

The Brighton Light

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August 2011: ‘Don’t Judge A Book By Its Cover’ “And so it was, when they came, that Samuel looked at Eliab and said, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is before Him.’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” (1 Samuel 16:6 &7)

For many cultures, including the Israelites, it was always the eldest son who was to inherit the land, fortune or become the new leader of the family or clan. Remember that Jacob stole Esau’s birthright in order to receive the blessing from their father Isaac. Consider Saul. Why was he chosen king? Was it because of his leadership abilities or because he was a great politician? No, the Scriptures record that he stood a head taller than all others. So it was by virtual default Saul was chosen as king of Israel.

Early in Saul’s reign as king God rejected him because of his apparent inability to obey God’s simple commands. This is the point where this part of the story comes in. The story surrounding how David was chosen king is truly amazing indeed. Samuel had invited Jesse to worship and sacrifice to God with him so he could view Jesse’s sons. This was unique for Jesse was from a small town called Bethlehem and Jesse was an obscure man who had eight sons in this small town.

It is human nature to think that the biggest, the most powerful and the brightest person would be the one chosen to lead. But God does not operate that way. The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 1:27&28 tells us; “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty; and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, God has chosen, yes and things which are not, to bring to nothing the things which are.”

Another amazing fact of this story was that David was anointed king of Israel before the fact. It was almost as if God was allowing David to be king in training. Everything about this event went against conventional wisdom and the normal way one became a king. But keep in mind that God cannot be forced into our neat little boxes, He is God almighty. His ways and doings are not our ways. After Samuel anointed David king the Bible tells us that; “immediately the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that time forward.” (1 Samuel 16:18)

Though David had been chosen by God to be the next king of Israel, he remained a humble person. What did David do after Samuel left for Ramah? Did he decide to go hang out at the palace? Or start working behind the scenes? He went back to tending his father’s sheep.

Because God withdrew His Spirit from Saul and a distressing spirit came upon him, it was suggested that David be brought to the palace. Many of the Psalms David wrote, were sung and played before King Saul to relieve him of this distressing spirit. After a time David would go back to shepherding his father’s flocks. Also remember when he was on the run, there were times David was urged to kill Saul while he slept. David’s response was, “I cannot touch God’s anointed”. A lesser man would seized the opportunity bring in his rule.

Though you or I may see ourselves as insignificant, maybe not as gifted as some, let each us remember, if the Lord has laid His hand upon us, no matter how others may view us, we can

accomplish great things for His glory and for His Kingdom. Where our Lord has called us to serve, serve with all your might.

Remember who He is in your life! Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

August 7	I Samuel 15:22-16:1 "The Seriousness of Obedience"
August 14	I Samuel 16:2-13 "God Looks to the Heart"
August 21	I Samuel 17:26-48 "The Difference Between Saul and David"
August 28	I Samuel 18:1-8; 12-16; 28-30 "Resentment Breeds Hatred"



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 3	Mr. and Mrs. Keith Walker
August 10	Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wylie
August 18	Mr. and Mrs. David Templeton
August 22	Mr. and Mrs. John Tom Ruffin
August 30	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sides
August 31	Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Starnes

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

August 7	Joe Anne Alsbrook
August 14	Katie Ruffin
August 21	Robin Gravley
August 28	Vickie Hugues

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele

August 14	Linda Boswell In Honor of the Mary Steele Circle
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SICK AND SHUT INS:

Mary Frances Bennett	Swayne Huffman
Mel Billings Sr.	Lucy Krull
Mike Boswell	Don Legler
Rick Boswell	Adam Lewis
Don Brown	Racheal Lineberger
Pam Bundy	Ann Locke
Cov. ARP Church	Logan Lupinsky
Michael Culver	Julia McCormick
Cooper Curtis	Luke Moncla
Louise Dundy	Martha Lou Moore
John Fletcher	Mike Otis
Betty Frazier	Carolyn Patrick
Helen Goulder	Geraldine Rhodes
Kim Gray	Laura Sanders
Melanie Griffin	Sarah Smith
Dana Hill	Cecil Starnes
Joy Hill	Jimmy Trotter
Doris Hodges	Joshlin Walter
Linda Huffman	Michael Wells
Mike Easley	Darlene Easley

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Cecil Starnes	10	Debbie Walker	24	Dave Huffman
2	Damon Morgan		McKenzie Huffman	26	Joseph Ehrhardt
3	Casey Hill	11	Ginger Carter	27	Cynthia Cranford
	Jonathan Hill	12	David Templeton	28	Nick Goulder
4	Jennifer Goulder	13	Justin Whitmer	29	Taylor Glass
6	Kirsten Rettig	15	Josh Jones	30	Jerry Owen
9	Lee Ann Smith	16	Laura Richardson		Judy Huffman
	Maureen Paladino	17	Alex Paladino		
	Sandy Herring	22	Vickie Hugues		

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 Verlie Wells, IV. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 901-326-7545.

INFORMATION NEEDED! We need information for the Brighton Light. We would like to make the church newsletter more interesting and informative. If you have any news about you or your family or any suggestions or ideas, please contact the church secretary.

PLEASE NOTE: Graceview ARP Church will be hosting a Family Bible Conference on Saturday, August 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dr. Ross will be speaking on the Fatherhood of God in the Church, the Motherhood of the Church, and the Brotherhood of Believers. Activities and instruction will be provided for children and youth. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

WORKERS COUNCIL – Reminder there is a workers council meeting on Tuesday August 23rd at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is for all Sunday school teachers and Wednesday night youth leaders.

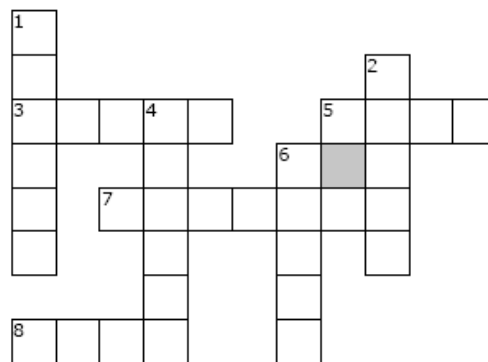
PROMOTION DAY "Rally Day" is Aug. 28th. Worship service will be at 10 a.m. and Sunday School at 11 a.m. There will be a Dinner following.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Cavin who won 1st place in his division at the Special Olympics Golf Tournament in Chattanooga.

The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To utter words with the mouth; to talk
5. To be brought into life by birth
7. A person who speaks for God
8. Something said; a remark, or comment

DOWN

1. To save or set free
2. The body opening through which we take in food
4. To be filled with fear
6. A very young person

born	child	afraid	word
speak	prophet	mouth	rescue