



# The Brighton Light



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**APRIL 2014:** 'Who Are The Least Of These?' "Then the King shall say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared before the foundation of the world: for I was hungry...I was thirsty...I was a stranger...I was naked...I was sick...I was in prison....'" (Matthew 25:34-36)

Have you ever given much thought to who 'the least of these' are? These items listed are practical, ordinary and natural things springing forth from a believer's life. When the King said these things, the response from the beloved of God was somewhat surprising. "When did we do these things for You?" These were every day events that the beloved of the Lord were involved in. They were things that they simply and naturally did.

We often do the same thing. We see a person in need who we may not even know, but we take the time to reach out and help. We're not really concerned about anything but helping the person. This is pure ministry, not done for show or thought of reward. This is your and my faith in action, a natural occurrence.

The other side of the coin is one who sees a person in need and does nothing to help, even when it is within their power and ability to do so. A few things could be at play. The person may be a Christian and does not understand that Jesus' command is for us to reach out to the least of these who are being ignored. Others could care less. 'That person probably deserves to be where they are. Why should I help?' The Christian must not stay in his or her ignorance. The Bible makes it clear how the Christian is to be. We now have no excuse. We can no longer say; "I didn't know".

Then there are those in the Church who are there in name only. This person is as far away from Christ Jesus as the person who has never darkened the door of a Church. In other words, they are not a part of the family of God. The message of being set free from the bondage of sin is foreign to their hearts and minds. They are like the religious leaders in Matthew 22:34-40 who asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment, or the religious leaders from the parable of the 'Good Samaritan' in Luke 10:29-37. They were either trying to trap Jesus or show how righteous they were. Again, these were as far from the Kingdom of God as the pagans they hated.

The full weight of God's judgment will come upon these because they knew the scriptures, but they had no idea how far they were from the holy God. They had missed the heart and spirit of the scriptures. The modern day religious elite are more concerned about not offending, or keeping control and making it seem that they are the all important hub of the wheel. The preaching of the cross is offensive, is foolishness to those who perishing. They really do not care about the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Where is our heart and understanding of the thrust and heart ministry in our Church? There are many who cross our paths daily, who would be considered, 'the least of these'. There are many who come into our church at various times and occasions who need to hear and see how much our Lord loves and cares for the hopeless, those who need to hear the life changing word of God. We at one time, were on the outside looking in with no hope, and one of the Lord's beloved brought us to fount of living water. The Lord has made us His own and now we feed in green pastures. When we forget where God found us and how far He has brought us, there is a great possibility we will lose sight of why God called us to serve, what His Church is all about. May our hearts and eyes be open to the great need around us every day. Do not be satisfied with anything less than what He has for us. Press on to prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord. Love, Meredith.

THE LORD HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

April 6	<b>Matthew 25:31-46</b> "Who Are the Least?"
April 13	<b>Luke 7:1-10</b> "A Look at the Future Kingdom"
April 17	<b>John 9:1-12, 24-38</b> "Eyes Twice Opened"
April 20	<b>Colossians 3:1-11</b> "A New Life"
April 27	<b>Galatians 2:11-21</b> "Guard Your Heart and Mind"

**PSALM SUNDAY**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**SONRISE SERVICE**



### Prayer List:

#### Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Gordon	Owen, Jerry
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Moore, Martha Lou	

#### Ill / Recovering

Cavin, Meredith --	Knee Surgery
Conley, Richard --	Kidney Surgery
Heath, Amanda --	Chemo/Radiation
Kiphart, Ron --	Health
Smith, Sarah --	Heart
Wells, III Verlie --	Foot Surgery

#### Sick

Culver, Anthony	Locke, Ann
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Goulder, Keith	Moss, Charlie
Griffin, Melanie	Otis, Mike
Hill, Dana	Patrick, Carolyn
Hill, Joy	Pugh, Kaleb
Hubbard, Kristi	Stitt, Sam
Huffman, Linda	Tyler, Jean
Legler, Don	Wells, Whit
Lewis, Adam	Winford, Sherry
Lineberger, Rachael	

#### Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

#### Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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**If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!**

#### FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

*Margarete Sherrill*

Apr. 13	Norma Columbus & Floyd In Memory of Mr. Gene Columbus
Apr. 20	Linda Clarke In Memory of Mr. Jim Clarke
Apr. 27	Richard & Julia Moore In Honor of Mrs. Ashley Goulder

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<i>April 2</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Phil Richardson</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goulder</i>
<i>April 26</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Owen</i>

#### CHILDRENS SERMON

<i>April 6</i>	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
<i>April 13</i>	<i>Susan Cavin</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>EASTER</i>
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Margarette Alsbrook</i>

#### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 6	Vickie Hugues
April 13	Helen Woods
April 20	Ashley Goulder
April 27	Stephanie Moore

# April Menu



Apr 9 Sloppy Joes  
 Apr 16 Seder  
 Apr 23 Baked Potato Bar  
 Apr 30 Breakfast

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 Gravley
14 Lisa Smith	29 Allison Kate Scott
15 Harry Hugues	30 Ashley Goulder
18 James Allen Belk	Lucille Bridges

## Upcoming Events

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at [chris\\_gravley@bellsouth.net](mailto:chris_gravley@bellsouth.net).

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Marvin Trotter. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Marvin at 901-476-9781.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our upcoming 2014 High School and College Graduates:

Makayla Boswell – Brighton High School  
 Blain Curtis – Tipton Rosemark Academy  
 Taylor Glass – Brighton High School  
 Rylee Griffin – Brighton High School  
 John Hugues – Munford High School  
 Emily Kirk – Brighton High School  
 Robert Roach – Munford High School

Anna Hugues – University of Memphis

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mary Grace Simonton who came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2014 Midsouth Swimming Conference Championships. High points in her age division girls 15 and over. Way to Go!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Women's Ministry will host a fundraiser luncheon for Bonclarcken on Sunday April 13 following worship service. The menu will be party chicken, corn, green beans, roll and dessert. We hope to see you there.

**INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED** for the Easter Egg Hunt. You may drop it off in the Fellowship Hall.

**PASSOVER SEDER** will be on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. All are invited.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Services will be April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The Lord's Supper will be observed during this service. Please come and take part in this time of worship as we celebrate this Easter season.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. The age group is toddler to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Each child is to bring 3 plastic filled eggs. If there are any questions, please contact Joanna Simonton.