



The Brighton Light



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APRIL 2015: 'Sin Has Lost It's Terrible Grip On Me' "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will do, I do not practice; but what I hate, I do. For the good that I will do, I do not do; but the evil that I will not do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not do, it is no longer I who do it; but sin that dwells in me. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25)

We Christians have so much to be thankful for, and for the most part do not realize it, or choose to ignore how we are to be as sons and daughters of God. When we hit rough, bumpy times in our lives, we think God has left us alone. In other words, when temptations come our way and we fall head-long into them, we feel that God has abandoned us to our fate. First off, He has not abandoned us, secondly there is no such an animal as fate for the Christian.

Perhaps we have grown so accustomed to a mediocre understanding of how a Christian is to live, that we have transformed the sovereign God into something far less than He is. Perhaps hardly a thought comes to mind about God until we are faced with an out-of-control sin or situation. We then hit our knees and wonder why it seems that God is so distant. This lack of understanding may be traced back to our lack of biblical humility and brokenness. In Romans 7 Paul shows the depth of helplessness one can fall into. Paul had experienced this and was expressing his own feeling of bewilderment. (Christians are not immune to these assaults.) He was showing just how much Satan is determined to make each believer feel. He wants us to feel hopeless and useless.

When Job was going through his severe testing his friends gave him the counsel of the devil, to curse God and die. With friends like those he sure did not need any enemies. How distressing this was for Job. However, after the terrible testing was over and Job learned the hard lesson that God was the Potter and he was the clay, God blessed Job greater in the end than in the beginning. Think of King David when King Saul tried time and time again to kill him, and David's son rose up against him and tried to kill him. God kept David through it all. Can you not hear the heart cry of Paul as he was going through this great battle in his heart and mind? "For the good that I will not to do, I practice." (Romans 7:19) Satan would have loved to have the Apostle to stay in this quandary. I thank our Lord God that He allows us to see how His chosen ones struggled, even to despair, but how He saved and rescued each one

As a Roman citizen, Paul knew the many ways the empire dealt with capital criminals. One of these that Rome used was a dead person being chained to the criminal. This was how Paul saw his old sinful nature, which caused him to cry out; "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:24) Did God leave Paul in this state of hopelessness? Did He leave David, Job or even us there? The answer is an unequivocal, 'no'! He will empower us to come to the same conclusion as Paul. "I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25)

This is what Easter is all about. Because of His death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension, He has more than secured for all who are His, deliverance from sin, death and hell. He has secured the hope of eternal life for all those who are His through faith. He has broken our chains of death. Draw close to the Lord and He will draw close to you. Have a blessed Easter! Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

April 2	Hebrews 8:7-13	Maundy Thursday
	"The New Covenant Never Ending"	
April 5	I Corinthians 15:12-22	Sonrise
	"The Power of the Enemy Is Broken"	
April 12	Psalms 103:8-14	
	"The Lord Does Not Give Up on His"	
April 19	Philippians 3:7-16	
	"Brothers, Sisters Press on"	
April 26	Philippians 1:3-11	
	"You Have Been, and will Be in My Heart?"	



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Trotter, June	Goulder, Bobbie

Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
Erick Cavin	Infant, Kidney Blockage
Ty Bryan	Infant, Heart condition
Sandy Williams	Huffman family - Cancer
Glenda Wilson	Bone Cancer
Charles Boswell	Heath Issues

Sick

Culver, Anthony	McCain, Pat
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Moss, Charlie
Griffin, Melanie	Otis, Mike
Hill, Dana	Patrick, Carolyn
Hubbard, Kristi	Pugh, Kaleb
Lewis, Adam	Stitt, Sam
Lineberger, Rachael	Tyler, Jean
Locke, Mike	Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad
Young III, Robert "Trip"	

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHILDRENS SERMON

<i>April 5</i>	<i>Easter</i>
<i>April 12</i>	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>Leslie Alsbrook</i>
<i>April 26</i>	<i>Margarette</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 5	Vickie Hugues
April 12	Helen Woods
April 19	Denise Moore
April 26	Stephanie Moore



Apr 8 Sandwiches
Apr 15 Sandwiches
Apr 22 Family Night
Apr 29 Sandwiches

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

21 Daniel Gravley
Sherrie Wells
Zane Hill, Jr.
23 Jordan Goulder
24 Andrew Cavin
28 Brandon Gravely
29 Allison Kate Scott
30 Ashley Goulder
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.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Tom Campbell. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Tom at 901-515-7553.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Services will be April 2nd 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 4th at 2:00 P.M. The age group is toddler to 4th grade. Each child is to bring 3 plastic filled eggs. If there are any questions, please contact Amanda Heath.

SONRISE SERVICE There will be an Easter Sunrise service on Sunday April 5th at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served afterwards.

BRIDAL SHOWER The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Bridal Shower for Ms. Stephanie Moore on Saturday April 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stephanie and Matt are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, Target and Walmart.

PLEASE NOTE: After months of looking and consideration we have carpet picked out for the sanctuary. A fund has been set up for the purchase of this carpet. The total cost is around \$15,000. It is hoped that more than half can be raised. A total of \$4675 has been donated so far. Prayerfully consider how much you can contribute toward this fund. Thank you so much. Special thanks to our Board of Deacons, and specially Scottie Gladney for getting us to this point.