

salvation of all mankind, for if that be true how shall the scriptures be fulfilled, or eternal condemnation be expressed against sin?

But when it is said that that day shall burn as an oven, and shall burn up the wicked leaving them neither root nor branch, it expresses the entire and everlasting punishment or destruction of the wicked; wherefore "kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." Psalm. 2: 12.

Communicated.

OXFORD, N. C. }  
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Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C.

Dear Brother I enclose you two dollars for the LANDMARKS, which came to hand the first of January. I was confined to my bed about the first of December with an attack of bronchitis, from which I am recovering very slow, which now is disposed to run into consumption, which I have been pre-disposed to go into for several years but our departure is with the Lord. I trust his presence will be with me when my change comes. I tried last Spring to preach at two places, for the brethren, sisters, and people, until my health failed so I had to stop, after mended a little I commenced again, but only made two attempts, the last the fourth Sunday in November I learn the brethren still keep up my regular appointments at Smith's school house. Brother Moore meets with and preaches for them every Monday after the second Sunday. There are several good warm-hearted whole-soul Baptists at this place, come out from under the yokes of the Missionaries and Methodist to graze in a quiet and peaceable pasture, and several wish to come, hope they will be able to establish a church at this place after a little, which was my wish to try to do.

I am pleased to read the remarks of our father and brother C. B. Hassell this morning in the LANDMARKS, on the change of time for holding our Association, his views are mine in toto, as they are now held, Saturday and Sunday is an open field for the ingathering of every sin and vice that can be practiced, holding auction sales, drinking and eating saloons, gambling, swapping, trading, stealing, fighting, shooting, and the Lord only knows what all. And we by holding meeting on those days, which days the wicked claims to be his days of pleasure above all others of the week taken, we but license them to gather themselves together and come into the fields and to their work and delight. It has long ceased to be a pleasure with me to attend our associations. The rioters being so largely in the majority upon the grounds which was designed to be kept sacred.

I hope brother Hassells' views will

meet with the adoption of the change not that I shall have any personal interest in the meetings for I never expected to be able to be at another, but I want the brethren and sisters to have a place of less attraction and show, and less riotousness, a place of quietness and peace, a place where it looks like the oil of God's love is poured out and comes down upon their heads and runs down upon their beards and upon the skirts of their garments, a place to all true worshippers of God, that look like the mountains of Zion, and feels the dew of Herman, descending upon it. For them the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forever-more.

Yours in the hope of Christ,  
B. BRYAN.

WOODSDALE, }  
PERSON COUNTY, N. C. }  
May 26th, 1874. }

Elder Woodard:—

Dear Sir: I address you in this manner because I am not allowed the privilege of saying brother, although you feel like a brother to me in Christ for I know I have that love and fellowship for you that I have not for the world, and that I believe the world knows nothing about—you requested me to write to you soon after you left this neighborhood. I wrote you a letter but failed to send it I was so dissatisfied in mind I thought I would write to you again. I told you some of my feelings on Saturday at Shiloh and not having time to talk as much as I wished I thought I would go where you went Sunday and talk with you more, but so it was when I came out of the house my husband told me there was company going home with us so that of course deprived me of the opportunity of being with you any more then, but I hope the time will come again when you will visit us for we certainly have but little gospel preaching in this vicinity as I believe. Sometimes once in two months I hear Mr. Hall preach. I can hear a plenty of this Free-Will doctrine but how can I believe it when I have seen that there was no help in me and that nothing but the goodness of God could save me from an awful hell, and right here I believe when any one comes to this point they never have any more use for that doctrine, for I know that I have never believed it since, and because I do not believe it I am almost despised by my neighbors and they will say what makes me an Old Baptist is because my parents were; but oh, my soul if that was all I surely would have been a Missionary for my companion was one and when I first obtained this little hope I thought I would join them, for going any where else seemed to me like parting. As I would go to their meetings and would think I would shut my eyes and join anyhow and in a moment this would pop in mind, that which is not of faith is sin, so I could not go forward under these feelings and I finally concluded I

would stay where I was with the world. But since you were up here I have been so much condemned for disobeying the commandments of our blessed Saviour that I was even afraid that he would send some great judgment on me, so I have come to the conclusion to offer myself to the Old Baptist, my trials have been great concerning this one thing and instead of my parents being the cause of my faith as I have been often accused I am constrained to say as Paul did, by the grace of God I am what I am. I believe here I will write you a little of my experience: when I was right young I would have serious thoughts of death and judgment and at times I would have such bad feelings even the Sun would shine dim and every thing look gloomy around me. I spent many years in this condition and at last as I hope Lord showed me what I was by nature and what I must be by grace if saved. I now saw and felt that I was a sinner and now I knew it, my sins were presented to me on the first of the week and oh, such a week I never spent before in my life; morning, day and night on the account of sin, it seemed to me like my troubles were more than I could bear. I felt so sinful that even when I would go to the table of the nourishments thereon, and oh, I would wish some times I had never been born. I did not wait for a protracted meeting as some do and only mourn while round the stand and as soon as dismissed, out laughing and talking and with the largest crowds in the yard. I have often seen this the case if I am mistaken not, I never laughed during this week's trouble for every breath I drew was Lord have mercy on me a poor sinner! I desired to be alone where no mortal eye could behold me for I did not want any one to know anything about my troubles. I was so afraid my parents would find out that something was the matter with me I took an old Testament that was never used by the family and carried it up stairs to read, for that seemed to be my desire. But the more I read the worse I got for I was so great a sinner that everything seemed to condemn me. One day while on my knees trying to beg the Lord to have mercy on me, then was the time I saw that there was no help in me and that nothing but the grace of God could save me. I then saw that my works were nothing and that is the reason why I cannot believe this Free-Will doctrine but now I thank the Lord for it for if it had been left to me I should now be where thousands are, believing there is something great for me to do. I tried every way to get rid of my troubles but could not, but at last they left me. I cannot tell how. I did not think this was conviction so I went on for several years without much trouble—during this time I married in the fall of '57 and went to my husband's mother's to live the next year and they were all Mission-

aries and during that year there was a protracted meeting in sight of her house which lasted fourteen days they would try to get me to the mourner's bench, but I could not go, it seemed to me that was not the place to go to for religion though others would go up and make a profession, they talked to me so much I became very much troubled indeed but not on the account of my sins. One evening after I returned home I was in my room lying on the bed and my husband came in there and commenced talking to me and I was in so much trouble I knew not what to do, he soon left the room closing the door after him; and oh, my soul what a feeling I then had, I felt like I neither had a friend on earth nor in heaven, and in a few minutes my mind was directed back to the weeks' trouble I had before I was married, and something seemed to say to me—that my sins were forgiven then—and in a few moments my troubles were all gone and I felt like I was full of praise to God. My husband soon came back into the room and asked me if there had been a change in me. I told him I felt better but still I did not think this was religion, nor neither did I claim it as such until some time afterwards I heard Mr. Hall preach, and while he was preaching it appeared to me that I had a hope for a hope, and ever since then I have been claiming that little hope which I hope the Lord has given me; and, the world may mock and point the finger of scorn at me but thanks be to God they cannot take it from me.

Now, in conclusion I will say to you, if I am saved at last it will be by grace and grace alone—nothing good that I have or can do. I would be glad to see or hear from you.

Your friend,  
M. D. BAILEY.

Appointments.

Preaching may be expected, if the Lord's will, at the following times and places:

August,	7th,	Beulah.
"	8th & 9th	Salem.
"	10th,	Healthy Plains

Associational.

The Upatoi Association is appointed to meet, if the Lord will; at Bluff Springs 4 miles north west, of Andersonville, and 8 miles south west, of Oglethorpe, Macon county Georgia, commencing at 10 o'clock on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September next. Those coming by Rail Road, from the East will arrive at Oglethorpe on Monday, while those coming from the south west, will arrive at Andersonville on the same day and they will be met and conveyed to the place of meeting. All that feel an interest are invited to attend.

S. H. ENGLISH.

The Mt. Enen Primitive Baptist Association convenes at Bethlehem church, Hillsboro County, South Florida, on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1874.—Ministering brethren from Sister Associations are invited. We hope to see Elders Parrish, and Stallings from the Union and Elders Smith and Coon Cornell and Grover from Suwannee—and would be glad to see any of our dear brethren at the Association.