

The Brighton Light

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JUNE 2009: OUR GREAT GOD: OUR INDWELLING GOD (John
14:15-18)

The Westminster Confession of Faith; chapter 34

The Holy Spirit, the 3rd Person in the Holy Trinity, is perhaps the most misunderstood, misused and hardest to explain Person of the Trinity. However, the work and power of the Holy Spirit is vital in all aspects of the Christian experience. He is vital for the person who desires to live his/her life for Christ in a world which is hostile toward anything even remotely Godly.

Jesus Himself showed us this importance when He promised to give the believer "another Comforter, another Counselor Who will be with us forever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you." Do we understand then how important it is to have as much as an understanding of our relationship with the Holy Spirit as can be comprehended? The promise of the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit is only for those who have experienced salvation. It is the Christian, who is called the 'temple of the Holy Spirit'.

The Holy Spirit has been at work from the beginning of time and throughout the ages. Our Confession Of Faith states; "He is the Giver of life, everywhere present....By Him the prophets were moved to speak the Word of God, and all the writers of the Holy Scriptures were inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God. The dispensation of the gospel is especially committed to Him." It is the Holy Spirit Who convicts the person of their sin, moves the person to repentance, and persuades and enables the person to embrace Christ Jesus by faith.

Another very important work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life is the process of sanctification. This is where the Holy Spirit works in our life where we die more and more unto sin and live more and more unto righteousness. This may be the hardest to experience

because we too often resist this work, wanting to do our own thing or go our own direction. This will be a hindrance, if not stopping completely, our maturing as a Christian.

Praise God, we as Christians do not have to live day by day, facing the big, as well as, little problems which may come our way in our own strength or abilities. How miserable we would indeed be struggling to live a godly life, all alone in such a world which is bent on self-destruction. Child of God, how wonderful it is that we have the Holy Comforter Who indwells us and gives us gifts, abilities and strength beyond our comprehension. God the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, producing the fruit in our lives which is pleasing to God the Father, which will glorify His Name and which will be a blessing to us, as well as, those around us.

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

June 7	Proverbs 3:1-14 "Catching God's Vision"
June 14	Rev. Bill Jordan
June 21	I Peter 4 "Have God's Standards Changed?"
June 28	Acts 9:10-19 "Called to Serve"

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Nick Goulder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 837-3532.

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Harriet Linderman Circle

June 7	In Honor Of DR. AND MRS. MEREDITH CAVIN Given by the Cavin Children
June 14	In Honor Of MISS RUTH ANNE GOULDER Given by Nick and Ashley Goulder
June 21	In Memory Of MR. NEVERETTE L. HUFFMAN, SR. Given by Family

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

June 14 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Griffin, Jr.
June 15 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Guthrie
June 16 Mr. and Mrs. John Scott
June 17 Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Cavin
June 18 Mr. and Mrs. Terry Goulder
June 21 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Templeton

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

June 7 Vickie Hugues
June 14 Rhonda Goulder
June 21 Shirley Kennedy
June 28 Amanda Heath

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on June 21st – 25th this year. It will begin at 6:00 P.M. and go until 8:30 P.M. For more information, please contact Mrs. Linda Boswell at 837-2261.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY is working on a new church cookbook. Please submit your favorite recipes to be put in the cookbook. Guys, we need your barbecue recipes and tips. Please print or type this on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper. There will be a box in the kitchen where you can put your recipes. The deadline for entries is July 5th. It would be helpful if some of your recipes could be submitted early so that the typists could begin the process of typing the entries.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-372-3995 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Miller. Christopher made straight A's on his report card. Christopher is in 2nd grade at Brighton Elementary School. Way to go Christopher!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN CAVIN for passing the Gateways and earning his diploma of graduation from Brighton High School. That's terrific Ben!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a family outing at the Ripley Water Park on July 14th from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Young people must have an adult with them to attend this event.