

# The Brighton Light

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JUNE 2010: OUR GREAT GOD: OUR FATHER GOD (Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter XII) "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ Jesus." (Galatians 4:4-7)

In the fullness of His own planning, God the Father sent, God the Son to do and accomplish something which no other person, power or realm could even come close to doing. There has always been in God's nature that of making perfect plans and then carrying them out perfectly. However, He works on His time schedule not ours. He is never early nor is our God ever late. We do not always understand the 'why' of His planning and we are not expected to do so. We are to trust the Lord that He always has our best interest in His sovereign heart.

Have you ever really considered just how much our God loves us? Have you ever heard someone say that God does not or cannot love me? It is of the utmost importance that we understand some things. First, it is true that none of us deserve God's love, mercy and grace. However, if the Lord has called you to be His child, He has and will lavishly pour this love, mercy and grace into our lives by the power of God the Holy Spirit. We must remember that He first loved us not the other way around. Second, if one feels that God cannot love me, the person does not understand God's nature or he may not be His son or daughter in the first place.

Before Jesus came into the world, all of the human races were as aliens, a shipwrecked race with no hope of enjoying a close, personal relationship with the God of the universe. We all were groping around trying this, trying that, trying to find a lasting peace, trying to find meaning to life, but, coming up with emptiness and loneliness. The Bible tells us that all our efforts will only bring frustration and separation from God, not the longed for peace of mind and heart.

"Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. (Gal.3:13) Because of His death on the cross, His bodily resurrection and His ascension, Jesus makes it possible for those He has redeemed to become His actual sons and daughters. We who were formally children of Satan, are now included in the household of God by the completed work of our blessed Jesus. The almighty is now our heavenly Father. God the Father graciously has given us the right to call Him, 'Abba, Father' and has guaranteed us all the rights and privileges associated with His holy name.

Again, how much does God the Father love His own? His love is deeper than any ocean, higher than any mountain and able to span the greatest expanse of any chasm.

Fathers, men of this body of Christ, I challenge each of us to make sure our salvation so we will be able to stand in the gap against the powers of the enemy of our souls. Stay the course He has set before us. Trust in His love, His mercy, His grace and power to make us all we need to be!

Be strong in the Lord!

Meredith

## **SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:**

June 6	Matthew 9:1-12 "God's Heart Desire, Mercy"
June 13	Reverend Bill Jordan
June 20	Luke 15:11-31 "I'm so Glad You're Back"
June 27	Romans 12:3-21 "Our Responsibilities As Christians"

## **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
June 23	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Goulder

## **FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH**

Harriett Linderman Circle

June 20	In Memory Of <b>Nev Huffman, Sr.</b> Given By Huffman Family
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## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH**

June 6	Margarette Alsbrook
June 13	Amanda Heath
June 20	Sarah Cavin
June 27	Rhonda Goulder

**PLEASE NOTE:** We need information for the Brighton Light. We would like to make the church newsletter more interesting and informative. If you have any news about you or your family or any suggestions or ideas, please contact the church secretary.

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

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Dwayne Cranford. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Dwayne at 494-8938.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> this year. If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact Linda Boswell.

**WE WILL BE** participating in "Bottles for Life" between Mother's Day and Father's Day for Confidential Care for Women. Between this time put your spare change in the baby bottle.

**THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY** still has cookbooks for sale. These would make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Please see Linda Clarke if you would like to purchase one (or several!).

**A WORK TEAM** from our church will be going to French Camp, Miss. from July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a planning meeting in June for all of those who plan to go and work.

**MVP CAMP** will be July 12 thru 17. Cost is \$220 per person. Please let us know ASAP if you plan on attending. See John or Denise Moore for registration forms. All forms must be turned in by June 20.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Ben Cavin won Silver in Swim competition and his team won Gold. Ben also took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his Golf Tournament.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 GRADUATES:** Josh Bradley, Zach Bradley, Sarah Cavin, London Hill, Anna Hugues, Josh Jones, Jay Rettig, and Angelica Wells!