

The Brighton Light

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MAY 2011: Being Faithful: "I thank God, Whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded in you also." (2 Timothy 1:3-5)

It is not always a flattering thing to be mentioned in the Bible. There are listed many people who were causing strife in the church, who were teaching false doctrine or who were living contradictory, immoral lifestyles. They are placed in the Bible for a reason. So, no matter how or why they were spoken of, they are all in the Bible for our spiritual growth and maturity.

Timothy first joined Paul and Silas in Lystra. It is also recorded that he was well spoken of by all the believers in Lystra. All indications echoed the fact that he was a committed believer, even as a young man. Something had to have been going on in young Timothy's life long before this point. Someone had greatly influenced him as a child.

I can remember listening to a grandmother saying how much her church had failed teaching her grandchildren the scriptures and the fact that prayer and discipline were gone from public schools, schools had failed at all points with her grandchildren. While I wish prayer was back in schools and Christian kids had more freedom to express their faith, this is not the heart of the problem. And while it may be true that many youth group meetings may be nothing more than social gatherings with very little teaching from God's Word, this is still not the heart of the problem. It is far too easy to get hung up on these issues and miss the heart of problem.

It is a proven fact that without deep parent involvement in their young person's schooling experience, their learning experience will not be nearly as effective. Without the deep involvement of parents in their children's church experience, this may be greatly lessened. The crucial role of Christian moms, grandmothers and aunts cannot be over stated. Paul emphasized this truth.

Thinking back when I was a teenager (which seems so long ago) my Mom and Dad did not simply drop me off at youth meetings but were involved in whatever way they were needed. Many of my friends who were just dropped off, soon just dropped out. They soon drifted away and never came back.

The Apostle Paul realized that something first had to have taken place in Timothy's life. That something was the faithful, daily influence of his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Paul looked at Timothy and saw years of nurturing, tears and care by these godly women in his life.

Not all children are blessed with moms, grandmothers and aunts who love them so much that each sees it their responsibility not only teach their young ones the scriptures, but to live a life before their young ones as to have a deep, lasting spiritual impact in their lives for the Lord Jesus. If we have had or have women like this in our lives, we need to thank God every day and never forget to express our love and gratitude to these godly women. Have a blessed Mother's Day! I love you Mom!

With love and affection,
Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

May 1	Matthew 28:9-20 "Who Is This Jesus?"
May 8	2 Timothy 1:1-7 "The Impact of Faithfulness"
May 15	Psalm 119:33-41 "The Teachable Spirit"
May 22	Revelation 20:7-15 "The Final Word"
May 29	2 Kings 23:1-4, 19-25 "When the Lord Gets Hold of Your Heart"



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 1	Stephanie Moore
May 8	Joe Anne Alsbrook
May 15	Robin Gravely
May 22	Katie Ruffin
May 29	Vickie Hugues

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

May 8	Huffman Family In Memory of Ms Annie Mae Huffman
May 29	Denise Moore In Memory of Wilma Musgrove

SICK AND SHUT INS:

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

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 Verlie Wells, IV. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 901-603-6509.

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 19th – Thursday, June 23rd this year. **Teachers are needed.** If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact Linda Boswell.

MAY SENIOR OUTING will be at Reelfoot Lake. We will be going to Lakeside Restaurant. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m.

THE BONCLARKEN GIFT BRUNCH will be Saturday May 14th at 10:00 a.m. so get started on those handmade items now. Monetary donations will also be accepted instead of handmade items for the Gift Shop. Please contact Amanda Heath at 481-4154 if you have any questions.

SPRING FEST: On May 14th Dunlap will be hosting their Spring Fest with food and fun for everyone. There will be a cake auction at Noon. Ladies make your best Finger-lickin cake for the auction. Cakes need to be at Dunlap by 11:00 a.m. For those of you who can't make it to Dunlap please bring them to the Fellowship Hall by 10:30 a.m. and I will deliver them for you! Please see Linda Clarke for information.

CORDIALLY INVITED: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Woods invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christopher Anderson Woods on Saturday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Unity Baptist Church in Millington. Congratulations to Christopher on his achievement.

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".

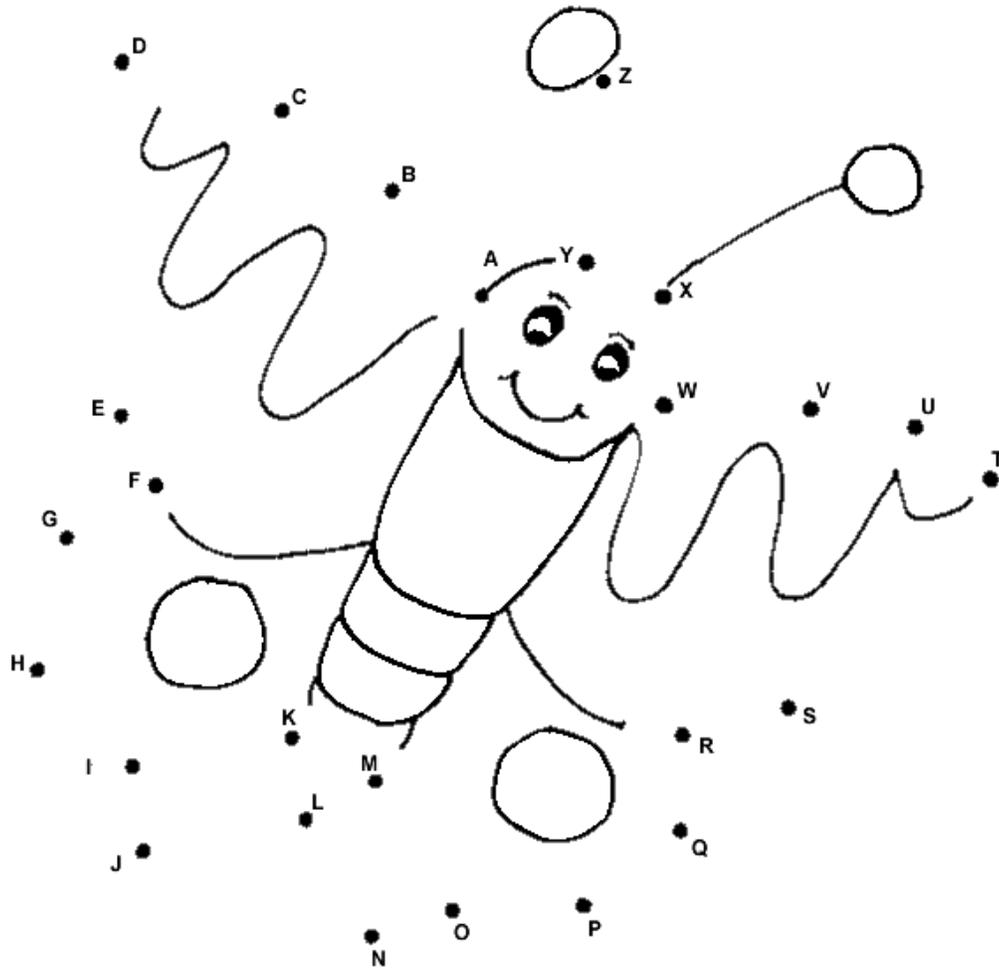
WORKERS COUNCIL – Reminder there is a workers council meeting on Tuesday May 24 at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is for all Sunday school teachers and Wednesday night youth leaders.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kaitlyn Moore whose essay was one of the winners for the Tennessee Magazine on I Power. Way to go!

TEAM LUCY is gearing up for the upcoming "Go Lucy Go" LeBonheur 5K Run/Walk. This race is scheduled to be on May 21st at Covington High School at 10:00 in the morning. There are many things planned including the 5K run/walk race, a kids fun run, kids activities, and a day of honoring Lucy, her family, and LeBonheur Children's Hospital. You may register online www.racesonline.com. For more information contact Laura Dawson 355-3580 or email golucygo5k@gmail.com.



Children's Corner



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17