

# The Brighton Light

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MAY 2010: "For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord. So they worshiped the Lord there." (I Samuel 1:27&28)

For any society the importance of the family unit must never be minimized nor trivialized or that particular society will be on a downward spiral of self-destruction. God's word time and time again emphasizes this fact. In a society where anything related to God, His word or Christianity in general is being cut out of that society, the need for godly women stepping up to plate, praying for and their personal involvement in the lives whom God has entrusted them with must be a priority action item.

Every year Hannah and her husband would go to Shiloh to worship God and offer sacrifices. Each year Hannah prayed for the Lord to give her a son. Hannah then prayed to the Lord for the blessing of a son and even going so far as making a Nazirite vow for her yet unrealized son. That; "no razor would ever come upon his head." (1 Sam. 1:11b) At the right time God answered Hannah's prayer and she bore a son, called his name Samuel which meant; "Because I have asked for him from the Lord". (1 Sam. 1:20c)

I find it an amazing thing to consider the one thing which Hannah had prayed for so many years, a son, was given to the service of the Lord in the Temple in Shiloh at a tender young age. Samuel was given to Lord's work, not for a few years, but his whole life. I had to ask the question of myself as a believer; "Would I have done the same thing? It is one thing to dedicate a child to the Lord and another to do what Hannah and her husband did. The truth is we do need to give our children to the Lord and His work.

If you look through the Bible, the faith, hope and prayers of godly women helped influence kings, priests and disciples to great service for the Kingdom of God. Maybe you have experienced this influence in your own life. I just know in my heart that the answered prayers of those women in my life God has used to bring me to where I am today.

You do not always have to let a person know that you are praying for them, but I can tell you it sure is encouraging when someone comes to me and simply lets me know of their prayers. Prayer is a simple yet profound ministry in the body of Christ.

I want to challenge the women of our church to make it a point to pray fervently for, not only the children in your own family, but also for those who may come our way on Wednesdays and other times. Remember that statement; "the one who rocks the cradle will rule the world." Your godly influence can and will make a difference in the lives of our struggling youth. Who knows how God will turn that young life around and prepare that young man or woman for the work of His service? Do consider this challenge and make it a priority item in your daily routine. Happy Mother's Day Mom!

Get involved in the battle for life!

Meredith

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

May 2	Psalm 85 "God's Unfailing Love"
May 9	I Samuel 1:26-2:11 "The Influence of Godly Women"
May 15 (Ascension Sunday)	Acts 15:6-21 "Without the Ascension"
May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)	John 15:26-16:7-15 "The Ongoing Work of the Holy Spirit"
May 30	Acts 26:19-32 "Almost, Not good Enough"

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

May 18 Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alsbrook  
May 20 Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simonton  
May 23 Mr. and Mrs. Billy Trotter  
May 27 Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath  
May 29 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith  
May 29 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rowell

## FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

May 9 In Honor Of  
**MOTHERS**  
Given By Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Cranford

May 16 In Honor Of  
**MRS. BARBARA FREEMAN**  
Given By Mrs. Denise Moore

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

May 2 Joanna Simonton  
May 9 Rhonda Goulder  
May 16 Robin Gravley  
May 23 Katie Ruffin  
May 30 Vickie Hugues

**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 Harry Hugues. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Harry at 837-4965.

**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.

**TO THE CONGREGATION:** You are cordially invited to attend the National Day of Prayer service sponsored by the South Tipton County Ministerial Association, to be held at Hosanna, 13779 Highway 51 South, Munford, TN, Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We have invited our school officials, local mayors, city officials, police, and firemen to attend this special service as well. We encourage you to attend as we unite in prayer for our city, our county, our state, and our nation. We look forward to seeing you on May 6<sup>th</sup> There will also be a National Day of Prayer meeting at 12:00 Noon on this day at the Board Room of Brighton Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services.

South Tipton County Ministerial Association

**ON SATURDAY**, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Boy Scout Troop 260 will be having a Pancake Breakfast cooked by the Men's Ministry. There will also be a silent auction.

**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 Mother's Day or other occasions. Please see Linda Clarke if you would like to purchase one (or several!).