



# The Brighton Light

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**JULY 2014:** 'Our God Is Ultimate and Most Awesome' "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God." (Psalm 90:2) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are My ways your ways," says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8&9) "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are One." (John 10:27-30)

Folks in the church are so odd. They say they believe in God, but when pressed, their view, their understanding of the sovereign God presented in the Bible is far less. Too many seem to desire one who is there at their beckoning wishes, one who can be dictated to on how to solve problems. This all-knowing, sovereign God of this vast universe cannot, no will not fit into our neat little pigeon holes. Do consider these questions. How great or how big is your God? Is He our reason for being or do we look to Him only in our times of distress or need? Or as question 1 of the Shorter Catechism says; "What is the chief end of man?"

Unlike the false, made-conceived gods, our God is not dependent upon our worship or anything in order to be who He is and how He is. Our God created everything which existed, exists or will exist. He is that which keeps the whole cosmos together. He spoke every living creature into existence and formed man from the earth and breathed the breath of life into him. The basic given is the truth that He is and will always be.

Because God is eternal and all powerful, there is no one, nothing greater than our God. We do not come to this sovereign Lord God in our own strength or by our terms. The Apostle Paul reminds us; "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...and having predestined us as sons by Jesus Christ...In Him we have redemption through His blood, forgiveness of sins." (Ephesians 1:4b-5a, 7a) Jesus tells us that; "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you shall go and bear much fruit." (John 15:16 a&b) If our salvation is completely dependent upon who Jesus is, what He has done and that He does the choosing, it is only fair to say that He is able to keep those who are His. "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (John 10:28-30)

None of us deserve this, but, here it is, true eternal assurance that our salvation, our eternity in heaven is secure in our Lord Jesus. Aren't you glad that; "greater is He who is you than he who is the world"? (1 John 4:4b) If our God has the up-building and the downfall of every nation in His hand, it is nothing for Him to keep His own. Can we understand everything about the One who holds everything by the power of His might? The answer is simply, no, we cannot even begin to comprehend every bit about this sovereign God. But what we have recorded in the Bible tells us that He went to extreme measures to redeem us sin, death and hell. It tells us that we are loved with an everlasting love. May we with the people of God throughout the ages affirm that; "The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deuteronomy 33:27)

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)

Praise our Lord forever and ever! Meredith

## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

July 6	<b>Psalm 90:1-4; Psalm 103:8-18</b> "Our Everlasting God Extends His Mercy"
July 13	<b>Genesis 45:1-8; Ester 4:10-17</b> "Our god Is Sovereign over the Affairs of People"
July 20	<b>Isaiah 55:8-11; Ephesians 1:7-14</b> "God's Working Is A Wonderful Mystery"
July 27	<b>Deuteronomy 33:26-29; John 10:22-29</b> "Our Lord God Is The Keeper of His Flock"



### Prayer List:

#### **Shut ins:**

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

#### **Ill / Recovering**

Heath, Amanda --	Radiation
Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Growth on spine
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Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Brain Tumor
Patsy Trotter Smith --	Broken Neck

#### **Sick**

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

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

### FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

*Margaret Sherrill*

July 13	Betty and Scotty Gladney In Memory of Mundell & Evelyn Gladney
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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

### CHILDRENS SERMON

July 6	<i>Leslie Alsbrook</i>
July 13	<i>Ashley Goulder</i>
July 20	<i>Nick Goulder</i>
July 27	<i>Kevin Heath</i>

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

July 6	Amanda Heath
July 13	Rhonda Goulder
July 20	Ashley Goulder
July 27	Molly Huffman

## 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 Donahoo	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
10 Owen Boswell	22 Paige Dickey	Paul Shannon Boswell
13 Shelia Brubaker	Sean Curtis	30 Jennifer Leek

## 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](mailto:chris_gravley@bellsouth.net).

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Nick Goulder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 901-451-3206.

**MVP CAMPERS and COUNSELORS** would like to thank everyone for all the support and sponsors for this year's camp. We have a total of 15 campers and 4 Counselors attending. Please keep this group in your prayers as we attend camp July 14<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>!

Alex Alsbrook  
Haley Alsbrook  
Lillie Alsbrook  
Andrew Cavin  
Robert Cavin  
Maria Goldring  
Mary Grace Simonton

Isaac Goldring  
Laura Elam  
Taylor Lane  
Brooklin Martin  
Bryanna Parker  
Kirsten Rettig

Slade Templeton?  
Autumn Yarbro?  
  
Leslie Alsbrook  
Emily Kirk  
Kaitlyn Moore  
Denise Moore

## STORY TIME

**It's Story time again!**

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the playground!  
Snack will be provided.  
Theme for July: "I LIKE BUGS!"

Books are:  
*Sleepyhead Bear* by Lisa Westberg Peters,  
*I Love Bugs!* By Emma Dodd  
*Can You Make a Scary Face?* By Jan Thomas

**PLEASE NOTE:** We need articles for the Brighton Light! Tell me what's going on in your Circle, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, etc.