

The Brighton Light

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JANUARY 2015: New life in Christ! "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I come that they may have life and to have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things pass away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Can you believe it, we are in 2015. The new is in and the old is out. One would think that as these years go rolling by that folks would have good feelings about how things are going. But, it would be an understatement to say that people, for the most part, feel just the opposite. Many feel that there is great uncertainty about their future. No amount of yoga, transcendental meditation, self-help seminars, and nothing else can bring peace of mind and assurance for life which individuals are longing for. A thought which is very strong in our society is that there is no God, nothing after death but the grave and decay. This is not a new thought process, but something as old as creation. King Solomon was right when he said; "That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun". (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

The age old enemy of the human soul wants us all to think that we are an end in ourselves, that human life is no different from any other animal on earth, once we die, that's it. This means that there is no such notion as eternal life. If this were the case, Jesus would not have needed to come to earth to a lost and hopeless humanity. In fact, Jesus would not exist to begin with. Salvation could not be offered by a person who does not exist from a place which does not exist.

The thief, the great deceiver would have the church blinded to the great need around her of forgiveness, redemption and restoration. However, God the Holy Spirit is at work. There will be a great turning back of the church to her Lord as we realize that in Jesus there is true life, a life promised to be in abundance. The joy is that this for now, we don't have to wait for this abundant life. How wonderful God is toward us. Jeremiah tells us; "For I know My thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

To be one of His means that something has and is taking place in our lives. It is a work which started at the point of salvation and will usher us into eternity. All of this is based completely in the truth that our God is a covenant keeping and fulfilling God. Unlike Satan, God cannot lie nor will He ever deceive. Our God is constantly working in us His purposes, His will. As His working continues in us, we will begin to realize His strength in us to resist Satan, the old nature and to live out the new.

God tells that we are new creatures in Him. This was the reason Jesus came, to make all things new. It could not have taken place any other way, one Life for many. God's ways are always right and He always has the best for us in His sovereign mind and heart. The Apostle Paul tells us; "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

This so refreshing to realize that our loving Lord God will never stop working in us, recreating into the vessels He desires us to be. Praise His holy name for this! May we be faithful disciples of this all loving and sovereign Lord. And remember, "nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed unto Him until that Day." (2 Timothy 1:12) May the Lord bless and keep us through this new year!

Your brother and friend, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

January 4	Luke 2:21-38 "Redemption Is At Hand"
January 11	John 10:7-21 "One Life Given for the Flock of God"
January 18	Genesis 1:26-31, Psalms 139:13-16 "Life Is Precious"
January 25	John 11:20-27; 38-44 "In Jesus, Life over Death"

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margarett Sherrill

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 8 *Mr. and Mrs. Nick Goulder*

CHILDRENS SERMON

Jan 4	<i>Dr. Cavin</i>
Jan 11	<i>Kaitlyn Moore</i>
Jan 18	<i>Kevin Heath</i>
Jan 25	<i>Amanda Heath</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 4	Stephanie Moore
January 11	Amanda Heath
January 18	Robin Gravley
January 25	Molly Huffman

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 Yarbro
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	

Deacon of the Month – Tom Campbell

If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Tom at 901-515-7553.

SICK AND SHUT INS:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Gordon	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
June Trotter	Heart issues
Ann Locke	Cancer

Sick

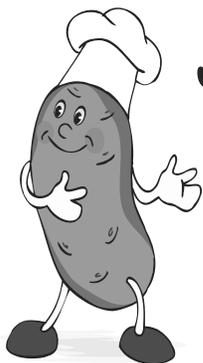
Culver, Anthony	Lineberger, Rachael
Culver, Michael	Locke, Mike
Curtis, Cooper	McCain, Pat
Goulder, Bobbie	Moncla, Luke
Griffin, Melanie	Moss, Charlie
Hill, Dana	Otis, Mike
Hill, Joy	Patrick, Carolyn
Hubbard, Kristi	Pugh, Kaleb
Huffman, Linda	Stitt, Sam
Legler, Don	Tyler, Jean
Lewis, Adam	Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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January Menu

Jan 7	Chicken n Dumplings
Jan 14	Chili
Jan 21	Soup
Jan 28	Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family