

# The Brighton Light

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2<sup>ND</sup> Wind: A Lasting Commitment To Church Re-development  
Discerning God's Vision For The Brighton A.R.P. Church

When we were first considering this as a Session back in November '07, the Session asked me would I be willing to commit to this 16 month process. I had never done anything like 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind. I knew for this or any endeavor to work, I as the pastor would not only be willing to support it, but I would have to be intimately and intricately involved in this process.

The foundational theme scripture for 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind is this: "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. When our enemies heard this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." (Nehemiah 6:15&16) A driving verse for me, as well as, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wind team is: "Where there is no vision or revelation my people perish...(Proverbs 29:18)

Nehemiah had received word of the condition of the city of Jerusalem. The living and true God poured His vision concerning His people into the minds and hearts of those He had chosen to restore the people and the city. He so equipped Nehemiah and other key figures, that they were able to so encourage the people of God, that they too became apart of the restoration vision their God was about to accomplish. It is important to understand that more people other than Nehemiah began to grasp and believe God's vision for them and Jerusalem. Nehemiah set the tone however, by prayerfully considering God's plan of action, not simply his. He knew that if God was not at the center of this endeavor, it was bound for failure. Psalm 127:1 reminds us; "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, watchman stays awake in vain."

Like the enemy Nehemiah faced, we too will face enemies and obstacles as we seek to accomplish God's will for His kingdom here in Brighton. They will not always be the obvious ones, and perhaps there will

be some within our camp as there were in the Hebrew camp. Again, the vision started with Nehemiah, but he was able to bring others on board and God allowed them to grasp His vision for the advancement of His Kingdom. Our God is working in and through His people today. He gives the vision through His Word, we prayerfully consider and then press forward in the power of the Spirit, by faith.

Though Nehemiah was confronted by those who wanted to stay in the foreign land and by those who did not want to see the walls rebuilt in the surrounding countries, did these threats from the enemy stop the building? No, they did not! Nehemiah knew his God was faithful. We serve the very same Sovereign God.

Have this as our prayer for '09 and beyond: "O God, what is Your vision for the Brighton Church, for each of us? Lord, how do You want to express Yourself to us and through us to the lost in our communities, now and in the future? God will empower us to accomplish this and more. Our God is faithful!

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

#### **SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:**

- Feb. 1 Revelation 2:12-17  
"The Deceptive Work of Erosion"
- Feb. 8 I Samuel 20:24-47  
"The Depth of Loyalty"
- Feb. 15 Revelation 2:18-29  
"Where is the Danger in Compromise?"
- Feb. 22 Revelation 3:1-6  
"Satan is a Liar and the Deceiver!"

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 372-3995.

#### **FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH**

Mary Steele Circle

February 15 In Honor Of  
**MRS. JOE ANNE ALSBROOK**  
Given By Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath, Molly Anne Heath,  
and Margarette Alsbrook

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH**

February 14 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey  
February 14 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hernandez  
February 17 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Glass  
February 23 Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrow

## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH**

Feb. 1 – Rhonda Goulder  
Feb. 8 – Linda Boswell  
Feb. 15 – Vickie Hugues  
Feb. 22 – Rhonda Goulder

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

**A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will be meeting in the Prayer Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THE MARY STEELE CIRCLE'S VALENTINE'S DINNER** will be on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted at the door. There will be a "Sweetheart Shop" and door prizes. Come out and bring some friends. Buy someone you love (or yourself!) a gift at the "Sweetheart Shop". Come enjoy a time of good food, good music, and wonderful fellowship.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for several of our church family:  
Ray Gravley completed his Master's Degree.  
Anna Hugues won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Human Growth Development at a HOSA Competition.  
Jay Rettig made 103 on his Algebra II midterm.  
Ben Cavin got a gold medal in golf.  
Kaitlyn Moore was on the A-B Honor Roll and had Perfect Attendance.  
Brandee Elston had Perfect Attendance.  
Emily Kirk was on the straight A's Gold Honor Roll and had Perfect Attendance.  
Holly Elston got straight A's.  
Sierra Arnold had Perfect Attendance and was Student of the Week.  
Haley Alsbrook had Perfect Attendance.  
Lilly Alsbrook received Most Improved.  
Christopher Miller was on the Principal's Honor Roll.  
Kirsten Rettig was on the A-B Honor Roll and had Perfect Attendance  
Andrew Cavin was on the Principal's Honor Roll.

Wow! What a list. Congratulations everyone! If you or someone you know has an accomplishment that you want mentioned in the Brighton Light, please turn your information into the church office.