

# The Brighton Light

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**MARCH 2015:** 'Brokenness: Key to pleasing our Lord.' "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:18) "I indeed baptize with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear out His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (Matthew 3:11&12) "And whoever falls on this stone shall be broken; but on whomever it falls it will grind him to powder." (Matthew 21:44)

On Sunday evening Bible study Richard has been teaching on 'the Beatitudes' from the book of Matthew 5. The first two, Matthew 5:3&4; "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." They speak directly to the notion of brokenness and our unworthiness. The first speaks to how utterly lost and without hope save in Jesus' love, mercy and grace we are. The second speaks to the truth that to be pleasing to a righteous, holy God is to be truthfully broken hearted, truly sorrowful of our sinfulness, and how a godly sorrow leads one to repentance and His wonderful salvation. There are some views which will never allow a person to experience the blessedness of salvation. One is where the person denies the very existence of sin and hell, therefore there is nothing to worry about. Another is where the person thinks he is inherently righteous in himself and can earn salvation. And lastly, those who feel that their sin is so great that God would never accept them, which means there is no hope. The heart of the problem in each consideration is pride. At death, whether one believes it or not, each will stand before the righteous and holy Judge, decked out in their own righteous, which is, filthy rags.

The danger of pride can be summed up well; "There are six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look..." (Proverbs 6:16&17a). And Proverbs 16:5; "Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though they join forces, none will go unpunished." It is a scary thought that the word abomination is the Bible's strongest way of expressing God's hatred toward wickedness.

The problem with biblical brokenness and humility is it goes totally contrary to the thinking of any rugged, individualistic society and the importance it sees for a person to be really successful. Satan loves it when a person has as number one, self. He wants a person to arrogantly think I have no need but self, let alone a God who doesn't exist, or at best isn't concerned about people. The Apostle James tells us; "God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6b) Satan remembers that it was his arrogant pride which got him thrown from heaven. Only those who come to God on His terms will inherit eternal life. Isaiah tells us it is the ones; "who are of a contrite heart and a humble spirit" (Isaiah 57:15c) will be received by the sovereign Lord.

Our Lord Jesus tells us; "whoever falls on the stone will be broken, but whomever it falls, will be ground to powder." (Matthew 21:44) This process is much like sanctification; our Lord is not finished with us. The Apostle Paul understood this; "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6b) We need to thank Him that He is able to keep all those who humbly come to Him. He will not turn them away. The grace of our Lord keep you and strengthen you! Meredith

## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

March 1	<b>I Peter 5:1-11</b> "Humility To God Builds Godly Character"
March 8	<b>Psalms 85</b> "It Is The Lords Desire To Restore and Revive"
March 15	<b>Luke 6:12-19</b> Morning - "Discipleship 1: Prayer and Presence" <b>Luke 6:23-23</b> Evening - "Discipleship 2: Are you poor, hungry, sad, and hated enough to be really happy?"
March 16	<b>Luke 6:24-26</b> "Discipleship 3: How to be sure you're not going to Hell"
March 17	<b>Luke 6:27-38</b> "Discipleship 4: Do you want to be like God?"
March 18	<b>Luke 6:39-49</b> "Discipleship 5: Judgment: The Great Leveler"
March 22	<b>James 4:4b-10</b> "More Grace To Live This Life"
March 29	<b>Psalms 34</b> <b>Psalms Sunday</b> "The Lord Has Heard The Heart Cry of His People"



### SICK AND SHUT INS:

#### Shut ins:

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

#### Ill / Recovering

Jill Gross (Pat's Daughter) -	Cancer/Radiation
Wanda (Pat McCains Sister)	Chemo
Erick Cavin	Infant, Kidney Blockage
Ty Bryan	Infant, Heart condition
Sandy Williams	Huffman family - Cancer
Glenda Wilson	Bone Cancer

#### Sick

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

#### Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad
Young III, Robert "Trip"	

#### Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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### FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

#### *Harriett Linderman Circle*

March 15	Vickie Smith/Linda Boswell In Memory of Mr. Woodrow Smith
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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<i>March 15</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Brad Templeton</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hill</i>
<i>March 28</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Yarbro</i>

### CHILDRENS SERMON

<i>Mar 1</i>	<i>Ashley Goulder</i>
<i>Mar 8</i>	<i>Nick Goulder</i>
<i>Mar 15</i>	<i>Revival</i>
<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>John Moore</i>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<i>Denise Moore</i>

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

March 1	Stephanie Moore
March 8	Amanda Heath
March 15	Ashley Goulder
March 22	Molly Huffman
March 29	? Needed

# March Menu



- Mar 4 SNOWED
- Mar 11 Potato soup / Ham sandwich
- Mar 18 Chili Dogs/Chips
- Mar 25 Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person  
\$10.00 Family

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Helen Woods             | 16 Ben Cavin       |
| 3 William Clayton Pannell | Sherri Bailey      |
| 5 William Pannell         | 17 Whitney Smith   |
| 6 Clay Yarbro             | 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 Yarbro      |
| 14 Wanda Starnes          | Zac Scott          |

# 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 Scotty Gladney. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Scotty at 901-485-6807.

**REVIVAL TIME:** Revival will be Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>. Sunday Morning worship at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday evening through Wednesday evening services will be at 7 p.m. with Rev. Mark Miller pastor of the New Albany A.R.P. Church. On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a covered dish dinner immediately following the worship service. Circles have divided the dishes: Margaret Sherrill – Casseroles, Mary Steele – Desserts, Harriet Linderman – Salads.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4<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 Amanda Heath.

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** Services will be April 2nd 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.