



# New Hope Newsletter

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## Love is Doing

by Elder Dolph Painter

John 21:15-17 records a conversation between Jesus and Peter while on a seashore. Three times Jesus asked Peter "Lovest thou me?" Each time Peter answered Jesus in the affirmative, but Jesus responded to each affirmative answer with: feed my lambs, feed my sheep, feed my sheep. Somehow I get the idea Jesus wasn't interested in Peter's feelings toward the sheep. I get the idea Jesus wanted Peter to show his love with actions and not words.

Beloved, Bible love is defined by what you do, not what you feel. Consider the following:

• Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins – 1 John 4:10. I am thankful God's love did not stop with feelings, but His love was manifest by sending His son to be our savior.

• For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments... - 1 John 5:3. Our love toward God ought not be characterized simply with warm feelings. God describes our love toward Him with obedience, submission to His commandments.

• My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. – 1 John 3:18. Think about an individual in which the only manifestation of love toward their spouse is through words; never a kind act, a complement, or a touch – just words. My friends, that's a broken marriage.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;

as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" – John 13:34. How did Jesus love? Through feelings? Yes, on several occasions we see Jesus showing compassion, weeping for His people. But that's not all He did. He also fed us. He taught us. He doctored us. He comforted us. He prayed for us. But most importantly, He laid down His life for us.

That's Bible love, the love we ought to show toward one another. May the Lord help us love by doing.

Sometimes when I tell my wife, I love her", she says, "Take out the garbage!" She gets what Elder Painter is saying. Now I do too. –Elder G. Blanchard



We were blessed to have invited visiting minister Elder Michael Gowens and his family Lori, Evie and Elivia for our annual meeting.

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## Pastor's Letter - Elder Glenn Blanchard

We have been highly blessed in the last couple of weeks. Elder Michael Gowens and family were here for our Annual Meeting. The messages were truly anointed by God for our congregation.

Elder John Staten was here for the Wednesday service before our Annual Meeting and Elder Matthew Pitney was here for our Wednesday service after our Annual Meeting. We thank God for these gifts that have come our way.



A true answer to many years of prayers.... Audrey was recently welcomed into the King family by Brother Brandon and Sister Robin. Audrey was born on June 5.

## The Lonely Ember

From "Words Fitly Spoken" by Marlene Melvin

A man who had previously been attending church services regularly, suddenly stopped going. The pastor noted his absence and after a few weeks, decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and the pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him in and led him to a chair near the fireplace. The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the silence that followed, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After a few minutes, the pastor walked over to the fireplace, took the fire tongs, picked up a brightly burning ember, and placed it to one side of the hearth by itself. Then he returned to his chair and sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet fascination. The lone ember's flame momentarily glowed, then diminished, and then its fire was no more. Soon it was black and cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the lone ember and placed it back near the middle of the fire. The ember quickly began to glow again with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you for the visit, especially the fiery sermon. I'll be back in church next Sunday." Are you a lonely ember? Rejoin the fire -- attend church regularly.



During our annual meeting we were blessed to be able to worship with area friends of like faith; Julian and Matt Cunningham.



Truly a blessing to worship with family! Winter Garden member Brother Doug Jones pictured with his daughter Kaitlin.



We were blessed to be able to hear Elder Matt Pitney preach while he was visiting central Florida. Pictured with his mother, Eva Gamble, Winter Garden.



We are blessed to worship with area believers Jeff and Gloria Clark, grandson Wesley and friend, Alicia.

It is always good to reconnect with old friends and family! Mike & Lorelei Lopez, Marcus, Launa, Liberty, and Liliana visited from Atlanta, Georgia where they regularly attend Camp Creek PBC.



## Elder Raymond Edward Cagle

Born June 24, 1927 Died May 14, 2018

Born on Freemanville Road in Milton County to Floyd Samuel Cagle and Alice Mae Weaver Cagle, the first place he was carried was Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist Church was the last place he was carried before he died May 5, 2018. Joined Boiling Springs at 15 years old in April 1943 and was baptized by Elder Bartow Phillips. Brother Edward married Florine Parker Feb.1, 1947. He made his first effort to preach on Labor Day Monday 1947, and at the end of the service Sister Florine joined to be baptized. He remembered being called to preach in 1944 but did not believe that anyone as young as he could be a preacher. He was preaching at Shoal Creek Church in Canton, GA on the first Saturday night in December 1949 and they called him as their pastor and for his ordination. On the Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January 1950 Brother Edward was ordained at Boiling Springs. He was called to pastor Boiling Springs October 1953. He was the pastor of four churches in the Little River Association for many years. In the late 1960's he started seeing the need for the churches to meet more often, and he started preaching and teaching it. By the 1990's most all the churches in the Little River were meeting every Sunday. Brother Edward was always a great encourager to young preachers, and had a number of ministers come up under him. By God's Almighty help Brother Edward helped the churches in this area get out of traditionalism to spiritual biblical teachings. All the churches under his care grew in God's knowledge and in numbers. He helped constitute Forsyth PBC in Cumming, Faith PBC in Toccoa, Dallas PBC in Dallas, and supported the work in the Philippines and around the world. As a bookbinder by trade he helped several ministers publish books and disperse them. He knew the bookbinding business and

was ready any time to rebind a Bible or publish books for others. He would talk to anyone that would listen and even to those who wouldn't about his Savior. After he gave up the pastorate at Union PBC in Roswell, he did not quit. He helped Ebenezer PBC in Dunwoody to be revived, and then was called to help at Boiling Springs PBC which needed some help in a trying time. Brother Edward would tell you that God led him back to Boiling Springs. And as he finished out his day here on this earth he was a great help to Elder Robert O'Hara as a first time pastor. Brother Edward's zeal for the cause of Christ and His church was just as strong in his last week of life as it had been anytime.

Brother Edward is survived by four sons, Stanley and Diane, Randall and Debra, Nathan and Mary Jane, Steven and Terri. Ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

A fun tradition: during Easter all the ladies wear beautiful hats. Pictured to the right the Lawrence family Luke, Mary, Lorianne, Nathan and Philip.



During our Annual Meeting it was such a blessing to reconnect with old friends. Pictured to the left- Suzy Davis, John & Olivia Harvey, Jim & Faye Webb, Tampa PBC.

## Upcoming Meeting:

### Little Union Annual July Meeting

Thursday, July 5th: 7:00 PM (no supper)  
Friday, July 6th: 7:00 PM (fish fry at 5:45 PM)  
Saturday, July 7th: 10:30 AM (lunch to follow)  
7:00 PM Communion Service  
Sunday, July 8th: 10:30 AM (lunch to follow)

Elder David Crawford, Elder Chris McCool and Elder Tim McCool are the invited speakers.  
For more information call Elder Chris Crouse at 813-765-2818.



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Mother's Day gives the men of the church an opportunity to show their appreciation by taking care of all of the clean up duties after lunch.

