

# The Brighton Light

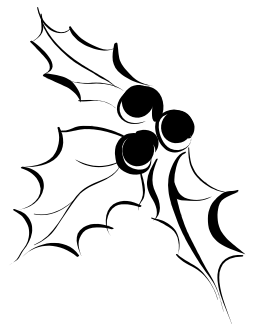
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## **Tell Me About Christmas**

Hello, I am Ruth Goulder. You probably know me because I go to this church, and I think I know everyone here unless someone new comes here. Now you probably know the church library hasn't been very busy. So since it has not been very busy I have decided to pick a book to write about in the Brighton Light. The book I chose is Tell Me About Christmas by Mary Alice Jones. Alright, a question I would like to ask is "Why Is Christmas?" Now you are probably wondering WOW! Ruth doesn't know that. Well I do, but other people don't so please listen!! Now "Why Is Christmas?" That is a great question. We have Christmas because Jesus was born. God has always been the same. Before Jesus was born and after, He is the same. Before Jesus came, it was hard for people because they did not understand. They wanted to do stuff their own way and not God's. They felt very far away from God. They had troubles. They thought God was angry with them. They were afraid. And they also did not seem able to learn that God loved them. God tried over and over again to show them he truly loved them. Think about it. If God stopped showing them his love, you wouldn't know a thing about him. You wouldn't be in this church. You wouldn't even have Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Tell Me About Christmas is about a boy named Bobby who asks questions about God and through the book God answers his questions. This book is a great book you find in the church library, and a great book for Christmas.



## **ADVENT READINGS**

Dec 4 Ruth Ann Goulder  
Dec 11 Kase Templeton  
Dec 18 Abby Maxwell  
Dec 25 Slade Templeton

# Prayer List:

Bennett, Mary F – Shut in  
 Billings, Richard – (Denise’s Dad) Cancer  
 Boswell, Charles - Cancer  
 Boswell, Mike – Health issues  
 Bryant, Ty – Infant, Heart  
 Cavin, Flora – (Meredith’s Mom)Nursing home  
 Cothran, Bill – Recovery Back injury  
 Goulder, Helen – Brookhaven Senior Living  
 Goulder, Martha Jean -  
 Lineberger, Rachael  
 Locke, Mike - (Vickie’s brother)Health Issues  
 London, Peggy  
 Lupinsky, Logan  
 McCain, Pat – Health Issues  
 McCain, Ken – Health Issues  
 Templeton, Davie – Heart Issues

Jackson, Delois – Pam’s Mom – 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  
 Tyler, Jean – Shut in  
 Trotter, Jane – Heart Issues  
 Wells, Whit – Health Issues  
 Williams, Sandy – (Huffman family)Cancer  
 Wilson, Glenda – Bone Cancer  
 Winford, Sherry – Health issues  
 Yarbrow, Ina – Back Issues  
 Young, Robert – Heart Issues

**Military**

Donahoo, Tim                      Starnes, Austin  
 Dooley, Rod                      Heathman,Matthew

Hill, Debra                              Hunt, Boyce  
 Young III, Robert “Trip”

**Missionaries**

Coad, Jim & Gala    Rebekah Carson

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*December 19 Mr. and Mrs. Zane Hill*

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Dec 4    Molly Huffman  
 Dec 11    Alton Woods  
 Dec 18    Ashley Goulder  
 Dec 25

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

Dec 4    Kevin Heath  
 Dec 11    Ashley Goulder  
 Dec 18    Nick Goulder  
 Dec 25    Leslie Alsbrook

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Joe Wesley Whitmer	14	Debbie Griffin
3	Brandon Smith	16	Danny Goulder
	Keith Walker	20	Terry Goulder
5	Betty Joe Owen	21	Lilly Alsbrook
6	Jean Molder	23	Jennifer Parr
7	Jeannie Scott	24	Leah Pugh
12	Margarette Alsbrook	29	Ronnie Bridges
14	Amy Trotter		

## December Menu

Dec 7    Breakfast

Dec 14 - Jan 4 No Supper

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](mailto:chris_gravley@bellsouth.net).

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

**DECEMBER 14** The Christmas Play and Sunday School Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. The Christmas Play will be first, followed by the Christmas Party and a time of refreshments and fellowship. Please bring finger foods for the Christmas party and remember to bring extra food to be used for the Christmas plates to be delivered to the sick and shut-ins.

**DECEMBER 16** The Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The group will visit the sick and shut-ins and others in the area bringing plates of goodies and the gift of song. Everyone is invited to participate.

**DECEMBER 18** The Christmas Cantata and Candlelighting Service will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. This year we have the pleasure of Richland ARP Church Choir joining us in this wonderful event. Please be sure to attend this beautiful service and invite your family and friends.

**DECEMBER 31** New Years Eve Celebration will be December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Come out and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship as we give thanks to our Lord for 2016 and 2017 yet to come.

**IT'S CHURCH YEARBOOK** time and we need to start updating! Please inform the church office of any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made.

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

**PLEASE NOTE: NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED.** If you would like to be on the Nursery List please let Denise/Leslie know.

## **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

Sunday	December 4	Election of Elders/Deacons Presentation of Budget for 2017
Sunday	December 11	Election of Congregational officers and Adoption of Budget for 2017
Sunday	January 1	Installation of Officers

