



The Brighton Light

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AUGUST 2013: The Penetrating Word. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:12&13)

Have we ever considered that God's word is alive and why? Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the word is alive. To understand this, we need to remember that it is the power of God the Holy Spirit who makes it alive. It was the working of the Holy Spirit who remarkably inspired all the writers to write down the mind and will of the living God for all eternity. The Bible is the word of God regardless who believes this truth. For those who are outside of Christ, no matter how reverently they view the scriptures, and who do not have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the Bible at best, will be moral teachings only, not the words of life.

Before the Holy Spirit called us to the place where we could embrace Jesus as Savior and Lord, the Bible was not alive in our hearts and our lives. But as the 'Sword of the Spirit', (Ephesians 6:17b) it begins the transforming work in our lives. As the Holy Spirit begins His sanctifying work in our lives, the Sword of the Spirit, likewise begins the cutting and pruning process. The truth that is God's word will show us just how sinful we are and how desperately we need His forgiveness and cleansing.

If we find ourselves wondering if something is right or not go to the penetrating word of God and it, with the power of the Holy Spirit, will show us. The Holy Spirit will never contradict the word in any fashion. If, at this point, we want to go our own way regardless what the word tells us, God will not stop us, but we will reap the consequences of the sin of disobedience. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is a way of death." (Proverbs 16:25) Also in Isaiah 55:8&9; "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

As Christians, we must understand that the Bible is absolute because who authored it. It is God's truth for all time. The enemy has sought to erode this in our understanding: "Did God really mean this?" Many in the church have been deceived by these false voices. Has God moved or changed His mind? Will He negate His divinely inspired word because of culture or time frame? The answer will not please those who hope so. God has not changed, He is holy and just, and He will hold people accountable for those who do not choose to live according to His word. "How long will falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." (1 Kings 18:21) Elijah is telling us there is no such a thing as middle ground. You are this way or that way, but not both or somewhere in between. The penetrating word tells us that there is only one way that leads to life, and there many ways that lead to damnation in hell. "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day where fathers tested Me and tried Me." (Hebrews 3:8&9)

May we experience our Lord's faithfulness, His sustaining power in our lives as the Holy Spirit takes the penetrating word of life and makes us new creations. Here is peace and rest in the midst of the trials and turmoil of life. Trust in the Lord with all your being. Thank You O Lord my God for adopting me as a son, and doing a marvelous work in life. Lord, bless us as a body Christ here in Brighton to accomplish Your will as we remain faithful to Your word.

Your brother and friend, Meredith.

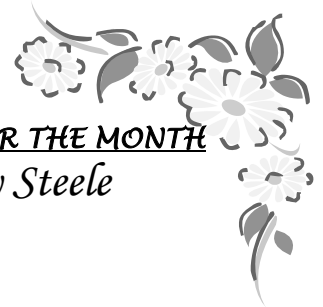
SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

August 4	Psalm 39 "How Long Do We Have To Get It Right?"
August 11	Rev. Bill Jordan
August 18	James 1:16-26 "The Unchanging God"
August 25	Luke 8:4-15 "The Penetrating Word"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Lineberger, Rachael
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Rick	Locke, Mike
Bridges, Lucille	London, Peggy
Cavin, Henry	Lupinsky, Logan
Culver, Anthony	McCain, Lisa
Culver, Michael	Molder, Ruby
Curtis, Cooper	Moncla, Luke
Covington ARP Church	Moore, Martha Lou
Dungy, Louise	Moss, Charlie
Goulder, Bobbie	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Gordon	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Helen	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Keith	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Hill, Dana	Smith, Mary Frances
Hill, Joy	Stitt, Sam
Hubbard, Kristi	Tyler, Jean
Huffman, Linda	Welch, Jack
Krull, Lucy	Wells, Whit
Legler, Don	Winford, Sherry
Lewis, Adam	Yarbro, Pam



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele



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

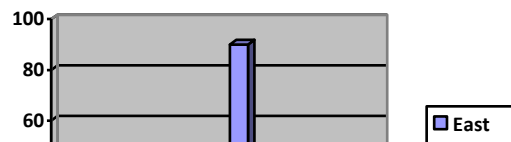
NURSERY ATTENDANTS

August

August 4	Helen Woods
August 11	Stephanie Moore
August 18	Robin Gravely
August 25	Amanda Heath

CHILDRENS SERMON – August

August 4	Kevin Heath
August 11	Susan Cavin
August 18	Amanda Heath
August 25	Ashley Goulder



August Menu



Aug 7 Spaghetti
 Aug 14 Sloppy Joes
 Aug 21 Baked Potatoes
 Aug 28 Family Night -
 Chicken Dressing
 Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Cecil Starnes	12	David Templeton
2	Damon Morgan	13	Justin Whitmer
3	Casey Hill	14	Kenneth McCain
	Jonathan Hill	16	Laura Richardson
4	Jennifer Goulder	22	Vickie Hugues
6	Kirsten Rettig	24	Dave Huffman
9	Lee Ann Smith	26	Joseph Ehrhardt
	Sandy Herring	27	Cynthia Cranford
10	Debbie Walker	28	Nick Goulder
	McKenzie Huffman	29	Taylor Glass
11	Ginger Carter	30	Jerry Owen
			Judy Huffman

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THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Kevin Heath. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Kevin at 901-476-8294.

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2013: *Invite and Bring a Friend* to Sunday School and Worship Services.

AUGUST 6TH Tuesday – There will be a Worker’s Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

AUGUST 7TH Wednesday – *Back to School Blast Off* for Wednesday Night Youth Groups and Supper at 6:00 with special guest musician Scott Fletcher from Salem ARP.

AUGUST 17TH Saturday – Men’s Ministry will be having a Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall. Eat at 6:00 movie at 7:00.

AUGUST 25TH – Sunday School Promotion And Rally Day with a Pot Luck Lunch

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2013 Town of Brighton Centennial Celebration Men’s Ministry and Choir will be involved.

SEPTEMBER 14 Saturday – The MVP Family Life Conference will be held at New Albany, MS.

SEPTEMBER 15 Sunday – There will be a Jubilee Birthday Luncheon for Missions.