



# New Hope Newsletter

*A Publication of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church*

## Lay Hold on Eternal Life - by Elder Dolph Painter

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What does it mean to "lay hold on eternal life?" Was Paul telling Timothy eternal life is yours for the taking, so grab hold?

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12)

"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Timothy 6:19)

No, Paul was telling Timothy to embrace eternal life to the extent

that it altered Timothy's thinking and behavior. Paul wanted Timothy's walk and ministry to reflect the eternal life that awaited Timothy.

Consider the following: For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18). Paul said: based on my calculations, the bumps in the road on earth are nothing compared [to] that which awaits me in heaven. And a person who thinks in this manner is a person who talks and walks differently. A person with a confident expectation in heaven is a person who has laid hold on eternal life (Romans 8:19-23).

Does the promise of eternal life affect your thinking? Does it alter your behavior? It should. Lay hold on eternal life and it will change the way you think and act. You will notice it, others will notice it, and God will be praised.

Enjoying close fellowship with like-minded friends and enjoying a visit from Kristin's sister, Emily, from North Carolina. Pictured from the upper left Kristin Bullard, Jenny Chu, Emily Bullard and Hannah Chu (front).



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## Meeting Notices

### 2015 Minister's Meeting

Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Church (174 Fields McGhee Drive, Canton, GA 30114) invites you to the 2015 Minister's Meeting. We will begin the meeting at 9:30 AM on November 10, and conclude at noon on November 12. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Church: Its Purpose and Power."

If you plan to be with us, Shoal Creek Church requests that you please reply to us (RSVP) by October 1, 2015, so we can better serve you at this meeting. We will serve all the meals and have a motel lined up for your stay.

The motel we have arranged for your stay is in Jasper, GA, 12 miles from the church. When you make your reservations, please ask for the "Shoal Creek Primitive Baptist Meeting" Special. The prices are: 1 Queen Bed (\$60 + taxes), 2 Queen Beds (\$65 + taxes), and Suite (\$70 + taxes). MICROTEL Inn & Suites, 171 H Mullins Court, Jasper, GA 30143; 706-299-5500, Email: [microteljasper@ectmail.com](mailto:microteljasper@ectmail.com) or [Microtelinn.com](http://Microtelinn.com).

#### Ministers Wives Retreat

Sister Debra Cagle is planning the Minister's Wives Retreat again this year. Any minister's wife is invited to attend. If you would like to know more about this or reserve your place, please contact Debra Cagle at 770-853-1156.

### November Meeting with Elder Ronald Lawrence

Salem Primitive Baptist Church, Lake City, Florida, will be hosting a November 2015 Meeting with Elder Ronald Lawrence, Nashville, TN. Meetings will begin on Tuesday evening, November 3rd, through Thursday evening, November 5th. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM each evening with supper to follow. This will be the 24th year that Brother Lawrence has been with us at Salem. Please pray for him and attend if you can. For more information call Elder Herman Griffin, 386-752-4198. There are approximately 2000 hotel rooms available in Lake City, and some camp sites.

## Pastor's Letter - Elder Glenn Blanchard



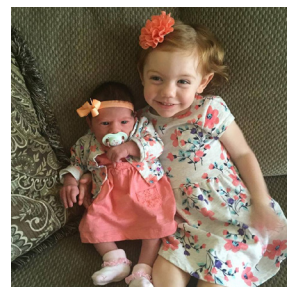
I recently had the blessing of sharing what we believe about salvation by grace with two old friends. To me, there is still nothing like the excitement of setting others free from the bondage of man-made religious thinking. The delight in their eyes and the smile on their face is so rewarding.

In John 11:44, after Lazarus had been called from the tomb by Jesus Christ, Jesus said to those around Him, "Loose him, and let him go." I believe they joyously carried out the command of our Savior. I pray that we will allow that command

to take heart in our present day. When we find a Christian in bondage to man-made worship – loose him, and let him go.

## The Blessings Continue...

Sadie Eleanor was born to Chris and Lydia Crouse on August 18th. Elder Chris Crouse serves as Pastor at Little Union Primitive Baptist Church in Lithia, Florida. Sadie and big sister Evelyn will certainly warm the hearts of their church family for years to come.



Congratulations to first time parents Michael and Lauren Ulmer. What a special gift--God has placed Elijah with such wonderful parents!



## "I Believe in Angels" - Part 1 - By Elder Neil Phelan, Jr.

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

*– Acts 23:8*

Do you believe in angels? If you do, I want to tell you that you are in good company. The apostle Paul, a Pharisee, divided the council of Pharisees and Sadducees over the question of angels and the resurrection. Knowing that the Sadducees did not believe in either, Paul reasoned and said: "For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both" – Acts 23:8. Paul confessed both: the resurrection and angels. I don't believe in U.F.O.s, life on other planets, cities at the bottom of the sea, in reincarnation, or evolution. But I do believe in angels.

The Bible gives us insight into at least three types of angels: The Cherubim; the Seraphim; and the unnamed variety referred to simply as 'angel.' Consider the splendor of the scene as the 'angel' spoke to the shepherds and said, "Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," and as the message was heralded concerning the birth of the Christ child, "suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" – Luke 2:10,13,14. Here we find a multitude of angels.

The Cherubim is an angel of great power and is observed in scripture as a protector, a defense, a covering or a guard to an opening. This creature is mentioned over forty times

in scripture. We first find the Cherubim guarding the way to the tree of life after Adam's sin, "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" – Genesis 3:24. The Cherubim must be a winged creature because Ezekiel noted that "the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh" – Ezekiel 10:5.

Isaiah was blessed of God to behold 'seraphims.' This creature was most awesome, possessing six wings. Isaiah saw the seraphims above the throne of God: "Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly." – Isaiah 6:2.

The accounts of unspecified angels are numerous and common in scripture, both in the Old and New Testament. Some of them either possessed, or took on, human form as we find the angels that visited Abraham in the plains of Mamre before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). The definition of 'messenger' fits their title as we observe them faithfully carrying out their orders from the most High, imparting some spiritual message to unsuspecting mortals.

It seems, by scriptural language, that angels do not procreate any more than the resurrected bodies

of the saints. "For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven" – Mark 12:25. Therefore there were a specific number of angels created of God. While the Bible does not tell us how many angels there are, we know that there are at least 72,000 angels for Jesus said, "thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" – Matthew 26:53. In that day, one legion of soldiers contained 6,000 men: 12x6,000 = 72,000.

The power of an angel is awesome. In the days of Hezekiah, one angel of the Lord went out, and "smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses" – II Kings 19:35. One angel destroyed 185,000 of the Lord's enemies in one night. **(Continued on page 4)**



It was a blessing being able to worship with WGPBC member John and his friend Rachael Chevallier





We were thankful to welcome Kristin Bullard from North Carolina as a new member of WGPBC. She joined by way of letter on Sunday, September 27th. Pictured is Kristin and Elder Blanchard.

### **("I Believe in Angels" - Part 1 Continued from page 3)**

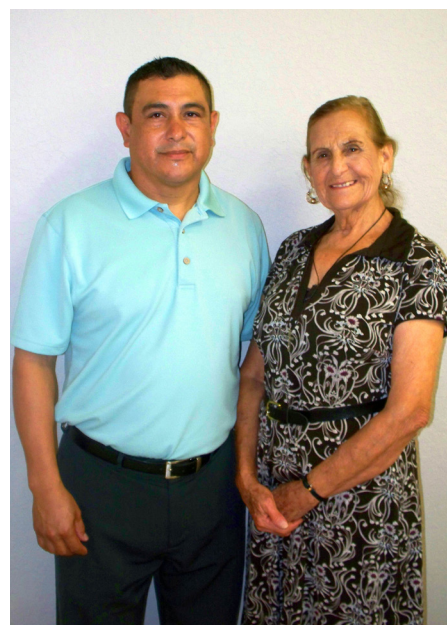
By simple arithmetic we may logically assume that twelve legions of angels could easily conquer an army of 12,920,000,000. That is almost 13 billion. The earth's total population in 1987 was 5 billion!

Indeed, a world unseen is about us, a world just as real as those things that we see and touch. And it is by faith that we behold such wonders for "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." No, I do not

believe in U.F.O.s, life on other planets, cities at the bottom of the sea, in reincarnation, or evolution. But I do believe in angels!



On August 16th we were thankful to witness the baptism of the Carrera boys; Jakob, Emmanuel and Alexander joined in way of baptism. Praise be to God for working in the lives of His children. Pictured right is their father, Jose, and Grandmother, Maria Carrera.



## Biographical Sketch - Elder H.P. Copeland

From an Obituary in the December 1964 "Primitive Monitor," written by Elder Edgar T. Aleshire

Elder Haden Paul Copeland was born February 23, 1906, at Summit in Blount County, Alabama, the son of Virgil H. and Bell Murry Copeland. He was married to Jimmie Alice Bodine October 25, 1925. He was baptized at Rocky Mount Church, Arab, Alabama, in 1932 by Elder Tom Flanning, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in 1934, and was called to Rocky Mount Church at that time as pastor. He was the beloved pastor of Rocky Mount, Bush Hill (of Birmingham, AL), New Hope and Salem Churches at the time of his death, and had traveled often among the Primitive Baptists in twenty-four states. He was a mail carrier in the Arab community for eighteen years, had taught school in his earlier years, and

had farmed throughout most of his life. For some years he preached over radio stations WGSV in Guntersville and WVOK in Birmingham. Elder Copeland was well known in his own community and among the Lord's people as being a minister who was unusually gifted in delivery and who was also very frequently called upon to conduct funerals, often as many as five in one week, for people of all religious persuasion.

Elder and Sister Copeland were killed on a rain-slick highway in Cullman County, Alabama, September 18, 1964. Over two thousand people attended their double funeral held September 20, 1964, at Rocky Mount Church, [which was conducted by Elders

C.M. Mills, A.B. Hall, W.O. Hunt, Jr., J.B. Watts, and Lasserre Bradley, Jr.]. One of the many who wrote the Monitor office concerning Elder and Sister Copeland's deaths spoke of the fact that in his last discourse, preached within hours of his death, Elder Copeland used the words from II Corinthians, "Finally, brethren, farewell."

Special thanks to those who helped make this newsletter possible:

Fred & Jeanine Herrmann  
George & Mary Ann Conner  
Carey D. Fletcher  
Elder Darrell Chambers

*Blessed to be able to connect with long time friends in the House of the Lord Bob and Maxine Schlichenmeier with Elder Glenn Blanchard*



## Letters

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I'm not sure why, but for the past week or so you all have been on my mind and I have felt burdened to write and say thank you for your continued service in Christ. My hope and prayer is that the Lord is blessing each of you for your ongoing dedication to His work.

We received the CDs from this year's Florida Fellowship meeting and we have been thoroughly enjoying listening to the sermons. Jeanine and I have been talking and we hope to come and worship with you all next year at the meeting, Lord willing.

Please use the enclosed as you see fit. Thank you again for all that you do in His service. Hope to see you all soon.

In Christ,

Fred & Jeanine Herrmann  
Hoover, AL

Dear Brother in Christ,

Years ago I discovered the truth about Sovereign Grace, the Doctrines of Divine Election, and when I began to preach those grand truths I lost a lot of friends in the ministry and yes, some church members became angry and set me aside. That did not deter me of course even though it saddened me to lose any one as a fellow servant of the Lord as a friend and to lose church members who left the church.

About that time, I don't remember how, I found your newsletter and found I had a great deal more in common with you than with others and I subscribed to your publication which I have enjoyed now for several years. And I received your publication for this month a day or so ago. Thank you for sending me this at no charge to me for a long time.

I am now going on 83 years of age; retired just a few months ago, so I wanted to thank you for your publication and tell you to take me off your mailing list, which is: Don Fletcher, -- --- ---, Houghton LA

Please accept the small gift I enclose as a small means of thanks for each time I received your publication.

Reverend Carey Donald Fletcher  
Houghton, LA

Sept. 13, 2015  
Roanoke, VA

Dear Brethren in Christ,

We so much enjoy the New Hope Newsletter and wish to help with the expenses of it. Please find enclosed check.

We had a winter home in Florida for a number of years and were blessed to visit your church a number of times.

We are not unable to travel very much due to health issues, so we especially enjoy receiving the Newsletter.

Thank you so very much.

In Christian love,  
George & Mary Ann Conner  
Roanoke, VA





Ben Anderson's sister, Elizabeth York and family, visited from Lee's Summit, MO. Pictured: George and Elizabeth York with children Charlotte, Jocelyn, Elise and Matthias.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday night, Brother James and Sister Ilene Waddle met with us to worship at Zion Church (Zion, AL). They are members of Sulphur Springs Church near Caledonia, MS. They asked Zion Church to pray for their 11 month old grandson, Landon Waddle. He had been diagnosed with glaucoma and the pressure in his eyes was dangerously high. The doctor had said that without surgery he would go blind. Yesterday, the doctor looked at his eyes again and discovered that the pressure was normal and there was no sign of glaucoma. The doctor then asked the family if they had any questions, to which they replied, "We're so shocked, we don't know what to ask."

Sister Waddle told me the verse that was upon her mind throughout this ordeal was Nahum 1:7, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Sister Waddle's purpose in calling me today was to ask me to let the church know about God's miracle. We often ask the church to pray for those who are sick. However, we often neglect to ask the church to join with us in praising God for healing our loved ones. Jesus once said, after healing ten lepers "...Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17). Leprosy is an infectious disease that causes severe, disfiguring skin sores and nerve damage in the arms and legs. In Bible times, lepers were segregated from the general population and shunned as outcasts.

In America, we have easy access to the best medical care in the world. A couple of days ago, I went to a "walk-in clinic" to seek treatment for a severe sinus infection. In less than an hour, without an appointment, I was diagnosed by a medical doctor, given shots with steroids and an antibiotics, and an antibiotic prescription was called in to the pharmacy, which I picked up on my way back to the office. It was only a slight inconvenience for me to receive the care I needed.

Oftentimes, we are as unthankful today as the lepers were whom Jesus healed. May we be like the one grateful leper of whom it was said, "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, where there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. (Luke 17:15-18). It is significant that Jesus stated, "and he was a Samaritan." The Samaritans were hated by the Jews because they were "half breeds." Even Jesus referred the healed man as a "stranger." However, Jesus praised the man's gratitude. God is still "no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him."

Are you among the 90% who do not give thanks to God, or the 10% who do?

- Elder Buddy Abernathy, Zion, Alabama



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*New Hope Newsletter*

**WGPBC wants to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Thank You Lord**

I thank you Lord for hearing me

When I get on my knees to pray

I thank you Lord every day for life

As I go from day to day.

I thank you Lord for your sacrifice

When you died on the cross for me

I once walked through life being blinded

But, because of you I now can see.

I thank you Lord for the miracles you send

Your love, forgiveness and grace

I thank you Lord for carrying me

When I could no longer set the pace.

I thank you Lord for lifting me

My spirit you lift so high

I thank you Lord when I'm feeling down

'cause you give me the will to try.

You gave me eternal life

And, only you my Lord know when

The day I can thank you face to face

In Jesus name, Amen.