



The Brighton Light



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APRIL 2013: 'The Power of The Gospel' "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16b) "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18)

Though the Apostle Paul would say the virgin birth was/is completely necessary, for he called Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, this, for Paul, was more of an 'understood'. The gospel focused around the cross event. Jesus offered His body and blood as the sacrifice, He died, He was raised from the dead and He ascended back into His glory. All of this is the essential core of the gospel message.

If you take away from or deny any point of the gospel, it will become powerless. The hater of the soul would have the individual do this very thing. Paul states: "But if there be no resurrection, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty (vain) and your faith is also empty (vain)". (1 Corinthians 15:13&14) In other words, the person who would take away from or deny a part of the gospel, it is no longer "the power of God to salvation". (Romans 1:16b) There will be no assurance of salvation, no assurance of an eternity in heaven. It will mean that this individual is still in the bondage of sin, death, hell and the grave.

Because this may be something which a person does not want to hear, do you find yourself embarrassed, especially when that person says it is intolerant and unloving to be so narrow-minded. To say that; "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6) Do mean to say that you believe that Jesus did all that the Bible says He did? If I feel a twinge of embarrassment, I have allowed the enemy to work in my heart deceiving me into thinking I must keep these matters to myself. The gospel has lost its power in lives. And we wonder why the church is in the shape is in.

I would rather be called intolerant, unloving, narrow minded or whatever they wish to call me than to deny the gospel, to deny my Lord Jesus. I would rather be faithful to my Lord, than to compromise the gospel. I "fear Him who is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28b) I do not want to face a Christ-less eternity, but hear my Lord say; "well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things". (Matthew 25:23b) Hell is a place I do not want to spend one moment in. What I do want is to be faithful in preaching the gospel and allowing the Holy Spirit to work the gospel into my living. I know I am not the best, but He is not finished with me. I am a Christian, a believer 24/7, not for a few hours a week, or for just Christmas and Easter.

When you look at the picture the Bible paints of Jesus, the world's most famous paintings cannot begin to compare with this painting. Jesus was God in human flesh, He was the suffering Servant, He is the conquering King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus loved His creation, mankind so much He came to earth, lived a sinless life, He allowed Himself to suffer so much, be nailed to the cross and died. However, the complete panoramic view is Jesus rising from the dead, conquering death, hell and the grave for those who are called, and is coming again, praise God!

This may be foolishness to those who do not believe, but it is the power of God for our salvation! We have no need to fear nor be intimidated by the enemy. The power of God has been given to all who have embraced Jesus as Savior and Lord. The gospel of Christ= being set free sin and having our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, which nothing can erase. Jesus keeps the Book, praise God for all He has done! Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- April 7 **Galatians 1:6-12**
 "One Gospel"
- April 14 **Romans 1: 14-25**
 "Do Not Substitute A Lie For The Truth"
- April 21-24 **REVIVAL – Rev. David Storment**
- April 28 **Acts 9:20-31**
 "The Impact of the Gospel"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

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| Bennett, Mary Frances | Locke, Ann |
| Boswell, Mike | Locke, Mike |
| Boswell, Rick | Lupinsky, Logan |
| Brown, Don | McCain, Lisa |
| Cavin, Henry | Moore, Martha Lou |
| Culver, Anthony | Moss, Charlie |
| Culver, Michael | Moncla, Luke |
| Curtis, Cooper | Molder, Rose |
| Dungy, Louise | Otis, Mike |
| Goulder, Helen | Patrick, Carolyn |
| Goulder, Bobbie | Pugh, Kaleb |
| Goulder, Gordon | Rhodes, Geraldine |
| Griffin, Melanie | Sanders, Laura |
| Hill, Dana | Tyler, Jean |
| Hill, Gloria | Welch, Jack |
| Hodges, Doris | Wells, Michael |
| Huffman, Linda | Wells, Whit |
| Krull, Lucy | Yarbro, Wink |
| Legler, Don | Hill, Joy |
| Lewis, Adam | Billings, Christy |
| Lineberger, Rachael | Yarbro, Pam |
| Molder, Rose | Culver, Wayne |
| Bridges, Lucille | |



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill

- Apr. 7 Linda Clarke
 In Memory of
 Jim Clarke



Wedding Anniversaries

- April 2 Mr. and Mrs. Phil Richardson*
April 23 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goulder
April 26 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Owen

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April

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| April 7 | Stephanie Moore |
| April 14 | Amanda Heath |
| April 21 | Ashley Goulder |
| April 28 | Rhonda Goulder |

CHILDRENS SERMON – April

- April 7 Margarette Alsbrok*
April 14 Amanda Heath
April 21 Leslie Alsbrook
April 28 Susan Cavin

April Menu



Apr 3 Baked/Salad Bar
Apr 10 Sloppy Joes/Chips
Apr 17 Mexican Night
Apr 24 Ham/Augratin
Potatoes/Baked Beans

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Gordon Goulder	21 Daniel Gravley
Haley Alsbrook	Sherrie Wells
2 Linda Huffman	Zane Hill, Jr
7 Mary Grace Simonton	23 Jordan Goulder
10 Anthony Campbell	24 Andrew Cavin
12 Shane Boswell	28 Brandon Gravely
14 Lisa Smith	29 Allison Kate Scott
15 Harry Hugues	30 Ashley Goulder
17 John Tom Ruffin	Lucille Bridges
18 James Allen Belk	

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THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Nick Goulder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 901-837-3532.

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

REVIVAL: Revival is coming in April 21st – 24th. Let each of us pray for Rev. David Storment who will be preaching our Revival services.

THEME: THE GOSPEL DRIVEN LIFE

Sunday April 21st 11:00 AM – OUR COMFORT IN CHRIST
1 Thessalonians 4:13

Sunday April 21st 7:00 PM – ORIGINS OF SIN AND GRACE
Genesis 3

Monday April 22nd 7:00 PM – MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR THINK
Ephesians 1 and 3:14-21

Tuesday April 23rd 7:00 PM - THE NIGHT FAR GONE
Romans 13:8-14

Wednesday April 24th 7:00 PM – THE GOSPEL GOES TO WAR
Ephesians 6:10-20

Wednesday April 24th Youth Devotional 6:00 PM – BELONGING TO GOD
Ephesians 2