



The Brighton Light

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JANUARY 2014: 'The Reconciling Work Of God' "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all are become new."
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

So many people view January as a time to make a list of things they wish to accomplish or a list of things they do not want to repeat. "If I try a little bit harder I know that can make better decisions and not continue to repeat making the same bad choices." Or; "I've got to get rid of those unwanted pounds." What is sad, far too many in the Church treat Christ Jesus/salvation the same way. "I am not good enough for Jesus to accept me. When I am able to cut out this sin or that one, then I might be able to consider Jesus."

With this kind of thinking, the time will never come. It will be like a hamster on one of those exercise wheels, no matter how hard or fast the hamster runs he is going nowhere. For the person who is giving it his all, who feels there is one more thing to accomplish, will be creating a heart and mind attitude of either giving up or a self-righteous one which will set in and take us far away from where we need to be. There will always be another sin in one's life to deal with. The road of sin is a long and winding one with no end in sight, no way to get off in one's own power or will. There is a sign post which will allow a person to exit this one way road to hell. Satan would have us think that there is no way, just give up. But, remember, he is the father of lies and deception. You can never trust anything says or does.

The Bible teaches us that there is a way off this road to hell, but one must come according to the almighty God's prescribed means. The cross is the sign post which tells us; "this way to freedom". It, too, is a one way road, with only one way to enter. "For I am the way, the truth and the light, and no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) All others cannot, will not bring a person off the road of hopelessness and an eternity in hell.

With every New Year we like to think of fresh starts, making things right. That great gift of Jesus we celebrated in December not only will bring us a fresh start, but in "Christ we are a new creature." (2 Corinthians 5:17b) Jesus has brought to each believer, a new Genesis. We have been re-created, given a new life.

Faith in the things which Jesus has accomplished makes us new creations. We cannot earn this and we cannot make it any better. However, the enemy does not give up as easily as do we. He will be using all his evil tricks to keep us off balance and keep us discouraged. Many have the mistaken notion that when one becomes a Christian all the struggles and all the battles will be over. As long as we remain on this earth, we will have struggles and there will be an ongoing battle. Satan tries his best to get our focus off the truth and make us think that Jesus is not the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

This being made a new creation is not simply a part of a wish list, but is the promise of our covenant keeping God. He would not have told us this if it were not so. God, His word can be trusted. It is indeed a blessing when the God of the universe tells us that He makes us new creatures fit for His kingdom for all eternity.

God has not just reconciled us to Himself, but He has made each of us His agents of reconciliation. May we have our minds and hearts open to the Holy Spirit's prompting. When we yield to the working of the Holy Spirit, we will see and experience wonderful things for His glorious kingdom. May our Lord bless us greatly for 2014!

Your brother in Christ, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

January 5	2 Corinthians 5:14-21 "Being Reconciled to God"
January 12	Ezekiel 11:13-25 "The Heart of God"
January 19	Ephesians 3:1-20 "The Mystery of the Gospel"
January 26	Romans 5:1-11 "Living the Triumphal Faith"

SICK AND SHUT INS:

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

If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS January

January 5	Rhonda Goulder
January 12	Molly Huffman
January 19	Ashley Goulder
January 26	Joanna Simonton

FLOWERS FOR THE

Margaret
Sherrill
Circle

Wedding

January 8 Mr. and Mrs.
Nick Goulder

CHILDRENS SERMON - January

January 5 - Kevin
Heath
January 12 -
Margarette
January 19 -



January Menu



Jan 8 Chili Dogs
 Jan 15 Soup
 Jan 22 Family Night
 Jan 29 Mac N Cheese
 /Chicken Strips

Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Beth Crum	17 Phillip Trotter
2 Linda Clarke	18 Adyson Joy Brubaker
3 Mary Pannell	Jeremy Bridges
6 Geraldine Rhodes	19 Johnny Yarbrow
7 Carol Templeton	22 Mike Huffman
Pat McCain	23 Robert Cavin
8 Joey Guthrie	24 Edith Hanks
12 Kinney Bridges	Linda Bridges
Raymond Griffin, Jr.	25 Tom Campbell
13 Charles Gray	26 John Hugues
Chelsea Larson	27 Cameron Goulder
14 Ray Gravely	28 London Hill
John-Philip Richardson	Phil Richardson
16 Alex Goulder	31 John Carlyle Ruffin
Jeremy Herring	
Martha Jean Goulder	

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.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Alton at 901-837-8950.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to MR. BLAIN CURTIS! Blain is a senior at Tipton Rosemark Academy and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sean Curtis and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball with Christian Brothers University. Congratulations Blain. Your church family is proud of you.

WEDDING TIME! Cynthia Dodson Broyles and William Marvin Trotter invite you to share in the joy and celebration of their marriage Saturday, the eighteenth of January Two thousand fourteen at four o'clock in the afternoon at Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church 4538 Holly Grove Road Covington, Tn. Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Your blessing and presence is your gift.