



# The Brighton Light

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**MARCH 2013:** The Greatest Destroyer of Anger: Forgiveness! "Be angry and sin not: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4: 26-27, 31-32)

To "be angry and sin not", this is easier said than done. As Christians there is a constant war being fought in us, the old nature vs. the new nature. Satan hates God and God's people so much, he is relentless in his attacks, and is not satisfied until he feels that he has made us think that the Lord has left us. What use to his, he now does all he can to hinder the child of God and drive a wedge between us and our God, the One who loves and cares for us so much.

To understand forgiveness and to see how important it is for us to have a spirit of forgiveness, we will need to understand the heart of our God. Forgiveness is not a New Testament concept. Ezekiel 18:23&32 shows us; "Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Says the Lord God, 'and not that he should turn and live? For I have no pleasure in the death of the one who dies,' says the Lord God. 'Therefore turn and live.'"

"Turn and live". What powerful words from God. God tells us to repent, receive forgiveness and we shall live. These words from the Old Testament true and wonderful, they find their completeness in the Person and work of Jesus. When we repent, He forgives, not for the moment, not for this year, but our names are written in the Lambs Book of Life for all eternity. This being true, how are we to be? When I realize that I do not deserve anything as wonderful as this, it will cause me to take a hard look at myself and how I relate to others. How do I reflect the character of Jesus in my life?

Our Lord's love and forgiveness toward us is an unbelievable forgiveness. He forgives to the uttermost. As forgiven people, how are we to reflect Jesus' act of forgiveness? Peter, thought he was doing something magnificent when he said; "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him, up to seven times?" (Matt.18:21) To be honest, Peter was going beyond what was required of him as a Jew. This was great, right? Not so. "Jesus said; 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but seventy times seven.'" (Matt.18:22) What real good does it do if we merely do what is legally required of us. In other words, forgive as many times as you and I are asked.

If our understanding of forgiveness is limited, it will be easier for us harbor anger, and to keep a record of offences. A person who has been forgiven much will be a forgiving person. Anger will not rule our heart and we will give no place for the devil to do his work. Hold on to anger and unforgiveness, our hearts will be hardened, and the sun will go down on my anger. I will wake after a restless night, with bitterness and resentment taking root in my heart and making my life miserable. Think of how Jesus responded to those who crucified Him. From His suffering Jesus said; "Father, forgive them." (Luke 23:33) Paul reminds us to: "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ Jesus forgave you." Eph.4:32) Allow the Holy Spirit to renew our lives as we repent and are forgiven. Lord Jesus, please forgive me for not forgiving. Break these old chains which bind me and give me a new freedom. In Jesus name, amen! May we experience the power of our risen Lord Jesus in lives today! Have a blest Easter!

Meredith

## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

March 3	<b>Psalm 86</b> "Our God: Ready, Willing, and Able"
March 10	<b>Matthew 18: 11-22</b> "Forgiveness Restores"
March 17	<b>Ephesians 4:25-32</b> "Forgiveness Defeats the Enemy of Our Soul"
March 24	<b>Hebrews 12:1-17</b> "Knowing All, Jesus Still Went"
March 28	<b>Colossians 2:13-6 – Maundy Thursday</b> "Our Triumphant Lord"
March 31	<b>Matthew 27:51-56 – Sunrise Service</b> "The Torn Veil"

### SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Rick	Lupinsky, Logan
Brown, Don	McCain, Lisa
Cavin, Henry	Moore, Martha Lou
Culver, Anthony	Moss, Charlie
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Molder, Rose
Dungy, Louise	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Helen	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Bobbie	Pugh, Kaleb
Goulder, Gordon	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Hill, Dana	Tyler, Jean
Hill, Gloria	Welch, Jack
Hodges, Doris	Wells, Michael
Huffman, Linda	Wells, Whit
Krull, Lucy	Yarbro, Wink
Legler, Don	Campbell, Juanita
Lewis, Adam	Delashmit, Matt
Lineberger, Rachael	Billings, Christy
Molder, Rose	Yarbro, Pam
Bridges, Lucille	Culver, Wayne

### FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH *Harriett Linderman*

Mar. 10 Molly Anne Heath  
In Honor of  
Molly Huffman

### Wedding Anniversaries

March 15 Mr. and Mrs. Brad Templeton  
March 17 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hill  
March 28 Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Yarbro

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS March

March 3	Molly Huffman
March 10	Joanna Simonton
March 17	Margarette Alsbrook
March 24	Vickie Hugues
March 31	Helen Woods

### CHILDRENS SERMON – March

March 3 Leslie Alsbrook  
March 10 Susan Cavin  
March 17 Kevin Heath  
March 24 Julia Moore  
March 31 Dr. Cavin



## March Menu

Mar 6 Chicken & Dressing  
Mar 13 White Beans & Mac N Cheese  
Mar 20 Fried Chicken  
Mar 27 Seder  
Cost: \$3.00 person  
\$10.00 Family

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Helen Woods	16 Ben Cavin
3 William Clayton Pannell	Sherri Bailey
5 William Pannell	17 Whitney Smith
6 Clay Yarbrow	18 Kay Hernandez
Leyna Cannon	19 Joanna Simonton
9 William Carter	20 Keith Trotter
10 Andrea Trotter	21 McCallie Ruffin
Joni Glass	22 Bobbie Goulder
11 Cathy Morgan	23 Jimmy Trotter
Floyd Columbus	25 Peggy Huffman
Margarette Huffman	27 Pam Yarbrow
14 Wanda Starnes	Zac Scott

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**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Verlie Wells, IV. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 901-603-6509.

### **MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PRESBYTERY MEETING** – Please remember to pray for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting beginning on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Graceview Presbyterian Church.

**MEN'S MINISTRY** will be participating in the Brighton Bands Spring Car Show and Festival on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They will have a booth set up selling Loaded Fries and Nachos. Come out and support the men and bring a friend!

**PASSOVER SEDER** will be on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. All are invited.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Services will be March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The Lord's Supper will be observed during this service. Please come and take part in this time of worship as we celebrate this Easter season.

**INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED** for the Easter Egg Hunt. You may drop it off in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. The age group is toddler to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Each child is to bring 3 plastic filled eggs. If there are any questions, please contact Joanna Simonton.

**THE SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING** will be received Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>. This offering helps to support the ARP Foundation, Bonclarken, the Christian Education Ministry, Erskine College, and World Witness. Please give prayerful consideration to your part in this offering.

**THERE WILL BE** an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. on March 31<sup>st</sup> with breakfast to follow. Please make plans to attend.

**EASTER SUNDAY** March 31<sup>st</sup> during the Worship Service the adult choir will present their Easter Cantata. The choir has been practicing diligently for this presentation. Come and bring a guest on Sunday morning to enjoy this Easter presentation and to worship Christ the Lord!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will host the **WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM** on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30, Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Prayer Room.

### **APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS**

**REVIVAL:** Revival is coming in April 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Let each of us pray for Rev. David Storment who will be preaching our Revival services.