

The Brighton Light

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JUNE 2011: Pass it on! "Hear, my child, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding; for I give you good doctrine: do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in my mother's sight, he also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.'" (Pro. 4:1-5)

As we think about what it means to be a father, there are two extreme examples which must be seen as false. On one hand there are men who think nothing of fathering children and then just go their merry way. On the other side of the spectrum there are men who believe and practice so-called 'honor killing' of their children who, in their eyes, have brought dishonor to them. Both of these are wrong and sinful.

As Christian men, how do we view our role as husbands, fathers and a man in general? But, more importantly, what does our Lord say in His word about us being as men? If we had started with the first question, we may or may not have squared with the biblical view of what the man of God is. I also think it so sad that many fathers (men in general) as being so hard-nosed, and cold, barely capable of expressing their feelings without blowing up or having a sit back attitude concerning their family. This may be true to an extent, for some do reflect this attitude. Some may never have had a godly role model.

In this portion of Proverbs, Solomon as a father was giving godly advice based upon the godly advice he had received from his father. I believe this shows us that godly influence is primarily passed on through each generation. However, this may not be the case for every family. If this is not the case, it can start with me making a conscience decision to live this godly influence in my family's life. Does this mean any of us are perfect? By all means, no! I cannot tell you how many times I failed as a husband, a father and grandfather all the while knowing what my Lord wanted me to be. Though I may not perfectly live out my Christian life, I know this, my Lord forgives, restores and equips. Let those whom you love hear and see a forgiven and restored man of God.

Solomon used the wisdom and understanding which God had blessed him with to point to the source of true wisdom and understanding. As Solomon looked to God, leaning not to his own understanding, God richly blessed him. The same can be said for each of us as we look to God. "Lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5&6) This will for sure take a deep commitment to the Lord on our part, and a deep commitment to those we call family.

I learned to realize just how important the things my father taught and lived out before all his children. These things came to the forefront of my mind and heart when I was blessed with sons and a daughter of my own. I have always said in my heart; "Just let me be half the dad to my children as my dad was to his." Though I am now 61 years old and dad is almost 91, I still consider his godly wisdom. Solomon's words, God's words echoed in my heart; "He also taught me, and said to me; 'Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.'" (Proverbs 4:4&5)

Men of God step up to the plate, trust in the Lord, and be what He has called us to be! Men, love the Lord with all our heart, be lovers of our families and be lovers of the family of God! I love you Dad!

Yours in Christ,
Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

June 5	Luke 24:44-53 "Tearing Down Walls"
June 12	Rev Bill Jordan
June 19	Proverbs 3:1-7; 4:1-5 "A Father's Heart"
June 26	Luke 7:1-10 "A Big Surprise"



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 23	Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Goulder

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June 5	Margarette Alsbrook
June 12	Amanda Heath
June 19	Sarah Cavin
June 26	Rhonda Goulder

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Harriet Linderman Circle

June 19	Huffman Family In Memory of Mr. N. L. Huffman
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

5	9:00 a.m.	Men's Ministry Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Studies
6	7:00 p.m.	Mary Steele Circle Meeting
9	TBA	Senior Outing
11	10:00 to 3:00	MVP Campers Car Wash
12	9:00 a.m.	Men's Choir Practice
	12:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting
	3:30 p.m.	Women's Ministry Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Margaret Sherrill Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Studies
19	9:00 a.m.	Men's Choir Practice
	12:00 p.m.	Joint Diaconate/Session
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Studies
21	7:00 p.m.	Recovery from Loss Meeting
22	6:00 p.m.	Family Night
25	6:00 p.m.	Family Game Night
26	9:00 a.m.	Men's Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Studies

SICK AND SHUT INS:

Mary Frances Bennett	Swayne Huffman
Mel Billings Sr.	Lucy Krull
Mike Boswell	Don Legler
Rick Boswell	Adam Lewis
Don Brown	Racheal Lineberger
Pam Bundy	Ann Locke
Cov. ARP Church	Logan Lupinsky
Michael Culver	Julia McCormick
Cooper Curtis	Luke Moncla
Louise Dungy	Martha Lou Moore
John Fletcher	Mike Otis
Betty Frazier	Carolyn Patrick
Helen Goulder	Geraldine Rhodes
Kim Gray	Laura Sanders
Melanie Griffin	Sarah Smith
Jeff Hicks	Cecil Starnes
Dana Hill	Jimmy Trotter
Joy Hill	Joshlin Walter
Doris Hodges	Buford Walker
Linda Huffman	Michael Wells
	Barbara (Shelly's Daughter)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Dana Walker
6	Laura Sanders
	Zane Hill
7	Barbara Heath
	Mary Frances Bennett
	Susan Cavin
8	Amanda Trotter
11	Colton Boswell
	Jerry Molder
12	Christi Miller
13	Ruth Anne Goulder
17	Shelley Legler
	Stephanie Moore
18	Louise Dungy
22	Alexi Starnes
23	Carolyn Sides
24	Shane Maxwell
25	Faye Smith
30	Leslie Alsbrook
	Marlee Smith
	Sara Griffin

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.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Dwayne Cranford. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Dwayne at 901-.

INFORMATION NEEDED! 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Sunday, June 26th – Thursday, June 30th this year. **Teachers are needed.** If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact Linda Boswell.

MISSION WORK TRIP to French Camp, MS will be July 4th -8th. Please let Meredith know if you would like to participate.

MVP CAMP!!! For Youth ages 8-18 on July 11-16 at the Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp Ms. Cost is \$250 / \$125 for members. Deadline for registration is June 10th. Please see John Moore for more information. The theme this year is "The Promises of God".

CAR WASH! There will be a car wash on Saturday June 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the MVP Campers to raise money for camp costs. Please plan on supporting this event.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amber Starnes who graduated from University of Memphis on May 8th. Way to go!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Grace Simonton who got the Middle School Tennis top seed award, Community Service award, Solo Ensemble superior award, and Dramatic Excellence award for the school year. Way to go Mary Grace.

FROM THE WORKERS COUNCIL

The other day, Mrs. Julia asked one of our youths where they were Sunday morning. The answer disenchanted me, even though I have heard it before from others of our youth. The answer? "I just couldn't get up". This is a common theme with our youth. With all the opportunities for social networking, (texting, facebook, satellite tv, Netflix), these young minds stay up on Saturday nights much longer than they should. I suppose it shouldn't surprise us but it is discouraging.

I am confident when I was their age, if I was given the choice of getting up for church or sleeping in, I would have slept in. Thank God I was not given that choice! I knew that on Sunday morning my mother was going to ensure that this young man was going to be washed and wearing his Sunday best well in time for church. So as I look at our youth today (at least the ones who are not externally motivated to go to church) I am troubled. If they are not exposed to the power of the Gospel in their youth, chances are they never will.

We often discuss in our workers council meetings that we can get forty to sixty youth in our church on any given Wednesday night, but struggle to get twenty to appear on Sunday mornings. Of course there are the exceptions, the ones who catch the "fire" and attend Sunday more faithfully than some of our adults, but unfortunately these are the "exceptions". So what, if anything, can we do? We believe there are some things we should try.

Beginning Sunday, June 5th, Sunday School for our youth will begin at 9:45 in the fellowship hall for a time of joint worship. The music will be more contemporary but filled with just as much truth and praise as our Bible Songs and Hymns. Some of them are the standard hymns, just set to more modern music. All will be welcome to attend (not just the youth) and I encourage you to be there. All will go to their respective classes at 10:00 just as always.

Some will say that we are "catering" to these young people. They will be correct. If these young people will not be "encouraged" by their parents to get up Sunday morning, then we will do what we can to encourage them to be here. The reasons to do this are too compelling: 1) their young souls are doomed to Hell without the wooing of the Spirit through the Gospel. 2) The future of not only our church, but also the church in America is in jeopardy. (Just look at recent surveys and statistics on church attendance)

Before I go, let me tell you about some fun events coming up. V.B.S. starts June 26

and M.V.P. camp is July 11. For those who are not at M.V.P. camp, we are returning to the Ripley Water park on July 14-this is a church wide event with no cost to you. Even if you don't get in the water, it is a blast to watch others splash and shoot down the slide. Finally, on Family night, July 27, we are planning to crank up those ice cream churns and setting up some games out back for some church family fun! So join us and lets enjoy the Brighton ARP Church family.

The workers council is committed to remaining true to the Gospel and the Bible. Our goal is to reach as many in our community with this truth as God allows.

In His name
John Moore

The Unadulterated Adventures of Z-Man

In a quiet and unobtrusive room the unremarkable group met, each quietly entering the room. None of them knew exactly what to expect from the meeting, yet each had brought his or her own expectations and hopes. They had each responded to the call for their own reasons. The call to action had been issued to the entire citizenry, but had terrified some, had bored others, and had never been heard by even more. But this small group had determined to gather to fulfill the mission set before them.

That mission was to oppose the evil empire of the Triple-A Alliance. This would not be the first attempt to defeat that wicked world force. Many had tried before, some with marked success. But none before had been successful in bringing the entire Alliance to its knees. Now it was time for this unobtrusive group to try its metal against the tested forces so successfully gathered to defeat them. For generations the blood lust of the members of the Alliance- Apathy, Apostasy, and Appeasement- had continued practically unabated, but now there was hope for a different outcome. And these meek citizens had decided to seize the moment while it was available.

The first to arrive was Mr. R. He had agreed to scout out and to prepare a secure location for the meeting. The members of the team had agreed that for security reasons they would only know each other by randomly assigned initials. Next to arrive was Mr. V., who slipped into the room almost unnoticed by Mr. R. Next came Dr. M., the only member of the team who claimed any experience in this type of war. Soon the only female member of the group, Ms. N. arrived, obviously flustered by the complexity of the maneuvers she had been forced to make to avoid detection. Finally Mr. K. arrived, meekly taking his place at the round table in the center of the dusty room.

The conversation began with stilted references to what had to be the final outcome of their efforts, but soon a plan began to form from the combined ideas and inspirations of the group. A general consensus was finally reached that none of them as individuals, nor all of them as a unit, had the strength or ability to overcome the Triple-A Alliance. A new, drastic plan would have to be devised. A plan so unconventional that the Alliance would never see it coming to fruition until it was far too late. There would need to be someone with more wisdom, more strength, and more dedication to the cause than these unremarkable citizens could claim.

Dr. M. came up with the suggestion to take DNA samples from each of the members, to chemically boost the favorable attributes of the individual samples, and to combine them into a supercharged DNA soup that could be injected into a subject willing to undergo not only the experiment, but the associated task of taking on the Triple-A Alliance. And so Ms. N. drew the samples, Dr. M. prepared the serums and the booster and then combined them as suggested, and Mr. K. volunteered to take the injection. Laying in the center of the table, with his legs dangling over the edge, he received the strange concoction as the others looked on expectantly. An almost immediate reaction occurred, as it became apparent that his personal DNA had, indeed, been enhanced. The quiet peace he had always exhibited seemed to become almost stoicism, and his legendary mildness grew into a tangible warmth of compassion. But he seemed immune to the traits of the other members that he was supposed to have assumed. Mr. R., instinctively assuming what had happened, volunteered to receive an injection of the potion. He, too, experienced a heightening of his personal traits, yet received none of those of his peers. On a hunch, he clasped the hand of Mr. K., causing an immediate electrical charge to flow between them. Only when they were in immediate physical contact did the serum work as intended, allowing the best and strongest of the individual traits to combine into a unified being. And so the other members of the

team submitted themselves to the mixture, each experiencing the same unity of spirit before described.

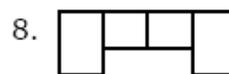
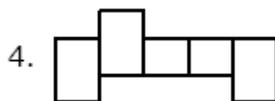
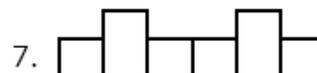
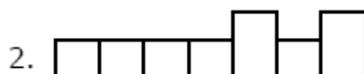
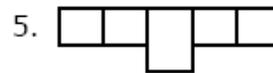
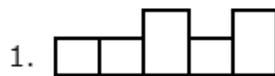
And each having received their injection, they gathered about the circular table and clenched their expectant hands together, willing their bodies and minds to accept whatever result would follow. Slowly the same current that Mr. K. and Mr. R. had experienced began to flow around the circle, yet with a fivefold strength. And as the group bowed their heads under the influence of the growing charge a glow began to emanate from them and to ascend toward the ceiling. The glow became blinding to each of them so that none could see the reaction of the others, yet each knew exactly what the corporate team was feeling and experiencing. The realization struck each of them simultaneously that they, together, had become exactly the entity they had been planning for and seeking. And in that moment Z-Man was born, a child of determination, inspiration, and courage. A child of unity and wisdom. A child of vision. A child to be reckoned with by the Tripe-A Alliance. To be continued.....

Children's Corner

Christ Is Coming Again

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



signs	heads	glory	watch
lift	clouds	careful	pray

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

2 Corinthians 5:17