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin." – Job 13:23.

Biographical Sketch - Elder James Cash Penny, Sr.

Copied from the book, *Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers, Volume II*

LETTER FROM MR. J. C. PENNY TO
SISTER EMMA WEST:

My father, Elder James Cash Penny, Sr. was born on December 29, 1841, near Mirabile, Caldwell County, Missouri. At the age of 19, he was united with the Old School Baptist Church in Missouri. In 1861, when rumors of the Civil War became great, he was called upon to escort his Kentucky cousin, Mary Frances Paxton, back to her home in Kentucky, following her extended

visit with relatives in Missouri. A romance developed between the two and he decided not to return to Missouri. They were married within a few weeks in Kentucky. He subsequently enlisted for service in the Civil War.

Family records indicate he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky on August 16, 1863, in his 22nd year. After the close of the war, he moved back to Missouri with his

family. It was about the time that he decided to become a minister and farmer. His pastoral charge was the Primitive Baptist Church at Log Creek, about twelve miles from Hamilton, Missouri, where he preached for more than twenty years. He died on March 22, 1895, in Hamilton, Missouri, at the age of fifty-three years.

NOTE-ELDER PENNY WAS THE
FATHER OF THE FOUNDER OF THE
J. C. PENNY STORES.



It is always nice when we have visitors from other areas of the country. Brent, Hunter & Kylie Coleman came from Canton, Georgia.

Special thanks to all those who contributed financially to help make this newsletter possible.



We enjoyed our time of fellowship with Dahlia Williams and her sweet daughter Rhnarey.

We were blessed to welcome visitors Dot Virciglio and Norma and Kip Jacobs from Heritage PBC, Huntsville, Alabama.



OBITUARY –Copied from the Atlanta Area Newsletter-

Elder Samuel Thomas Tolley, 86, of Atwood, TN, (September 20, 1929-December 23, 2015) was a retired Primitive Baptist minister, and he was a member of the Burns Primitive Baptist Church in Burns, TN. He is survived by his son, Thomas Michael Tolley (Barbara), daughter, Ellen Lovett (Gary), two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives, Altie Mae Tolley and Weida White Tolley; three brothers, James W. Tolley, Ben D. Tolley, and William R. Tolley; and three sisters, Inez Barksdale, Mary Lane, and Ruby Lee Tolley. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.



Leta Dunn (right) pictured with friend Prudy Dobson from Indiana.



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