



The Brighton Light

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FEBRUARY 2013: "The Intentional Act Of Kindness" "Now David said, 'Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?' "Then the king said. 'Is there not still anyone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?' (2 Samuel 9:1 and 3)

Unless I completely miss the mark, I'd say that most do think of kindness as an act. I would say we all, for the most part, tend to qualify kindness. This person is a friend so I will be kind. When a friend or family member does something which offends or hurts us, we are more likely to be kind or to show kindness. However, we know that even this may not always be the case. What does this say about our understanding of kindness? Why would we withhold our showing kindness? It is said that a person who cannot show mercy is one who has not experienced it, does not understand it, or may simply be a prideful person. The same could be said about kindness. But, should this be said of a Christian, one who says I believe in Jesus, who says I believe in God's word?

Some may see God as a vengeful, cruel God, One who is just waiting for a person to slip up. Or He is expecting the person to measure up before that one will be shown kindness. Because we live in a sinful world, people will act or react in a way which will benefit me. This must not be said of a true child of God, a true Christian! If indeed we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus, we are called upon to be radically different from those outside of Christ.

We need to remind ourselves that none of us deserves to be shown kindness, let alone be called the children of God. Every person that has ever been born is under the penalty of death, hell and the grave. Read and study God's word to see what He says. God does how He pleases which so often is opposite than the way we would do things. There are Old Testament and New Testament people who did not do what was considered the natural thing to do toward a person who had wronged them. King Saul had sought to kill David many times and folks would have said David had the right to kill his enemies. David's army had now defeated the remnant of the army of Saul. But, King David says; "Is there anyone left of the house of Saul that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Sam. 9:1) I believe King David was able to do this because he had first-hand experience of the kindness of God. This was also the fulfillment of the covenant he and Jonathan had made. David goes on further; "Is there anyone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God?" (2 Sam. 9:3)

We may be called upon to show kindness to a person who does deserve it or may in fact be an enemy. Remember; "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) We were enemies of God, every one of us. He showed us unmerited love and kindness when we could care less by sending God the Son to die for us sinners. How wonderful this is!

Just think, if David saw how important it was to keep his covenant promise, how much more will our God. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23) Why does it seem so hard to show kindness? We are on this side of the cross. It may be that we love holding back because we think it gives us power over the person, but in truth, only hurts us. Allow the Holy Spirit to work and He will break those chains of bondage. Paul reminds us; "Be kindly affectioned one to another." (Romans 12:10) Show kindness as it has been shown to you.

Meredith

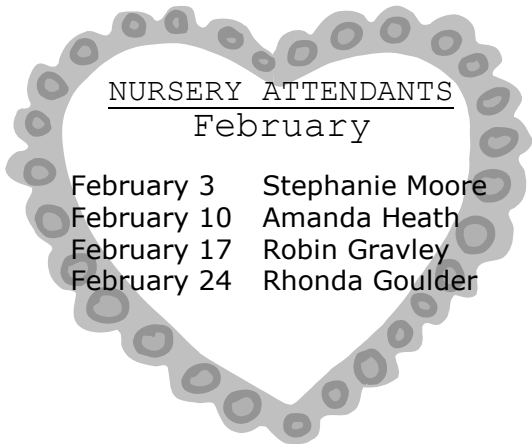
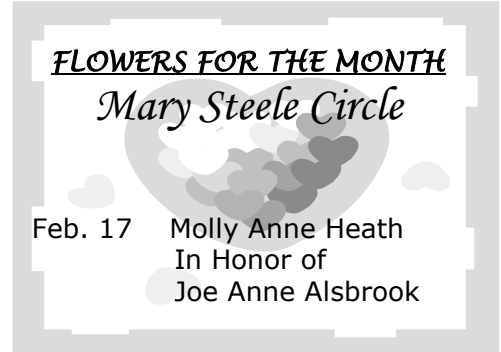
SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

February 3	2 Samuel 9:1-18 "The Act of Kindness"
February 10	Joel 2:10-19 "With True Repentance Comes Restoration"
February 17	Nehemiah 9:1-19 "The Basis for Belief"
February 24	Titus 3:1-8 "Heirs of Grace"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Rick	Lupinsky, Logan
Brown, Don	McCain, Lisa
Cavin, Henry	Moore, Martha Lou
Culver, Anthony	Moss, Charlie
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Molder, Rose
Dungy, Louise	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Helen	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Bobbie	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Gordon	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Hill, Dana	Tyler, Jean
Hill, Gloria	Welch, Jack
Hodges, Doris	Wells, Michael
Huffman, Linda	Wells, Whit
Krull, Lucy	Yarbro, Wink
Legler, Don	Campbell, Juanita
Lewis, Adam	Delashmit, Matt
Lineberger, Rachael	Billings, Christy
Molder, Rose	Yarbro, Pam
	Culver, Wayne



CHILDRENS SERMON – February

February 3	John Moore
February 10	Nick Goulder
February 17	Amanda Heath
February 24	Margaret Huffman

February Menu



Feb 6 Potato Bar
Feb 13 Breakfast
Feb 20 Mexican Night
Feb 27 Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Christie Bridges	16	Chad Walker
	Emil-Grace Tia White		Norma Columbus
9	Samantha Wells	19	Billy Pugh
10	Michael Griffin	20	Robert Bailey
	Stacey Huffman	23	Anna Hugues
11	Cassie Cranford		Sarah Cavin
	Wesli Whitmer	24	Shirley Kennedy
12	Charlotte Williams		Verlie Wells, IV
13	Sarah Huffman	26	Blake Walker
15	Gwen Goulder		Christi Huffman
	Joe Anne Alsbrook		Jean Chisolm
	Swayne Huffman	28	Mallory Glass
			Robin Gravely

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 Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 901-674-3851.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like 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.

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

SCOUT SUNDAY will be February 3rd.

WORKER'S COUNCIL! There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday February 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

BANQUET TIME! The Mary Steele Circle Valentine Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 9th from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. There will be a great meal, entertainment, door prizes, and a Sweetheart Shop. Donations will be accepted at the door. Please be sure to bring your friends and come out to enjoy this event.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Help Mrs. Norma Celebrate her 80th Birthday. You have been invited to join the family for a birthday celebration on Sunday February 10th from 2 to 4 at her home. Please no gifts, just your well wishes. Given by her family: Beth, Cathy, Pam and Floyd.

MVP CAMP!!!! If you plan on being a Counselor for the MVP Camp this year there will be a Counselor's Planning Retreat February 15-16 at Camp of the Rising Son. Please let Denise Moore or Dan Hazen know.

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESBYTERY MEETING – Please remember to pray for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting beginning on March 4th at Graceview Presbyterian Church.

MEN'S MINISTRY will be participating in the Brighton Bands Spring Car Show and Festival on March 9th. They will have a booth set up selling Loaded Fries and Nachos. Come out and support the men and bring a friend!