



The Brighton Light

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JULY 2013: "Will a nation endure forever?" "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." (Psalm 127:1) "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

God has always been deeply concerned about the kind of leadership which heads up any nation, denomination, individual churches and what kind of leader we are. The Bible teaches that God has the up-building and downfall of every nation in His care. It has always been the natural human tendency to not view things this way.

A look through history will show, most leaders saw the formation of their countries as a matter of their political abilities, strong military maneuvering and might which built their nations and secured their borders, or even expanded them. Twice a Persian army many times larger than the Greek army was defeated. And consider Hitler's Germany. Their technological advances in weaponry and their battlefield tactics were far advanced over the allied forces. Hitler's 'blitzkrieg' quickly demolished armies and nations his armies went up against, but, after years of bloody fighting, with many lives lost, were defeated.

Yet the Bible reminds us; "No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength." (Psalm 33:16&17) Look throughout the Old Testament and see how the Lord God delivered His people from armies and nations who could seemingly crush Israel with no trouble. But, God went out and crushed these mighty armies with no trouble, sending fear into the hearts of the enemies of Israel.

When a nation has years of virtually uninterrupted growth, prosperity and success in every arena of public life, pride enters the hearts of its leaders and people, making them say, look what we have done. Look at what we have accomplished. Jesus tells us in Luke 12:13-21 about a rich fool. He had an unusual bumper crop and was in a quandary of what to do. "I have no room for my crops. What shall I do? I will tear down the old ones and build new ones and store my crops and goods in them. I will say to my soul, eat drink and be merry, for you have many goods for many years. But God said; 'Fool this night your soul shall be required of you, then whose will those things be which you provided.'"

God will allow, even a nation which was founded on Christian principles to get to this extreme place of self-reliance. The proud and arrogant heart will seek to push God as far out of the picture as possible. What is so hypocritical, these very ones are the ones who flock to the church when a terrorist or natural event takes place. At least they understand, in a limited way that the church has always been a haven of peace and comfort.

We need to understand that God is far more than this. In fact this kind of mentality is very deadly to the human soul. God wants us all to grasp the meaning of Psalm 127:1, from the most powerful of leaders, to me as an ordinary citizen, that is God Who builds, it is God Who guards. But, from those in power and for a great part of the citizens, this concept is foreign in their understanding. It is the government which will provide and care for. You need not look to any other. We have been de-synthesized as a church in America, that we can no longer hear nor see the warning signs around us.

Trusting in the Lord God almighty of the universe is not a vain thing. Here and here alone will we find true peace for our troubled hearts. In our Lord and in Him alone will we find that our lives and our deaths are secure. Jesus tells us; that there is nothing which can snatch you out of His hands. Paul reminds us; I am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

In His care, M.L.C.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

July 7	Matthew 7:15-28 "A Believer Is a Doer"
July 14	Psalm 33:4-12; Psalm 127:1 "In Our Weakness, He Is Strong"
July 21	Jeremiah 25:1-13; 31:1-12 "The Light at the End of a Dark Tunnel"
July 28	Psalm 47 "Our Great and Awesome King"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

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



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill

July 14 Linda Clarke
In Memory of
Jim Clark



Wedding Anniversaries

July 5 Mr. and Mrs. John R. Moore
July 11 Mr. and Mrs. Alton Woods
July 24 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crum
July 28 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Molder

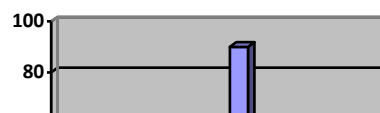
NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July

July 7 Molly Huffman
July 14 Joanna Simonton
July 21 Ashley Goulder
July 28 Vickie Hugues

CHILDRENS SERMON – July

July 7 Kevin Heath
July 14 Margarette Alsbrook
July 21 Susan Cavin
July 28 Peter Simonton



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Julia Moore	15	Jean Tyler	23	Amber Smith
	Martha Lou Wylie		Stephen Boswell	25	Brian Crum
2	Jimi Kaye Yarbro	17	Jeff Huffman		Denise Moore
3	Kaleb Pugh		Makayla Boswell		Jay Rettig
5	Amy Starnes	18	Angelica Wells		Joy Hill
	Brad Templeton		Verlie Wells, III		Marcie Goulder
6	June Trotter	19	Alton Woods	26	Linda Boswell
7	Ann Blackmon		Taylor Smith	27	Jan Allen Pannell
8	Christopher Miller	21	Don Legler	28	Mary Frances Smith
9	Joe Griffin		Rebecca Rowell		Paul Shannon
10	Owen Boswell	22	Paige Dickey	Boswell	
13	Barbara Guthrie		Sean Curtis	30	Jennifer Leek
	Shelia Brubaker				

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THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Keith Trotter. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Keith at 901-476-9980.

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

MARY STEELE CIRCLE Get together is Saturday July 13th at Sandy Herring's Home. Spouses are invited. Bring a dish.

MVP CAMP - is July 15 – 20 for Ages 8-18 at Camp of the Rising Son in French Camp, MS. Please keep the campers and counselors that are attending in your prayers!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH will have a Kick-Off Party on July 31st. *ICE CREAM AND WATERMELON!!!!*

CONGRATULATIONS to **Mr. Aiden Campbell** who has been away at Governors School for the month of June. Way to go Aiden!

