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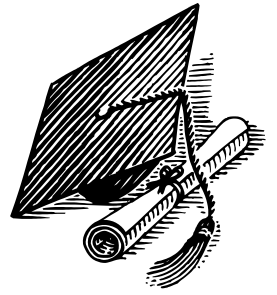
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MAY 2014: 'What Does A Disciple Of Jesus Look Like?' "By this My Father is glorified, that you shall bear much fruit, so you shall be My disciples." (John 15:8) "If you keep My commandments you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." John 15:10) "You are My friends if you do whatever I command." (John 15:14)

Indeed, what does a disciple of Jesus look like? Well, simply put, the disciple of Jesus looks amazingly like you and me. Is there a special school we must go and learn from? Yes, it is the school of Jesus. All of His teachings and commands are the core curriculum. And remember, Jesus tells us that His commands are not burdensome. We cannot choose to do this or keep that, leaving out that which may seem too hard, or that which we don't like. And when we speak of keeping His commands, it has nothing to do with trying to gain favor with God letting Him see how good we are. No, it is because we have such a desire to please Him, love Him, to know Him and to delight in Him.

By definition a disciple is one who follows, one who receives instruction, or adheres to a school of thought. We, as Christians, follow after Jesus just as those first disciples did, who consisted of all sorts of people. These men and women constantly were growing and learning. Sometimes the disciple making process was painful and the lessons were hard taught. But, following Jesus and keeping His commands, brought peace and freedom to those early disciples as it does for us today. We are free to be gracious, loving and forgiving people, even with the most difficult of individuals and situations. As modern day disciples of Jesus we are to be involved in the 'bearing of much fruit'. This means our private and public lives point to the good news of the gospel of Christ Jesus.

Not only are we to bear witness and testimony of Christ Jesus through our lives, but we are called to disciple those whom our Lord has placed in our paths. We have the unique opportunity with those who are new in the faith, as well as not so new, to help bring them along the path of maturity. You Christian mothers, aunts and grandmothers have the opportunities to disciple those whom God has blessed you with. You, along with our community of faith, are truly blessed to have these opportunities to minister to these young ones.

Being a disciple of Jesus means we are not in this walk by ourselves or our own strength. First, we have the blessed Holy Spirit indwelling each of us as Christians. He is at work bearing witness to us who Jesus is, leading and guiding us, and equipping for the work of the ministry. Secondly, in our Christian walk we have had and have men and women who have taught us and lived before us this Christian life. We should be so grateful for all those Sunday School teachers, youth workers and pastors who spent hours teaching us, pouring themselves into our lives.

But, key to any work of discipleship is our abiding in Jesus and He in us. There is a standard which goes beyond our or any humanly conceived idea, and that is His word. Jesus tells us; "If you keep My commandments you will abide in My love." (Matt. 15:10) We will be enabled to see it as joy to keep all that He commanded us, even to the end.

Do not be satisfied with where you are presently. If you do apathy will set in and atrophy will take place in our spiritual endeavors. We will lose our focus on the Lord Jesus and lose the desire to please Him and accomplish what our Lord has commanded us. The end result of being a disciple is to; "Go and make disciples." (Matt. 28:20a) Praise the Lord, He will equip us for this great task! Go forward and press on church of the living Lord! Your fellow disciple, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

May 4	Luke 5:1-11 "Unusual Disciples"
May 11	John 15:8-17 "The Heart of a Disciple of Jesus"
May 18	Acts 18:1-4; 22-28 "Be Ready"
May 25	Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-8 "A New Life"

Prayer List:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Smith, Mary Frances
Goulder, Gordon	Owen, Jerry
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Moore, Martha Lou	

Ill / Recovering

Conley, Richard --	Kidney Surgery
Heath, Amanda --	Chemo/Radiation
Kiphart, Ron --	Health
Wells, III Verlie --	Foot Surgery

Sick

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

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Heathman, Matthew
Donahoo, Tim	Hill, Debra
Dooley, Rod	Hunt, Boyce
Hair, Colton	Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Carson, Rebekah
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If you know of anyone who needs to be added or removed please let us know!

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

May 11	Barbara Heath In Memory of Mr. Jeff Heath
May 18	Denise Moore In Honor of Mrs. Barbara Freeman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 18	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alsbrook</i>
May 20	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simonton</i>
May 27	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath</i>
May 29	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith</i>

CHILDRENS SERMON

May 4	<i>Julia Moore</i>
May 11	<i>Mary Grace Simonton</i>
May 18	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
May 25	<i>Dr. Cavin</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 4	Amanda Heath
May 11	Rhonda Goulder
May 18	Robin Gravley
May 25	Molly Huffman

May Menu



May 7 Fried Chicken/
Mac n Cheese, Greenbeans
May 14 Chicken Spaghetti
May 21 Hamb / Hot Dogs
May 28 Family Night

†: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Paul Brubaker	20 Slade Templeton
2 Glenn Goulder	Cole Bradley Templeton
3 Meredith Cavin	22 Joel Palmer
4 Danny Hernandez	Shasta Smith
5 Phyllis Yarbro	27 Alison Gray
8 Jennifer Templeton	David Templeton, II
11 Claude Hopper	Delaine Trotter
15 John W. Yarbro	Rachel Hernandez
Phil Trotter	28 John Griffin
Tanya Erickson	Robin Rowell
16 Zoe Angeline Hoots	30 Peter Simonton
	31 Charlie Cannon

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.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Scotty Gladney. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Scotty at 901-828-5342.

CONGRATULATIONS to our upcoming 2014 High School and College Graduates:
 Makayla Boswell – Brighton High School John Hugues – Munford High School
 Blain Curtis – Tipton Rosemark Academy Emily Kirk – Brighton High School
 Taylor Glass – Brighton High School Robert Roach – Munford High School
 Rylee Griffin – Brighton High School Anna Hugues – University of Memphis

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE: There will be a Joint worship service at Richland A.R.P. Church Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 P.M. Joint Choir practice will be at 5:15 p.m.

MVP CAMP TIME! It's that time – time start making plans for MVP Camp held at Camp of the Rising Son in French Camp, MS. Packets are available see Denise Moore. Date is July 14 to July 19 for Ages 8 – 18. Cost is \$250 for non church members and \$125 for members. THE YOUTH USUALLY RAISE MONEY TO OFFSET THE COST.

If you would like to sponsor a child for camp any donations will be appreciated. Make checks payable to Brighton ARP Church.

Also, Counselors are still needed especially female. If you think you would like to assist in this area see Denise Moore for a form.

PLEASE TURN YOUR FORMS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!! NEED A HEAD COUNT!

PLEASE NOTE: National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 1st. There will be prayers held at the Brighton Town Hall at 12 noon if you would like to attend.

DUNLAPS ANNUAL FUNFEST will be Saturday May 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If anyone could bake a cake to be auctioned off would be greatly appreciated. Have the cakes at Dunlap by 10 a.m. or you can bring to the church and someone will deliver.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday May 6th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22 – 26th! Anyone who is interested in helping with VBS this year should let Margarett know as soon as possible.