



New Hope Newsletter

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God's Word Is the Old Path - By Elder Dolph Painter

The tools Primitive Baptists use to interpret John 3:16 are sure, but what happens when we use these same tools to interpret all verses? Let's see.

In order to reconcile John 3:16 with the rest of scripture, any Primitive Baptist worth his salt will:

1. Survey the Bible to determine how the word "world" is used. Its definitions are many, but world never describes every human from Adam to the last human conceived before Christ's return.
2. Determine context to gain sense. We study the spiritual birth conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. We consider Nicodemus' questions and Jesus' answers. Spirit birth, then belief – John 3: 3,5.
3. Analyze the sentence by diagramming sentences, determining verb tenses. We conclude eternal life is not something achieved, but something in possession.
4. Search for case studies (i.e., the eunuch, the Apostle Paul, Cornelius, John the Baptist, Jeremiah, David), understanding these characters must reconcile with theology.

Let us employ the same techniques with Jeremiah 6:16 and its often quoted "the old paths":

1. Survey the Bible to define the word "path." The Bible speaks of good paths, righteous paths, upright paths, and lighted paths. Each good path directly or indirectly refers to obeying **God's Word**.
2. Determine context: Back up to the beginning of the paragraph – John 2:10. The passage speaks of God's word, Israel's rebellion, God's chastening, and the command to return to old paths, **God's Word**.
3. Analyze the sentence: Old path is the second of four items; each refers to obeying **God's Word**.
4. Search for case studies: Josiah is a great example. Josiah skipped over dad, grandpa, and went back 16 generations to David – 2 Chronicles 33:21-34:2. Why 16 generations? Why David? David walked according to **God's Word**.

Brethren, we look like fools to other denominations and our children when we painstakingly interpret "eternal verses" and cruise on automatic pilot for other verses. May we be true to every verse of the Bible.



An Easter tradition at WGPBC is for the ladies to wear hats. Little Phillip Lawrence was getting in on the fun. (left) Brother EW McDonald with friends Leanna and Matt Alverson. (right)



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Pastor's Letter - Elder Glen Blanchard



We are happy to announce that Winter Garden PBC will be hosting the Florida Fellowship Meeting in 2019. The dates are February 22nd (Friday) to February 24th (Sunday). We have moved the date for two reasons: Firstly, we will not be competing

with larger events in the Central Florida area in February. Secondly, it almost insures that the weather will be beautiful. There is little that compares with Florida in February. So, start making your plans and keep a close eye on this space for more details. Hope to see you here next February for the Florida Fellowship.

So far, we have enjoyed a blessed winter here at Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church. Rachel Blanchard's grandparents, Dave and Lois Metternich, have been here for the winter and Dave has helped mow the church lawn, plus both of them have been attending our Worship Services on Sunday and Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings, and we have enjoyed their fellowship. Sister Johnnie Brown has recently moved to the Central Florida area to live with her daughter and has been attending our Sunday services. Also, we seem to enjoy, periodically, several visitors on the Lord's Day who are visiting in the area.

Our blessings are too many to list here, but we are pleased to be in an area where our visitors can drop in on us from time-to-time.



It is always a blessing to have visitors from both far and near. Don and Sandy Hamilton from Ohio pictured with Elder Glenn Blanchard. (top left) Pictured with WGPBC member Doug Jones friends Phil and Julianne Irwin and Bill. (bottom left)

Susan and Hannah Simpson, visiting from Longview, TX. (bottom right)



Announcements

2018 Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting

[Even though we received this too late for widespread effectiveness, we are printing it in hopes that the Smoky Mountain Meeting was a great success and many were able to enjoy it]:

The 2018 Smoky Mountain Spring Meeting was held April 2-5, 2018 Monday night thru Thursday morning. We will start a little early on Monday evening (approx. 6:30 PM) Tuesday and Wednesday's schedule is for 10 AM and 7 PM. Thursday morning will begin at 9:30 AM. Elder Ronnie Loudermilk handles the details of this meeting. His email address is elderrbl@gmail.com or 678-925-5023 if you wish to speak with him about the meeting. Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

2018 Nebraska Fellowship Meeting

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 319 W. 11th Street, Cozad, NE 69130 (on the corner of 11th & K) will host the 2018 Nebraska Fellowship Meeting June 7-10, 2018. Schedule of services are:

Thursday at 7:30 PM: Singing and Prayer
Friday at 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Saturday at 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday at 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served Friday, Saturday and Sunday following morning services; supper will be served Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:00 PM prior to evening services.

For more information please contact Elder Thomas Bond, P.O. Box 303, Cozad, NE 69130; 308-784-5518 Home Phone and 308-325-3957 Cell Phone. Or Deacon Howard Halbgewachs, 75851 Road 419, Cozad, NE 69130; 308-784-4320 Home Phone and 308-325-3302 Cell Phone.

Little Flock PBC, Rogers, AR Meeting

It is with hearts of humble gratitude that we, the membership of Little Flock Church, do express our attempt of praise and worship to God Almighty for His grace and mercy in preserving a refuge of truth and a voice of the same in this location of northwest Arkansas. What was begun here by a few dedicated souls in April of 1843 has now continued through war and peace, increase and famine, fair weather and storm, opposition and support, and even our own efforts and mistakes. God has delivered us to this good day to remember 175 years of song, prayer, and sermon. With that milestone attained it is our sincere desire to come

together with family and friends to offer our thanksgiving and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for this blessing.

We are planning to begin a simple meeting of the same: singing, prayer, and preaching of the inspired word of God: Friday morning, April 27, 2018, and to continue through noon Sunday, April 29, 2018. There will be services Friday morning, afternoon, and evening. Saturday services will be morning, afternoon and evening and a fellowship supper that evening. Sunday morning services will conclude our meeting at noon. There will be lunch and supper each day (Friday and Saturday) with lunch on Sunday. Daily service times are 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 7:00 PM.

This is an open invitation to the ministry, as we have invited brethren from across the country to attend and preach as they are lead of the Spirit to do so. It will be our intention to use as many of these as convenient in hopes that we will have many more than will be called upon. Even more so, we wish to invite to the God of heaven whom you serve in the faith once delivered. We covet your prayers for this as all meetings and extend the most sincere hand of fellowship to all who know our Lord to assemble with us.

We are making arrangements for your comforts while here as hotels are available in a very short distance from our church house, and the homes of us all will be open to accommodate as many as we can. Please put this meeting on your calendar and pray that the Lord would place the desire in your hearts to attend and make it possible to do so.

For more information concerning the meeting, hotels, assistance, directions, etc. please contact our pastor Elder Carl Staten at 479-531-0946, or at lfpb@cox.net. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there. God's richest blessings be yours.

-Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Rogers, AR

Biography of W.S. Craig

From an article in "The Primitive Monitor:" Primitive Baptists surely know Elder Craig contributed much to our dear cause because his works are accepted as a high standard of religious literature. Primitive Baptists from all parts of the United States were acquainted with his writings. They do not know, however, that his fine literature passed into the hands of young ministers as a gift from Elder Craig.

He was certainly a sober man. When one visited the church at Cozad he was impressed by Elder Craig because he engaged in religious conversation, gospel singing and public worship. He was so completely divorced from the world and no other thought seemed to enter his mind than to glorify the Savior of poor lost sinners. He would have considered it a grave offense to spend time set apart for services other than praising God to the highest here on earth.

From the moment he emerged from the study, where one usually found Elder Craig, you were filled with the patient manner in which he dealt with all subjects. I never heard from his lips one unkind thing about any person about whom we conversed. Even for those who failed the cause he expressed regret and still affirmed his love for them.

The subject of this article was born in Coles County, Illinois, May 1, 1867. He united with New Hope Church, Hindsboro, Illinois, September 8, 1889 and was baptized by Elder F. M. Reeds. On August 26, 1896 he was united in marriage to Armenta L. Reeds of Hindsboro by Elder S.F. Moffett. This union was blessed with three wonderful daughters.

Elder Craig became a charter member of the church at Cozad, Nebraska, when it was constituted in 1908. He served as pastor until two years before his death when he was released by the church upon his request.

We were blessed to have friends of Elder Donnie Riddell and sister Beverly from The Villages Bobby and Janet Shepherd and Dave and Barbara. (top right) Fortunate to have sister Rachel Blanchard's relative, Roland Hein visit us from Missouri. (bottom left) Always great to have family visit; members Julie and Hannah Anderson pictured with Julie's mom, Lana, and Dan Snurr. (bottom right)





Blessed to have sister Johnnie Brown who recently moved to the area from Mt. Carmel PBC in Bel Air, MD pictured with Doug Jones.

Brother McDonald pictured with 3 beautiful young ladies. Lorianne Lawrence, Abby and Hannah Anderson.



Frequent visitors Gloria and Jeff Clark, always wonderful to make new friends.

Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. Speak to people-there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people-it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Do it the easy way.
3. Call people by name-the sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful-if one would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial-speak and act as if everything you do were a real pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people-you can like everyone if you try.
7. Be generous with praise-cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others-it will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinion of others-there are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
10. Be alert to give service-what counts most in life is what we do for others.



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He has Risen!! A fun tradition of the ladies (and some gentlemen) of the church is to wear hats on Easter Sunday.