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"Buy the truth, and sell it not." (Prov. 23:23)

FROM THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR RELIGION
Strength For Today And Bright Hope For Tomorrow

Philippians 4:13

1 Corinthians 15:19

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

We are thankful for godly mothers and wives that occupy their respective roles in a manner taught in the word of God. In view of the way that society seems to be decaying in this present time, it is ever so true when the question is asked in Job 31:10-11: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." God values a virtuous woman far greater than any earthly treasure because it is He that gives mothers and wives who pass their virtues on to the younger. Paul writes to Titus that the aged women are to teach the younger to be discreet and to love their husbands and their children. (Titus 2:4).

This virtuous woman has a husband and children that arise up and call her blessed and praise her which in reality is praise to God because this is his gift. The prophet Isaiah asks an interesting question in Isaiah 49:15: "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." A woman can forget according to scripture but can a true mother forget? Generally speaking I think there is a difference in a true mother and a woman who bore a child. The mother who forgets and forsakes her child is just a "woman" who bore a child and not a true mother. Solomon sorted out the true mother when there was a contention between two women over a child that both claimed as their own. He ordered the child divided in half with each half given to the two women. The true mother spoke up and desired the child to be given to the false mother rather than see harm come to the child.

The world gives women who just bear children and fail to take care of them while the God of heaven gives true mothers who love their children and do willingly sacrifice for their welfare. Imagine the grief of the woman of Shunem after she had a child when her husband was old and then when he had grown, he died while on her knees. She went to Elisha who told her she would have that child and when asked if all was well, she said, "It is well." When Elisha was told of her loss, he came and stretched himself upon the child, mouth on mouth, eyes on eyes, hands on hands, and prayed. The child was restored to life and this mother had her offspring once again. (2 Kings 4:8-37). Sorrow was turned into joy.

Children should be conceived and born within the sanctity of marriage as marriage is honourable and the bed undefiled. (Heb. 13:4). Wives which become mothers are once again a gift from God. Any man can find a woman in the world who is willing to live with him outside marriage, but God gives wives who aren't willing to engage in this ungodly behavior. Solomon writes, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." (Prov. 18:22). Good things come from God and a true wife is surely worth finding under the leading of the Spirit of God. The beginning of Samson's downfall was his desire for a woman of the uncircumcised Philistines which pleased him well. She was not God's gift to him which was soon manifest. (Judg. 14:3)

A God given wife will bring honor to her husband so that he doesn't mind owning her as his wife. Solomon writes again, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones" (Prov. 12:4) No man in his right mind should want a Jezebel for a wife and no woman in her right mind should desire an Ahab for a husband. Both these wicked people came to a dastardly end and there were no crowns here. A crown is something this is placed on the head and the husband is the head of the wife so she completes him with that crown.

The way some wives and mothers dress in today's culture should give reason for the husband to be ashamed to be seen with her in public. The wife and mother is not to draw attention to herself so we read in Timothy these instructions: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (1 Tim. 2:9). I cringe at times when I see how some dress in Wal-Mart and other public places. Just pray that it never creeps into the church assembly.

Remember that a wife and mother are symbolic of the church of Jesus Christ. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" (Eph. 5:25). The church is to honor her head as the bride of Christ by conducting themselves in a manner that will not bring reproach on her head. "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 113:9). What a joyful time when husbands, wives and children dwell together in family unity to honor their God! (Elder Larry Wise)

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By Elder Bobby Willis (Deceased)
May 6, 2016

There was a song many years ago on the Pop Charts entitled "Sound of Silence." Sadly this title could be used to describe many family homes, even of those who profess to be Christians. One cannot be a true disciple of Christ unless prayer is a high priority in their home. Breakfast, lunch and dinner should begin with a prayer of thanksgiving and one of asking for the Lord's blessing. Believers who are serious about their service to God engage in prayer on a regular basis.

Many well known historical figures of the Bible placed a high priority on prayer. Abraham, upon going into the land of Canaan, "builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD." (Genesis 12:8). Any time we have a move of any significance to make, it would be far better to call upon the name of the Lord to make sure we are following His will and not ours.

Then there was the time in the life of Moses when the Lord told him to bring the people of Israel into the land of Canaan and Moses said unto the Lord, "Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way..." While it is true that Moses did not always do that which the Lord had instructed, we find that Moses was a praying man,

seeking the direction the Lord would have him to go. Earlier, we find Moses crying out unto the Lord in prayer when he did not know what he should do. In his prayer, "Moses cried unto the Lord saying, What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me." (Exodus 17:6). This might seem like a desperation prayer as Moses had begun to fear for his life. When the time of our life seems to be short and we know not what to do, our prayers almost become desperate in our need to know what would be pleasing unto the Lord.

Need often facilitates prayer. Even though it should not always be that way, we would be kidding ourselves to say otherwise. However, if prayer is a priority in your home, it should be exercised often, regardless of our circumstances.

One of the most known biblical occurrences of intense prayer is when David prayed that his young child be spared (II Samuel 12:16). A similar situation is faced by Elijah when the son of the widow woman who had made him a little cake, had no breath left in him. Elijah then "cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God,," These were intense prayers by David and Elijah, but they were offered up as a matter of priority. These two men of God were accustomed to praying unto the Lord in whatever they set their hands to do.

Another example of prayer as a priority is found in Daniel 6:10-11, "Now when David knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God." Daniel was known for his prayers unto the Lord as he knew of their importance.

If prayer is not a high priority in your life, it is high time that you consider it for what it is, a commandment of our Lord. Even amongst the thieves which had defiled the temple, the Lord made this declaration, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer;..." (Matt. 21:13), Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46). The Lord was quoting from the writing of Isaiah (Isaiah 56:7). It must be noted that the Prophet was speaking that which the Lord Himself had given him. Surely what the Lord says is worth taking note of and doing. "Think About It!"

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"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" (Lk 18:1)

"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them." (Luke 18:7)

GLORIOUS THOUGHTS

By Elder L.C. Swanner (Deceased)

“For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come.”—Hebrews xiii. 14

The apostle expresses, in these few words, the thought: our cities do not continue forever, but that we are looking for one that does continue, and that by faith. We do not expect to find that city (which exists forever) in this life, but we are looking forward to the time when the redeemed of God will live in that eternal city. We find the great Patriarch Abraham sojourned in the strange land of promise by faith, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, looking for “a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” He dwelled there, that by faith, then we, which are of faith—the same as the children of Abraham—seek that rest or city by faith.

We, sometimes, let our minds and conversations dwell upon things of the world. We are afraid that too much of the time we are concerned with things of this life. Our conversations should be upon heavenly and divine things. If our conversation is not on things of this life, then we can say, as the apostle, “Our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.” What a pleasure it is to us to think upon His great name and the Eternal City. If we call upon Him it is evidence we are His children; for we call upon our earthly parents, while we are under them, for natural things we need, and things we feel they can give. Then how much more is our heavenly Father able to bless over and above that which we are able to do or think?

We, a few, who are looking for that city or anticipating it, are not expecting it to be brought about by our own works, but by His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ before the world began. Lots of the Lord’s children are expecting it as a result of their labours, but that is not the way we will receive the joys of that city.

We sometimes grow weary of the toils and cares of this life. At times we have a desire to depart and enjoy the blessings of our inheritance. We have the promise that there will be no night there; no need of the sun or moon for light, for God is that light and will be the light there; and all tears will be wiped from our eyes. The apostle expressed our desire when he said, “while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”—2 Cor. iv. 18.

What a blessing to feel this in our souls and to be anchored to the great fountain of life! Glorious thoughts!

L.C. Swanner

(From “*The Primitive Baptist*”, Oct. 7, 1948)

“There’s a city of light ‘mid the stars, we are told,
where we’ll know not a sorrow or care...” Song

LEGAL AND PARENTAL JUDGMENT

By Elder Ralph Harris (Deceased)

It is not *election*, but *sin*, which lies at the root of men being cast into hell. All of humanity are *by nature*, children of wrath—even the elect (See Ephesians 2:3). If Christ had not died for the sins of His people they would have finally perished, just as will the wicked. But due to His taking their sins, and the penalty thereof, upon Himself, those sins will not be charged to them so far as eternal judgment is concerned.

When God’s people sin, they experience “a fearful looking for judgment” (See Hebrews 10:27) because God judges them here in time in a parental way. And being a parental judgment, it is not administered with the intent of devouring them, as it does “the adversaries,” but in love, for their correction, improvement and restoration. This, however, should not encourage anyone to take this judgment lightly, for depending upon its severity the subjects of it may experience a hell on earth. Therefore, “to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams” (1 Samuel 15:23). God is *pleased* with His people when they obey His precepts, and He blesses them with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). But He is *displeased* when they violate His commandments, and He consequently punishes them in a parental way.

We might illustrate it this way: If a child should violate a civil law that requires a \$500 penalty, which he cannot pay, his father pays the fine, but that does not alter the fact that the father must still administer *parental* punishment in order to rightly fill his station as a good father to the child. By the same token, God’s people had a legal debt to divine justice that they could never have paid, and their heavenly Father paid that debt *for* them. But that does not change the fact that when they disobey His law He must, in love, administer *parental* punishment for their correction and betterment. Therefore, let us never despise the chastening of the Almighty (Job 5:17, Proverbs 3:11 & Hebrews 12:5), but remember that the Lord is dealing with us “as with sons.”

Elder Ralph Harris

(From “*In The Master’s Service*”, October, 2001)

VISIT BRIEF—LOVING KINDNESS FOREVER

“If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” (Psalm 89:30-34)

NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD

By Elder Guy Hunt (Deceased)

No subject is closer to God-fearing parent's heart than the behavior of their children. A well behaved child is the most pleasant jewel in any home. I don't suppose there are many, if any, parents, but what at times feel like they are completely failing. We do know from experience, and from reading the Bible, that there are some methods being used today that will, and must, fail. I do not claim to be an expert, but I would leave you the following observations, which I believe to be taught in the word of God. Let you or I turn a deaf ear, if we will, to the admonitions of the Lord, and we will reap tears, anguish, despair and a fate that would be, and oftentimes is, harder to bear than death.

If the well educated, and college trained, parent today depends completely upon some of the methods of modern child psychology, the road ahead in the training of their children will be disappointing. I am not talking about the training that helps to better understand the passions and behavior of our children for this kind training can better prepare us for a great job ahead. I have not attended college, and studied child psychology, but I have read much literature on the subject at every opportunity, written by college professors, and other experts in the field.

The thing that has impressed me most is the correctness of most of the teachings, but usually sprinkled with a sad amount of error, which if not sifted out, would cause the entire teaching to fail. There is no writing or teaching other than the Bible that we can accept as the complete truth. When we read of an idea or technique, that is being advanced, we should test it by the word of God, and see if it is sound.

Prov. 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Anyone who teaches, believes, or subscribes to anything in child psychology contrary to this scripture, although he may be highly educated with titles on every side of his name, he is a victim of **educated ignorance**.

The above scripture also lets us know that the statement, that I love my child too much to strike it with a rod, is a complete falsehood. No matter how much love and affliction we feel in our heart, if we fail to discipline a child, when it is needed, our actions prove nothing more than hate, for our most precious natural feelings, our children.

Love and discipline are inseparable. He that beats a child in anger, or by unreasonable means has provoked a child to wrath and bitterness. Loving, petting, and giving over to the wrongful whims of children, in order to prevent unpleasant discipline doesn't work in the home, the church, the orphanage or institution. In any case where there is the lack of either one, there is trouble.

I have known of a few people, who have attempted to discipline their children by scaring them with the bogey-man getting them, or an old black dog under the bed, etc. Such antics make nervous wrecks of little children, and completely fail in its purpose. It is also a mistreatment of the child.

To bring up a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord does not hinge altogether on discipline by the parent, but also the teaching of self-discipline to the child. To do this, a parent must be awake to the trends, the temptations, the passions that run through the veins of boys and girls, and men and women. Is it treating a young boy or girl right for parents to allow themselves to become so overcome in confidence in the goodness and trust of a child, that they allow them to go without nurture in the midst of the jungle of a crooked and perverse world?

When we talk of goodness, goodness is of the Lord in the preparation of the heart. You and I know there are good boys and girls, who become drunkards, and dope addicts, who go to penitentiaries, and homes for unwed mothers. Many mothers and fathers, who shun the very appearance of evil in their own lives who wouldn't ride to town alone with a man or woman of the opposite sex, and most certainly wouldn't allow themselves to be alone with a member of the opposite sex, who would talk to a neighbor, who comes about some business, either in the front porch, or through the screen door, or in the yard, show by their actions that they want to avoid the terrible tragedies of life. Yet, I have known of these same type people, who would take the rest of the family to go to the store, or off visiting for a few moments, and leave a little daughter at home alone on a date. How foolish can a person be? Children must instead be taught to avoid such dangers, which are more dangerous than a bullet, or diseases, or wars. They should be taught that if ever at home alone, and a friend of the opposite sex comes to see them, just to ask that they return, when the family comes back.

Parents must not close their eyes to reality. To fool themselves into thinking that things like this just cannot happen is like sticking their heads in the sand. We must realize that the sin and temptations we fight are real, and right among us. The apostle Paul put it very aptly, and every parent should recall it. Rom. 7:21, "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."

You and I cannot rear our children in the way we should go if we do not educate ourselves of the obstacles they face. We should try to understand the special temptations that one must face in the armed services, in college dormitories, and towns, and working as a single person away from home. We must teach them the tried and proven way the Lord has given us to overcome these passions. To make believe they do not exist is only asking for trouble. As

you think back over your childhood, consider the things you faced, consider what you know now, consider the breaking down of morality, the lax moral codes in effect among so many today. It is frightening isn't it? It should encourage us to beg the guidance of the Lord, in the greatest job before us in bringing up our children.

I remember the words of Elder J.T. Musick, spoken a few years ago about his children. He said, if he could recall back his happiest years, it would be those where his little children were right at his heels, asking questions, and sometimes receiving an impatient answer. Today, I can understand it ever better as I see my little boy, or my little girls, wanting to be right with me or their mother. I know they are asking for affection and guidance. I don't want to fail in my duty to them as their father. Many children are starving for affection and guidance today. Are yours? My wife found out a long time ago, that the one way she could always depend on me to become angry was to just mention her getting a job and going to work. The children need her at home more than we have ever needed money. They can be a lifelong pleasure.

My Lord and my God, grant to me grace to do my part, help me to understand them, to take time to tutor them, to love them properly, to discipline them tenderly, to follow thy word continually and to thank thee all the days of my life, for thy goodness and mercy in sending these little jewels into our home. (July, 1966)

(From "The Best of Elder Guy Hunt")

BEING PARENTS—SOMETIMES A CHORE

Concerned that his students were not really learning the material, an algebra teacher sent a note home to parents, asking them not to do anything to the homework assigned to their children. The next day, one student turned in a reply from his parents: "Dear Mr. Wood, we are flattered that you think we could."—Source Unknown

The man in the supermarket was pushing a cart which contained, among other things, a screaming baby. As the man proceeded along the aisles, he kept repeating softly, "Keep calm, George. Don't get excited, George. Don't get excited, George. Don't yell, George."

A lady watching with admiration said to the man, "You are certainly to be commended for your patience in trying to quiet little George."

"Lady," he declared, "I'm George."

--Source Unknown

Children can bring out just about every emotion possible but still a blessing—*Editor*

HOW DO WE KNOW?

Every time someone comes up with a new idea about the Lord, we need to look for the footprints. Cults are being formed all over the country today, but all a person will have to know is, where are the footprints. If you cannot find footprints, what you are being told is not the truth. You see, someone has walked the path before. Jesus walked it while here upon the earth and his faithful disciples have walked it now for almost two thousand years. Listen to the Song of Solomon. "Tell me, O thou whom thou lovest, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions? If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents." S of S 1:7-8

You see, people who have rejected the ways and commandments of God, and seek to start a new religion or movement cannot point you to the footsteps of the flock. No one has walked the path before. But the true way has been walked before and you can find the footprints back to the time of Christ. All religions formed since Christ was preached by John the Baptist in the wilderness and men pressed themselves into the Church, cannot be the Church of God. Christ built the Church and from that time there has been footprints leading from the Church to give direction to the wayward pilgrim to follow in the path. As an example, many religious orders popular today were formed in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. They have no footprints leading to the time of Christ and regardless of how well meaning they are, they cannot be the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If someone ever asks you to trust and follow them, ask them where the footprints are. They should be willing to show you who went before them. Paul was willing to do so. "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1st Cor. 11:1

(From "The Pathway of Truth", August, 2001)

PROVERBS XIII. 22

April 20, 1939

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.—Prov. xiii. 22

Brother R. L. Barrett, of Fontana, Calif., has asked us for our views on this text. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," said an inspired writer. The man who walks uprightly, in the service of the master, who diligently fights the good fight of faith, who lets his light so shine that others may see his good works, who lives in such a way as that those who are personally acquainted with him can but say

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BIBLE FILL IN THE BLANK

1. For John the Baptist came neither eating _____ nor drinking _____; and ye say, He hath a devil. (Luke 7:33)
2. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many are _____ for she loved much: but to whom _____ is forgiven, the same loveth little. (Luke 7:47)
3. And why call ye me, _____ and do not the things which I say? (Luke 6:46)
4. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak _____ of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26)
5. Judas cast down the pieces of _____ in the temple, and departed, and went out and _____ himself. (Matt. 27:5)
6. When Jesus was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered _____. (Matt.27:12)
7. Pilate released Barabbas unto them: and when he had _____ Jesus, he delivered him to be _____. (Matt. 27:26)
8. Joseph of Arimathaea went to Pilate and _____ the _____ of Jesus and Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. (Matt. 27:58)
9. On the cross Jesus was given _____ to drink mingled with _____ and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. (Matt. 27:34)
10. Forty and six years was this _____ in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the _____ of his body. (John 2:20-21)

IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE ARE THESE VERSES?

1. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.
2. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
3. And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.
4. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
(Answers on Page 9)

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

I was eating some Cheetos a few months back and shared some with Isaac, our two year old grandson. He loves Cheese Puffs but he likes Cheetos as well. I had given him five or six Cheetos to eat already and he said, "I want another one Papa." It seemed that he anticipated my questioning him about having another one for he followed that up by saying with emphasis, "Isaac hungry!" Guess what, he got another.—*Editor*

MY NEW HOME

By Elder Larry Wise

(Written the night Sister Tammy Wise died of cancer)

I've gone to my brand new home,
Weep not for me for I have gone
To my home of great joy and peace,
Best of all; it never shall cease.

Home where is no sorrow or pain,
Paul knew tis true that to die is gain.
Said goodbye to my body for awhile,
In my new home always a smile.

Friends lift up heart; try not to be sad,
In time to come; know you'll be glad.
In my new home my soul is quite well,
To get there I had to say farewell.

Farewell for awhile; I'll see you again,
In my new home I never had been.
Weep not for me as I now rejoice,
Praising my Savior with perfect voice.

My body lies in the ground so cold,
My spirit and soul is safe in the fold,
One day those two and my body as well
Reunited in my new home, ever to dwell.

So weep not for me; I've finished my race,
Jesus has wiped my tears from my face.
I'm never alone in my brand new home,
It's a wonderful place where I have gone!

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that there is a reality in the profession he has made, leaves an inheritance of much more value and greater worth than the wealth of this old world. He leaves a good name for His children and for their children. And such a one will be fed. God has so promised, and His every promise is sure. But ill-gotten gain never profits much, or for long. Wealth that is obtained by other means than honest toil and labor will not stay. It slips away. Much more could be written, but we have to be brief. C.H.C.

(From "Editorial Writings From The Primitive Baptist"
By Elder C.H. Cayce, Vol. VI)

CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: I have moved up the deadline to submit announcements and material to be included in the next month's issue of Glad Tidings from the 15th of the month to the **8th of the month** prior to publication. This change is due to the fact the Postal Service is inconsistent in delivering the publication. Some may get it early and some extremely late. This way hopefully everyone will get their papers in time to know the times and dates of any meetings they may have a desire to attend that are near them.—*Editor*

Everyone is invited to the communion meeting at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, Ecrú, MS the 3rd weekend in May, 2017 (May 19-21). Services Friday night, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. preceded by supper at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with communion followed by lunch. Elder Ronald Lawrence, Nashville, TN is invited minister. Elder Larry Wise is Pastor of Bethany.

Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, Tupelo, MS invites everyone to come worship our Lord and Savior during our annual meeting the 1st weekend in May, 2017. Services begin on Friday night, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6th, morning services will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch. Sunday, May 7th, morning service will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and communion service. We look forward to sweet fellowship with our beloved brethren and sisters. If you are unable to attend, please remember us in prayer, Elder Marshall Boyd is Harmony Pastor.

Everyone is invited to the meeting at New Prospect Primitive Baptist Church, New Albany, MS the 1st weekend in June, 2017 (June 2-4). Service Friday night, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, June 3, supper at 5:30 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Houston Patrick, Martin, TN is invited minister. Elder Grady Camp is Pastor of New Prospect.

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, near Heber Springs, AR, will have their annual meeting the 4th weekend in May, 2017 (May 26-28). Services on Friday, May 26, at 10:00 am followed by lunch and then afternoon services. The same schedule for Saturday, May 27, as well. This is an open meeting. Everyone is invited. Elder Danny Adcock is Pastor of Hopewell.

"My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;" (Song of Solomon 2:10-12)

CHURCH NEWS

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting at Yalobusha Primitive Baptist Church, Water Valley, MS the 4th weekend in June, 2017 (June 23-25). Services Friday night, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday morning June 24, at 1030 a.m. followed by lunch. Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Elder Calvin Warren, Tupelo, MS is invited minister. Elder James Hall is pastor of Yalobusha.

"From every stormy wind that blows, From every swelling tide of woes, There is a calm, a sure retreat, 'Tis found beneath the mercy seat, 'Tis found beneath the mercy seat. There is a place where Jesus sheds the oil of gladness on our heads, A place of all on earth most sweet: It is the blood-bought mercy seat. It is the blood-bought mercy seat." (*"From Every Stormy Wind"*—Song from Old School Hymnal)

P. U. S. H.

**P = PRAY U = UNTIL S = SOMETHING
H = HAPPENS**

When everything seems to go wrong . . . just P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down. . .just P.U.S.H.
When people don't do as you think they should. . . just P.U.S.H.

When you can't find the right work . . . just P.U.S.H.
When your money is "gone" and the bills are due. . . just P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you. . . just P.U.S.H.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

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A. S. A. P.

When we need something in the work environment, we might send out a memo or verbally communicate that we need it ASAP. It is an urgent need that means "as soon as possible". I recently saw a new meaning to this as I visited the father of one of our church members who was in the nursing home in very poor condition. At the end of his bed and on a table was a plaque of some sort that said "A.S.A.P." Under this were "Always Stop And Pray." May we constantly be sending out ASAP; Always Stop And Pray; right now and not as soon as possible.—*Editor*

PRAYER IS A PRIVILEGE

By Elder Bobby Willis (Deceased)

Psalm 55:16-17, "As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

The weather is beautiful today; skies are clear and the sun is shining brightly. But, that is only part of the scene. When I opened the back door, which faces north, the north wind was blowing steadily in my face. While it felt refreshing, it only took a moment to get chilled. My thoughts on going for an early morning walk were put on hold.

As I settled down for a moment to reflect on the events of the previous night (Super Tuesday voting), I soon found myself feeling downcast and somewhat discouraged. It never ceases to amaze me how politicians in both parties can lambaste each other one day and then try to woo them into supporting them the next as if they had not said those awful things about them. All of this chaos in the political arena can cause the saints of God to be discouraged and even defeated before they ever start their day.

We must not forget the privilege God has given us to exercise when we find ourselves in this condition. Whether it is over politics, health issues, family problems, or whatever trial may come; we have the privilege of prayer. Too many of God's people forget the glorious privilege which belongs to us as children of God. There is nothing else like it in the world.

The Psalmist David has asked God to lend ear in his direction as he expressed his complaint concerning the enemies round about him. He was so cast down that it prompted him to say "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest" (Psalm 55:6). We may all get that way from time to time as the wickedness, the deceitfulness, and the guile remains in our streets. Add this to our personal problems and it seems unsurmountable at times.

David, Psalm 55:16-17, reverted back to that which he knew would bring him the peace of mind which he sought: that of calling upon God with the assurance the LORD would save him. David did not pray timidly! He prayed diligently! "Evening, and morning, and at noon" he prayed crying aloud. We are able to cry aloud in our hearts to he who is able to save us from all situations. The three Hebrew children declared, "...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace..." (Daniel 3:17). Paul told the Philippians (3:21) that God was "able even to subdue all things unto himself". James proclaimed, "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save..." (James 4:12).

Having assurance that God is able and does provide for the welfare of His children, we should avail ourselves to the privilege of prayer on a regular

basis. What better way to start your day than to thank Him for the opportunity to praise Him. At noon, pray a prayer of acknowledgement in recognizing His blessings and for His watch-care the remainder of the day. Then at evening, a prayer of thanksgiving for once again delivering you through another day. Prayer is indeed a privilege! Use it well.

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THREE GRAND ESSENTIALS FOR HAPPINESS

By Elder Louis Culver—Deatsville, Alabama

"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for."—Joseph Addison.

Something to do." —It has been said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop; this could also be said of idle hands. Find someone with something to do and that will be someone who is not involved in all the evils of this world. If you need assistance with a job, just find someone who is really busy and that person will most likely give you the best assistance. Busy people usually get things done.

Something to love..."—Love is a very strong emotion, one that is to be desired if it is focused in the right direction. We often say that we love peace and harmony, when in reality we demonstrate that we love evil because we are so much involved in the evils of this world. Such is a misplaced love. Let us desire and covet the good things of life rather than the sins of the world. Charity is love in action: let us be charitable to others in this life.

Something to hope for..."—Hope is looking for something with great anticipation. It is a joy and a pleasure as we think upon those hopes. We anticipate good things to come, things we do not yet possess but have the hope of possessing at a future time.

Some people hope for great riches, desiring to be monetarily wealthy. Money can buy many things but no amount of money can buy happiness. Usually the wealthiest of men are the least happy of men.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, **hope**: And **hope** maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Romans 5:1-5. Emphasis mine,lc)

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Let us endeavor to find happiness in this life by means of these good concepts of life.

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“...For, behold, he prayeth.”
(Acts 9:11)

By Elder Virgil F. Lowrance (Deceased)

The above words are a divine enunciation of the greatest impact to mortal man, the significance of which reaches into the starry skies from whence it came. No mortal tongue can fully proclaim or portray its meaning. I hope, by the grace of God, to be able to make a few remarks that will at least hint at it.

Despite the fact that the matter of one praying is generally taken as a commonplace thing and nothing to become excited about, this announcement is a startling one and one filled with wonder and amazement! And so it is with all truly praying souls. Why? Because it indicates a miraculous change has been wrought in the one thus praying. Hence, the note of attention—BEHOLD! Not only so, but further emphasized by the word *for*, which, in this instance, is a conjunction and means *because*, thus assigning a reason for the instructions that were to follow: viz., you go to this man, “...*For, behold, he prayeth!*” Even this servant of God did not, at first, understand the true significance of this, for he remonstrated: “*Lord, I have heard by many of this man.*” And what is heard is not a pleasant story, as you know you can learn by reading the entire account given in the scripture. Also, no doubt, he had heard and knew that Saul was a very religious man, as well as an evil one. And, therefore, in his Pharisaical way, had “*stood and prayed thus with himself*” many times. But, Ananias, you don’t understand! In all that, there was not a SPARK of real true prayer! Neither is there any in all others like it, for prayer does not consist of words piously spoken, whether they be many or few. For, as John Bunyan said, “In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.” That is all his former utterances were; just words without any heart!

But, behold! This is different! He doesn’t seem to have many words, but, oh! The heart of them! This is significant because this is the first time in his life that he has ever really prayed. “...*Arise, and go...For, behold, he prayeth.*” Not only so, but this time his cries have reached up to heaven, and God has taken notice of them and Himself proclaim the startling awe-inspiring news, “...*Behold, he prayeth.*” I do not think it is a vain imagination to say that the angels of heaven also took up the blessed refrain and sang together, “*Behold, he prayeth!*” “*For there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than ninety and nine that needeth no repentance.*” If some want to say that has reference to the church and the saints here below, I have no objection. But who will contend that the heaven above is excluded from it? When Cornelius’s prayers and alms “...*Came up for a memorial before God,*” and an angel was

dispatched to tell him about it, do you suppose that the angels of heaven had no pleasure in the matter?

Back to this praying one—what is the meaning of all this? Why, Ananias, “*Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me!*” Here, then, is the import of this announcement, “...*behold, he prayeth.*” He is a CHOSEN VESSEL!

Many have tried to disparage the doctrine of election by picturing it as leaving out many poor, penitent souls who were earnestly desiring to be saved, but such is not the truth. Just as truly as it can be said, “*behold, he prayeth,*” just as surely, it can be said, “*He is a chosen vessel!*” Will you wonder then that I say that angels in heaven will rejoice with the glad refrain, “*Behold, he prayeth!*” That God also took notice of it and called it to the attention of one of His ministers, that he might go to him with much needed information and glad tidings of great joy!

“Poor, mourning soul in deep distress!
 Just wakened from a slumber who wanders in sin’s
 wilderness,
 Out of the condemned number, the thunder roars
 Sinai’s mount
 Fills him with grief and sorrow, come, hungry, weary,
 naked soul.
 For such I ne’er rejected; my righteousness sufficient
 is,
 Though you have long neglected; Come, weary soul,
 for right you have,
 I am such soul’s protector; my honor is engaged to
 save,
 All under this character.”

The above lines are taken from “The Good Old Songs,” number 381, and they express better than I can the thought I am trying to convey.

There are many other aspects to prayer, and, the Lord willing, I hope to write some more along this line later. I beg an interest in the prayers of everyone who finds a heart to pray for me and mine.

(From “*Autobiography and Selected Writings of Elder Virgil F. Lowrance*”)

ANSWERS
IN WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE
ARE THESE VERSES?

1. Jeremiah (Jer. 12:3)
2. Isaiah (Isa. 12:3)
3. Acts (Acts 19:18)
4. I Thessalonians (I Thess. 5:26)

“The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (I Peter 3:12)

A BROKEN HEART

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Our hearts by nature are insensitive to the guilt of sin because it is a heart of stone and untouched by the grace of God. Those that heard Stephen preach were “cut to the heart” because their hearts were uncircumcised, thus Stephen’s message went to the heart and no further. (Acts 7:54) Conversely, those that heard Peter preach on the Day of Pentecost were “pricked in their heart” because their hearts were sensitive to spiritual things because the grace of God had changed them to have a heart of flesh instead of stone. We are thankful that God breaks our heart of stone at the moment we are born again and makes us sensitive to our sin and desire to live soberly, righteously and godly in the world.

After we have experienced that broken heart in regeneration, we may have our hearts broken by circumstances that arise in our lives, and we need the One that originally broke our hearts from that of stone to one of flesh. When such is the case, we have this promise from the word of God: “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” (Psalm 34:18). Our hearts may be broken (hurting, crushed, tearful, destroyed) by sorrow that may have come our way; then we need the comfort that comes in knowing that the Lord is nigh (near). We feel a certain comfort and relief to have someone we love near us when sorrowful times arise. However, there is nothing that can compare to the sacred nearness of our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ!

The Lord is not only nigh to those of a broken heart but he saveth those of a contrite (crushed, bruised, worn) spirit. The word “saveth” means that the Lord delivers and rescues those who are in such a condition. There is One that saved us from our sins on the cross of Calvary, and there is One that “saveth” us when we have this contrite spirit. What are we to do when our hearts are broken and our spirits are contrite? We call on the Lord and then we have this promise: “The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.” (Psalm 34:17). The apostle Paul knew about this deliverance and from whence it came as he wrote 2 Cor. 1:10: “Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.” We have three deliverances expressed by Paul, the past, present and future, but all three come from the same source.

Jesus came preaching His own glorious gospel and read from the book of Isaiah, chapter 61 in the synagogue and said this scripture is fulfilled in your ears. “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the

broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” Jesus binds up (wraps firmly) with His hands of love and mercy and gives reason to press on looking to Him as the author and finisher of our faith. The Psalmist put it very succinctly but ever so true when he said, “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3).

Other people with whom we are acquainted can usually tell when we are broken in heart because it manifests itself in our countenance. The wisdom of Solomon knew about this phenomenon as he wrote, “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.” (Prov. 15:13). A joyful (merry) heart results in a countenance that displays that characteristic whereas sorrow of heart causes the spirit to be broken. Once again we learn the source of our deliverance as our hearts are so overwhelmed by sorrow and grief that we despair. We are not alone in this dilemma as David pens these words: “Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” (Psalm 61:1-2).

Our hearts are overwhelmed by circumstances over which we have no control, but then there may be times that are hearts are broken because of sin that we could have avoided. David knew this because of his sin with Bathsheba and he was made to mourn on account of his transgression. He prays for mercy in Psalm 51 and prays for God to restore unto him the joy of thy salvation. There is a sacrifice required to utter that kind of prayer and it is one that God will honor and not despise. David writes, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” This kind of a broken heart of sorrow for committed sin could have been avoided but the Lord is ever merciful to hear the penitent prayer and assuage the guilty party. The burden of heart felt sin may so affect us that we can barely look up but deep down we know that is where help must come as expressed by the Psalmist. “For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.” (Psalm 40:12).

As children of God, we have come from a hard and stony heart to a heart of feeling by His grace; then we really feel the weight of sin and sorrow while broken hearts may be our lot. However, we know that the God who changed our heart is touched by our broken hearts and touched by the feeling of our infirmities. “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Heb. 4:15). Jesus is able to bind up the broken in heart and wrap His arms of love firmly around us and know there is One who still cares. Amen!

ONE ANOTHER

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“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

The phrase “**one another**” appears in the Bible many times. The reason for this is it is very important for the child of God to grow in knowledge and grace of their Savior. One of the ways that we accomplish this is by being in fellowship with like minded believers with regular gatherings at the house of the Lord. When the Lord began his earthly ministry on earth, he called his disciples to come and follow him. In following him, this brought them together in a close communion with one another. Some of the disciples had the profession of being fisherman, tax collectors, and carpenters among them. Yet despite their different background, they dwelt together as one another for the cause of Christ and his kingdom. We have heard of the expression that two heads are better than one in solving a problem. However at first that was not the case with the disciples. They all equally lacked the knowledge that Jesus was the Christ. And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, “What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Mark 4:41. This knowledge wasn’t given to them immediately; they would eventually receive the knowledge that Jesus was the Christ. As Christ would tell Peter, this knowledge came not from man, but from God.

“Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” Matt 16:16,17.

Just before his crucifixion, Christ commands the disciples to love **one another**. After the Holy Ghost would come upon them on the day of Pentecost, it would now be a blessing for them to gather together with one another with the knowledge they were given, to benefit one another in sharing about Jesus and his kingdom. They were to love and teach with the same kind of love that Jesus had for them, which is sacrificial love. This is the same kind of love that we are to have for one another.

The phrase one another also implies that this is not something that we can accomplish by forsaking the church and just go about serving God along without coming in contact with other disciples. The person who says they don't need to go to church, the beauty of God' creation, such as the trees and hills are there church is not fulfilling the **one another** as it is meant in the scriptures. One way that we show love for one another is by sacrificing our personal time to be with one another at church. In Hebrews 10:25 We are

commanded to **not** forsake the assembling of ourselves together. If we obey this then we are truly showing love for one another by our presence in church.

In coming together as one another we are like stones that are used to construct a building. Each stone has its part in making the building. A stone by itself is not all that important, but combined with one another to make a beautiful building. If just one stone is missing then the building is not complete. The scriptures speak of this as a spiritual building. In Ephesians 2:20-22 the scriptures say: “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are **builded together** for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

In Matthew 24:2 when shown the temple and it's marvelous construction the Lord made a prophesy that one day in the near future that the temple would not be standing and the way that he illustrated that was in the expression that there “shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” This implies a complete destruction of the temple building. Without one stone standing on another, you don't have a building!

In the stones of love one another, forbearing one another, forgiving one another, being kind to one another and praying for one another, etc, we little by little erect a spiritual building to the precious Lord who has saved us on the cross.

What a glorious part he has given us to praise his wonderful grace!

Let us labor to do our part to raise this spiritual house to the name of God.

Elder Rickey Taylor

A FRIEND

We are all thankful for our friends and the love we share with them. A true friend will be there in the good times and the bad as Solomon writes, “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” (Prov. 17:17). A true friend loves no matter what but we need to make it easy and not difficult for others to love us. A true friend is born to be a friend others and help them along life's journey. Of course Jesus is the true Friend that loves His people at all times and He was born to that end to die for our sins and minister to us as that friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—*Editor*

God be with you until, by God's grace, we meet again in the next issue of Glad Tidings.