

The Brighton Light

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AUGUST 2012: "As the deer pants for water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul pants for the living God." (Psalm 42:1&2a) "You are my portion, O God; I have said that I would keep Your words. I have entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to according to Your word." (Psalm 119:57-58)

When we say 'Rally Day' or 'Promotion Sunday', we usually think about Sunday School. However, do we actually understand the importance of this time each week where all ages study God's word? Or, do we view it as a time which comes around each Sunday and because it is something which I have done all my life, I come. But many may have the; "I can take it or leave it" attitude. Have you considered that Sunday School and the worship time is more important than you may have thought?

This is our mission statement; "The mission of the Brighton Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is to reveal God's glory through the joy of serving Him." Points 1-3 of our vision are; 1.) hunger for God's word and Christian fellowship; 2.) worship joyfully; 3.) discover God's plan as a believer." For Sunday School and worship to be effective in our lives we need to bring our focus back to where it should be and focus on why we are here. To be effective it must be on our Lord and His word. To neglect these would be like our not eating or drinking water. We would soon become so physically weak we would not be able to do the simplest of tasks, even to the point of death. We will be in the same situation by neglecting God, His word and the forsaking of the gathering together as the body of Christ. There will be no joy in our worship if we merely come out of habit.

Perhaps we have lost the reason for Sunday School and worship. We will never mature as a believer if we neglect those things God has given. We will wonder why I'm so bored and have lost interest. We have lost focus.

Being in exile the Psalmist was away from the familiar, the throngs who used to go to Jerusalem. He wept sorely, but soon realized that God was with him even in this place. His heart cry was; "As the deer pants for water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God." It was difficult for him, but to understand that God is not limited in any way freed him to worship and brought him comfort, encouragement and strengthening. There will be times of exile we will go through to let us see that we have strayed from the God who loves us so, and that our souls are in a dry parched land in need of life giving water.

In situations where we feel that God is not anywhere to be found, as we meditate on His word we, like the psalmist of Psalm 119, will find God faithful. We must seek after God with our whole heart. This means our intellect, volition and emotion. We cannot turn one area of our lives over and even think that we have done something that will bring glory to His name. As we cannot compartmentalize God, we cannot give partially.

The more we meditate upon God's word, the more our hearts will long to have our Lord mature us as His children. Again, He matures us through or by His word. So Sunday School, worship and other times of Bible study are vital for our spiritual health and well being. Do not neglect these times our Lord has made available. We have a dedicated group of Bible teachers who love the Lord and His word whose desire is to see our church grow and mature as our Lord desires. We should be praying for and supporting our teachers. May we rally around His truth and remember; "thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". (Psalm 119:105) God is calling us to drink deep from His well of life giving water. Walk humbly, seek justice, love mercy and serve the Lord.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

August 5	Deuteronomy 7:1-12 "The Faithfulness of God"
August 12	Psalms 25:1-15 "God Teaches Us His Ways"
August 19	Psalms 119:57-68 "What the Word Teaches"
August 26	Deuteronomy 6:1-8 "The Purpose of Teaching God's Word"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Ann
Billings, Mel Sr	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Mike	Lupinsky, Logan
Boswell, Rick	Miller, Jason
Brown, Don	Miller, Jeff
Cavin, Henry	Moncla, Luke
Culver, Michael	Moore, Martha Lou
Curtis, Cooper	Moss, Charlie
Dungy, Louise	Motes, Cindy
Fletcher, John	Otis, Mike
Frazier, Betty	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Harpe, Karen Cavin	Sigmon, Jaime
Hill, Dana	Starnes, Cecil
Hodges, Doris	Walter, Joshlin
Huffman, Linda	Welch, Jack
Krull, Lucy	McCain, Lisa
Legler, Don	Pugh, Kaleb
Lewis, Adam	Tyler, Jean
Lineberger, Rachael	



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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



NURSERY ATTENDANTS

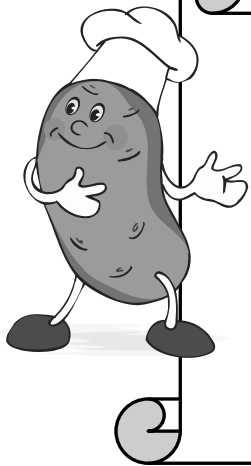
August 5	Joe Anne Alsbrook
August 12	Robin Gravely
August 19	Katie Ruffin
August 26	Vickie Hugues

CHILDRENS SERMON - August

August 5	-	Margarette Alsbrook
August 12	-	Julia Moore
August 19	-	John Moore
August 26	-	Denise Moore

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State Fairs & Back to School! Count your children & grandchildren. Put a dime for each & say "That's Cool".



August Menu

Aug 15 Hot Dogs/
Mac N Cheese
Aug 22 Family Night
Aug 29 Mexican Bar

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

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 Kevin Heath. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Kevin at 901-481-3296.

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: The Wednesday Night Youth Groups will be starting back on August 15th. If you would like to be involved with this Ministry of our church please see Mr. Kenneth or Mrs. Susan.

PLEASE NOTE: Supper @ Six will start August 15th!

PLEASE NOTE: The PROMOTION DAY/RALLY DAY is August 26th. There will be a Dinner to follow.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like to put an additional page in the Brighton Light to give an update on the "**SICK AND SHUT IN LIST**". If you have added a family member or friend to the list please give me an update on them. Please write the information on paper so that I can have accurate information. You can either give to me, Meredith, a Deacon, an Elder or you can drop off in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Brighton ARP Church will be hosting the Disciples Maker Conference on September 15th. This event is open to everyone. Nursery and Childcare will be provided. If you would like to register for this event please see Meredith.