

The Brighton Light

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A Good Association

This month we come to the first part of the name of our denomination, “Associate.” This may be the most confusing part of the ARP name, but it may also be the most distinguishing. I have often recommended a recently published book written by Sinclair Ferguson, entitled *The Whole Christ*, as it helps explain the importance of a controversy that took place in Scotland nearly 300 years ago, called The Marrow Controversy. It was the Marrow Controversy which played a major role in forming our denomination, and which gave rise to the “Associate” in our denomination’s name.

In the early 1700s in the Church of Scotland, a large number of ministers belonged to a group that became known as the Neonomians (meaning “new law”). These Neonomians taught that the gospel was a “new law” which replaced the Old Testament law with legal conditions of faith and repentance before the gospel could be offered. In other words, there was a necessity of forsaking sin before Jesus Christ could be preached and salvation offered to individuals.

Such teaching was a serious misunderstanding of the gospel. The danger of this teaching was exposed in an important book called *The Marrow of Modern Divinity*, and this shaped the preaching of such ministers as Thomas Boston and the Erskine brothers, Ralph and Ebenezer (a new edition of this book was published a few years ago, and it is also recommended). They rightly saw that while faith and repentance are the results of the gospel and that sin must be forsaken, these are not to be treated as meritorious good works that earn or cause salvation. We are saved only by the free grace of God in Jesus Christ, not because of anything we have done. The gospel is to be preached and offered freely to men and women that they might come to know Christ and be saved.

This free offer of the gospel proved to be controversial in the Church of Scotland. The Marrowmen, as they were called, were formerly rebuked. Later controversies caused these ministers to be forced out of the Church of Scotland. Instead of being divisive, they met at a small town called Gairney Bridge and formed what they called an “Associate Presbytery.” Their desire was to remain a part of the Church of Scotland while being temporarily separate until gospel preaching once again returned.

This reflection on the history of our denomination is a reminder that we come from a faithful group that values the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ARPs recognize that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). ARPs are “evangelical” from the first word of their name!

Prayer List:

Bennett, Mary F – Shut in
 Billings, Richard – (Denise’s Dad) Cancer
 Boswell, Charles - Cancer
 Boswell, Mike – Health issues
 Bryant, Ty – Infant, Heart
 Cothran, Bill – Health issues
 Goulder, Helen – Brookhaven Senior Living
 Goulder, Martha Jean – Shut In
 Hopper, Claude – Shut in
 London, Peggy
 Lupinsky, Logan
 McCain, Pat – Health Issues
 McCain, Ken – Health Issues
 McCain, Kenny – Health Issues

Moncla, Luke
 Moore, Martha Lou – Shut in
 Moss, Charlie
 Otis, Mike
 Pugh, Kaleb – (Laura Kiphart’s grandson)
 Stitt, Sam – Health issues
 Trotter, June – Shut in
 Wells, Whit – Health Issues
 Williams, Sandy – (Huffman family)Cancer
 Wilson, Glenda – Bone Cancer
 Winford, Sherry – Health issues
 Yarbro, Ina – Health issues
 Heath, Kristin - Cancer

UPDATES NEEDED! Please

Rivercity Reformed Presbyterain Church – Church plant in Little Rock Arkansas

Military

Donahoo, Tim	Starnes, Austin	Hill, Debra	Hunt, Boyce
Dooley, Rod	Heathman,Matthew	Young III, Robert “Trip”	

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala Rebekah Carson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 2	Alton Woods
April 9	Helen Woods
April 16	Ashley Goulder
April 23	Leslie Alsbrook
April 30	Molly Huffman

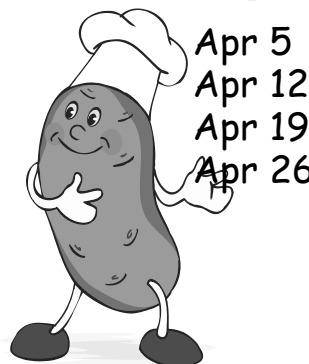
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Haley Alsbrook	21 Sherrie Wells	30 Ashley Goulder
2 Linda Huffman	Zane Hill, Jr.	Lucille Bridge
7 Mary Grace Simonton	23 Jordan Goulder	
14 Lisa Smith	29 Allison Kate Scott	

CHILDRENS SERMON

April 2	Ashley Goulder
April 9	Nick Goulder
April 16	EASTER
April 23	Tim Phillips
April 30	Anna Phillips

April Menu



Apr 5	Potato Bar
Apr 12	Seder
Apr 19	Mexican Night
Apr 26	Youth Night "special services"

Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family

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 Nick Goulder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 901-837-3532.

PLEASE NOTE If anyone is sick, in need of prayer or a visit, please contact Milton Murphy 901-476-2808.

PRAYER LIST: Thank you for the updates on the Prayer List. There are names still on the list that people do not know or have any information on. **Keep the updates coming!** Thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER: The Sunday Bible Study at 6 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The Men's Bible Study will be Saturday April 1st at 7:00 A.M. Randy Goulder has the Study.

PASSOVER SEDER will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 P.M. All are invited.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15th at 2:00 P.M. The age group is toddler to 4th grade. Each child is to bring 3 plastic filled eggs.

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

SONRISE SERVICE There will be an Easter Sunrise service on Sunday April 16th at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served afterwards.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Services will be April 13th 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Please add Bobby and Rachel Young to your directory. Address P.O. Box 123, Brighton, Tn. 38011.

PLEASE NOTE: Special Services will be April 23 – 26th. Pastor Kyle Sims will be the guest speaker. He is the Minister of the First ARP Church in Lancaster, South Carolina. Please keep this event in your prayers.

church events are needed for the Website. If you have photo's that you don't mind sharing please send to Nick Goulder at nick.goulder1@gmail.com Subject: Church Photos

PLEASE NOTE: Start making plans! The MVP Camp is July 10 – 15. The cost is usually \$260 non-members \$130 Members. If you would like to start sponsoring the kids attending it would be greatly appreciated. As usual they could always use counselors that week. Will send out more info when it arrives.

Personal Mention

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the Tyler family at the death of **JEAN TYLER** who died Friday, March 24. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers in the weeks to come.

PLEASE NOTE: Photo's of the different