



# The Brighton Light

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**JANUARY 2013:** Our Redeeming And Renewing God. "Jesus answered and said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (John 6:29) "Let the words of my heart and meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Do you ever feel that you take one step forward and two backward? Do you feel distant from God? Do ever wonder what in the world am I doing? With all of the shootings which have taken place recently, a new one is added. Where is or was God? Folks across our nation are asking these questions and are not able to begin to come up with the answer. Events happen in our lives, in the life of a church, in the life of a community which will not only test our metal, but will let us see clearly where our relationship with God is. These times will give us a faith-reality check. We say we believe but there are times it seems so shallow.

Is God's love for us shallow? John 3:16 states; "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." This is how the God of the Bible is. However, people's view of God in America is much like that of the ancient pagan's view of their false gods, impersonal, uninvolved and cruel. Is the One, true God merely a wish granter or even less? "The issue of faith is not so much whether we believe in God, but whether we believe the God we believe in." (R.C. Sproul)

"Jesus said that the work of God is for us to believe in the One He has sent (John 6:29). But what does it say when we:

- ask for His forgiveness and then work for His favor and wonder if His grace is enough to cover all we've done?
- ask Him to take care of our burdens and then needlessly fret about them incessantly and wallow in insecurity?
- ask Him to intervene in our circumstances and then manipulate them ourselves in order to get a better outcome?
- ask that His kingdom come and then panic about current events and prophecies of the end times?
- ask that His will be done and then tell Him specifically what our will is and why He ought to accomplish it?" Page 352, [The One Year At His Feet Devotional](#) by Chris Tiegreen.

Our belief will be as solid as our view of the almighty God and how we approach Him. Too often God is only as big as our finite minds and understanding. The universe which He created cannot contain Him. Why then do we treat Him less than He is? We should worship, praise and serve Him for who He is and not for what we think we may gain, and primarily when we have a need. Come to think of it, we stand in need of Him every moment of everyday don't we!

We need to remember our Lord desires our whole heart. As King David reminds us, our words, our focus as the people of God must honor and praise Him. He is our Redeemer and our Restorer. What is acceptable to God? "A broken and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise." (Psalm 51:17) As we begin to experience this in our lives, we will see the restoring power of God in and through our lives. We will finally understand what it means to say 'I believe'. It will be more than mere words. It will be who we really are, the sons and daughters of God. My dear church family, may we experience this renewing power of our Redeemer in our lives. Meredith

## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- January 6                    **Isaiah 40:1-14**  
 "The Lord's Dealings with His People"
- January 13                 **Galatians 4:1-11**  
 "The Christians' Relentless Enemy"
- January 20                 **John 6:22-30**  
 "The Basis for Belief"
- January 27                 **Psalms 19:7-14**  
 "Strength for the Day"

### 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

### FLOWERS FOR THE

Margaret  
 Sherrill  
 Circle

### Wedding

January 8                 Mr. and Mrs.  
 Nick Goulder

### CHILDRENS SERMON - January

January 6                 - Kevin  
 Heath

January 13               - Amanda  
 Heath

January 20               - Susan

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January

January 6	Joanna Simonton
January 13	Linda Boswell
January 20	Ashley Goulder
January 27	Vickie Hugues



# January Menu



- Jan 9 Chicken Strips / Mac n Cheese
- Jan 16 Chicken Pot Pie
- Jan 23 Family Night
- Jan 30 Chili Dogs

Cost: \$3.00 person  
\$10.00 Family

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
1 Beth Crum	16 Jeremy Herring
Julie McCormick	Martha Jean Goulder
2 Linda Clarke	17 Phillip Trotter
3 Mary Pannell	18 Adyson Joy Brubaker
6 Geraldine Rhodes	Jeremy Bridges
7 Carol Templeton	19 Johnny Yarbro
Pat McCain	22 Mike Huffman
8 Joey Guthrie	23 Robert Cavin 24
12 Kinney Bridges	Edith Hanks
Raymond Griffin, Jr.	Linda Bridges
13 Charles Gray	25 Tom Campbell
Chelsea Larson	26 Gerald Spencer
14 Ray Gravely	John Hugues
John-Philip Richardson	27 Cameron Goulder
16 Alex Goulder	28 London Hill
	Phil Richardson

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

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It's Church yearbook time! Please inform the church office of any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made. Please get all reports in as soon as possible.

## No Turning Back John 6:56-69 (NIV)



"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
John 6:68 (NIV)

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