



The Brighton Light



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MAY 2015: Pouring One's Life Into Another's "...without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled 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 is in you also." (2 Timothy 1:3b, 4&5)

As we draw close to another Mother's Day, I find my thoughts returning to a time when things were not so complicated, and you knew all your neighbors. I had chores around the house which had to be done before I could go outside to the woods. After school we all would play around the neighborhood without the fears we have today.

When Mother's Day rolled around all our families would go to my dad's mom and dad's home. My grandmother fried chicken in a cast iron skillet, dad made his famous 3 cheese mac&cheese. Everyone added something to the feast, and no one went away hungry. The men went outside to churn the biggest churn of ice cream I have ever seen. And it seemed it was always my job to sit on top of it. A cold job, but benefits were great.

Even though I love to think about all those things, what I really cherish now are the memories of my mother, grandmother and great-aunt. I do, even now miss the times of being able to be with those who made such an impact in my life. I miss, even now, to be physically there with my mom.

With changes which I will be and am going through as I grow older, and I think of my mother's mortality. How I wish that I could go back and let my mother sooth the in my body and my heart, but I cannot. I do thank our God that I had these women in my life, and how they poured their lives into us. It reminds me that we have that same responsibility. It reminds me that Susan and I will be like this to our children and grandchildren. We must not neglect this aspect in our families, or we will have young ones growing up with less of a foundation which we had and have.

As many of you know family is very important to me, as is this family of God. I view this group of believers as a part of my family. You have helped me through some rough times in my life over these past 4 years. I will never forget this. Our Lord places us in these places to pour our lives into the lives of others. When we baptize a baby, we make a vow before God and the parents that we will also be here for their children, as they have been and are for ours.

I know that I can never go back to years gone by, but how wonderful it is to have these memories which bring joy, yes, and even tears. At my last visit with my mother she kept asking: "Where was my little Meredith?" I told her I would always be her little boy. Saying good-by is never easy, especially when it may be the last time you may get to see one that you love much and gave so much. However, when you know you have done all you can, it is important to remember that our Lord has this dear one in His care.

I want to thank Susan for being there when I needed her most. She gives so much, and I can tell you that things would be less enjoyable without her in our lives. I thank God for her. Likewise, I look around at ladies who are pouring their lives into the lives of the younger and older ones in our church. Young Timothy had experienced this from his grandmother and his mother. I pause to give thanks for all you ladies who have invested so in the lives of not only your children, but in the lives of so many as well. Keep on doing what you do best, loving and caring for the family.

Have blessed Mother's Day! Love, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

May 3	Acts 3:11-19 "Power In His Name"
May 10	2 Timothy 1:1-7 "What a Joy"
May 17	Acts 4:8-22 "Acquired Boldness"
May 24	Acts 10:34-45 "Getting To Where God Wants Us"
May 31	Galatians 2:11-21 "Not There Yet"



Shut ins:

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

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
Charles Boswell	Heath Issues
Gwen Goulder	Breast Cancer

Sick

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

Mary Steele Circle

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 3	<i>Ashley Goulder</i>
May 10	<i>Nick Goulder</i>
May 17	<i>Kevin Heath</i>
May 24	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
May 31	<i>Dr. Cavin</i>

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 3	Amanda Heath
May 10	Molly Huffman
May 17	Robin Gravley
May 24	Open
May 31	Vickie Hugues

May Menu



May 6 Spaghetti
 May 13 Mexican Night
 May 20 Hamburgers /
 Hot Dogs
 May 27 Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

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 Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 901-674-3851.

PLEASE NOTE: Tipton County Relay for Life is May 29 @ Brighton HS. If you know a cancer survivor please let Amanda know. Also, you can purchase Luminaria bags in honor or memory of someone. The bags are \$5. Please see Amanda if you would like to purchase.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES:

Michael Trotter Dustin Woods Holly Elston Will Kines

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. Date is July 20 to July 25 for Ages 8 – 18. Cost is \$260 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.

THANK YOU: Stephanie and Matt would like to thank the Women's Ministry for hosting their Wedding Shower. The love and support from our church means so much to us. Please continue to keep our upcoming marriage in your prayers.

WEDDING TIME:

Together with Their Parents
 Stephanie Leigh Moore
 and
 Matthew Van Williams
 Request the honor of your presence at their wedding

On Saturday the Sixteenth of May
 Two Thousand and Fifteen
 At Six O'Clock in the Evening

3515 Portersville Rd
 Atoka, Tn 38004

In Case of Major Rain it will be held at Brighton ARP Church.