

# The Brighton Light

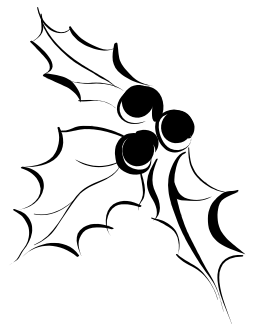
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## RESOLUTION

Resolution- The act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc...

Wow what a year 2015 was! The Supreme Court of the United States resolved that same sex marriage is a legal right for all US citizens. A judge resolved that Aaron and Melissa Klein, owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, be fined \$135,000 in damages for refusing to bake a cake for a gay couple and subsequently have lost their business. ISIS has resolved to torturing, beheading and burning Christians with fervor. Don't forget the terror attacks in Paris, mass shootings in Roseburg, Lafayette, Chattanooga and San Bernadino. Oh, and the Charleston Church shooting, the live on-air shooting in Virginia and, last but not least, the "Black lives matter" riots all over our nation. These are but a few of the tragedies that we have experienced this year.

Jesus said in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world". Isn't it wonderful to know that, but do we really know that? Can we really have peace in the midst of all this turmoil, chaos, despair, death, injustice and seemingly hopelessness? There is only one way for us to find this peace, and that is Christ's resolution that He has overcome the world. So when you see death, just recall that Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25) When we see injustice, remember Ecclesiastes 12:14- For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Here we are, looking into 2016 either with hopeful anticipation or remorseful apprehension. He said he came to give us life "more abundant". Are we, as American Christians, living this abundant life? Is there true hope in the midst of despair? I suggest that all of us, above and beyond any other resolution that we may have this New Year, would resolve to allow God's Word to renew our strength. Isaiah 40: 30 &31- "Even youths shall faint and grow weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint".

If we make this a priority in our lives, we might just find that all these other petty resolutions (be a better person, lose weight, stop smoking etc...) will simply just happen. Wouldn't that be something? I pray God would bless you with a prosperous, healthy and **abundant** 2016 as you trust in Him. I leave you with one of my favorite verses from Joshua 1:9- "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

P.S.- Over 54,000,000 evangelicals did not vote last year. Do us all a huge favor and put in your vote for godly candidates. Yes there are a few left and they need our support.

John Moore

# Prayer List:

Armour, Mark – (Robyn Scott’s step dad) Cancer  
 Bennett, Mary F – Shut in  
 Billings, Richard – (Denise’s Dad)Cancer/Heart  
 Boswell, Charles - Cancer  
 Boswell, Mike – Health issues  
 Bryant, Ty – Infant, Heart  
 Cavin, Flora – (Meredith’s Mom)Nursing home  
 Chisolm, Jean – Broken Pelvis  
 Cothran, Bill –(Rhonda’s dad)Broken back  
 Culver, Anthony – (Molder’s nephew)Health issues  
 Culver, Michael – (Molder’s nephew)Health issues  
 Goulder, Helen – Shut in  
 Goulder, Gwen – (Rhonda daughter in law)Cancer  
 Hill, Dana – Health issues  
 Kiphart, Ron – Nursing home  
 Lineberger, Rachael  
 Locke, Mike - (Vickie’s brother)Health Issues  
 London, Peggy

Lupinsky, Logan  
 McCain, Pat – Health Issues  
 Mitchell, Marsha – Cancer  
 Moncla, Luke  
 Moody, Lauren – (TRA student) Bone Cancer  
 Moore, Martha Lou – Shut in  
 Moss, Charlie  
 Motes, Robert – (Denise’s cousin) Heart  
 Otis, Mike  
 Pugh, Kaleb – (Laura Kiphart’s grandson)  
 Rhoades, Geraldine – Shut in  
 Stitt, Sam – Health issues  
 Tyler, Jean – Shut in  
 Wanda, Pat’s Sister - Cancer  
 Wells, Whit – Health Issues  
 Williams, Sandy – (Huffman family)Cancer  
 Wilson, Glenda – Bone Cancer  
 Winford, Sherry – Health issues

**Military**

Bornaman, Zachary	Hair, Colton
Donahoo, Tim	Heathman,Matthew
Dooley, Rod	Hill, Debra

Hunt, Boyce  
 Smith, Brad  
 Young III, Robert “Trip”

**Missionaries**

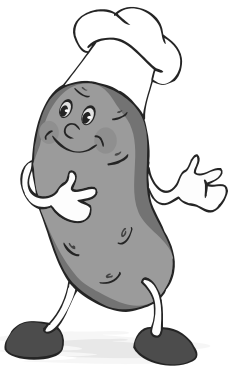
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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*January 8 Mr. and Mrs. Nick Goulder*

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

Jan 3	Nick Goulder
Jan 10	Nick Goulder
Jan 17	Nick Goulder
Jan 24	Nick Goulder
Jan 31	Nick Goulder



## January Menu

Jan 13 Chili Dogs/Chips  
 Jan 20 Potato Bar  
 Jan 27 Family Night  
 Cost: \$3.00 person  
 \$10.00 Family

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

January 3	Vickie Hugues
January 10	Helen Woods
January 17	Denise Moore
January 24	Stephanie Williams
January 31	Amanda Heath

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

## Upcoming Events / Announcements

**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 Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Alton at 901-837-8950

**IT'S CHURCH YEARBOOK** time and we need to start updating! Please inform the church office of any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Alexi Starnes on her graduation from the University of Memphis in Dec. Proud of you and your accomplishments Alexi...and A WHOLE SEMESTER EARLY!!!!

