

# The Brighton Light

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NOVEMBER 2010: 'It is good to give thanks to the Lord!' "You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 118:28&29)

You cannot read through the book of Psalms without constantly coming across themes like; deliverance, God's protection, repentance and turning to God, He is the Rock of our salvation, praise and thanksgiving. God allows us to see the depravity of human beings, especially that of His own people. For the child of God who is struggling with sin or some seemingly overpowering situation, God also allows us to see their truly repentant and trusting hearts.

I think this is why we love the book of Psalms so much. We can identify with those whom God brought through mountainous struggles of life. These were not perfect, squeaky clean individuals. They failed God and miserably many times. Yet, they were able to praise God despite of their failures and sin. They could praise God in the midst of trying situations where the enemy seemed to have the upper hand. Those who are seen in the Psalms understood God's working. Time after time they had experienced God's mercy first hand. Did they deserve it or do we deserve it? Certainly not, God chooses to show us and allow us to experience His wonderful love and mercy.

It is precisely this point that we have the reason to praise, glorify and thank God the Lord. To not do so would be our greatest failure and sin as His redeemed people. For the struggling child of God, the word is, hope. Our gracious Lord will not abandon nor reject His son or daughter. He bids us to come just as we are and cast all our cares, sorrows and sins upon Him.

In Jesus, this sovereign mercy and grace is most completely expressed. In Jesus, we see the goodness of God the Father completely revealed. In Jesus, we see and experience God's yes and amen for all eternity. In Jesus, "His mercy endures forever." Jesus' power is complete, the power over the enemy broken, the enemy has been defeated for all time. Now we can experience the One Who is able to present us holy and without blame.

This little song speaks volumes for us today: "Give with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say 'I am strong', let the poor say 'I am rich' because of what the Lord has done for us." May we never forget that we do have every reason to give thanks with grateful hearts. "Lord, You alone are worthy to receive praise, glory and honor!"

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and remember; "our chief end is glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Press on family of God!

Love, Meredith



## SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

November 7	Romans 3:9-28 "Justification Is Our Reform School"
November 14	2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5 "The Directed Heart"
November 21	2 Corinthians 9:10-15 "Thanks God, For Your Indescribable Gift"
November 28	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent I Thessalonians 5:1-11 "The Appointment To Keep"



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

November 10 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Goulder  
November 16 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boswell

## FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

November 7 Joe Anne Alsbrook  
November 14 Katie Ruffin  
November 21 Robin Gravely  
November 28 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 Jerry Molder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Jerry at 901-476-1192.

**DON'T FORGET** to turn back your clocks on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Men's Ministry is having their annual Turkey cook on Wednesday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see any member of the Men's Ministry to place your order.

**MVP FALL RETREAT:** The MVP Fall Youth Retreat will be November 19-21 at Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp Mississippi. Youth 12-18 is invited and the cost \$40.00. Please see John Moore for information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Harvest Supper and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. There will be Handcrafted items, canned goods, baked goods, etc. Please come out and enjoy this evening.

**ON SUNDAY,** November 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Joint Thanksgiving Service here. Dr. Cavin will be preaching for the service.

**PLAY PRACTICE:** Christmas play practice is being held on Sunday's at 4:00 P.M. If you would like to be a part of the play please see Mrs. Leslie Alsbrook.

**THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY** still has cookbooks for sale. These would make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Please see Linda Clarke if you would like to purchase one (or several!).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not have any plans for Thanksgiving you are invited to come and enjoy a Thanksgiving Day lunch at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will not only be delicious food but great fellowship and a time of Thanksgiving.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Andrew Cavin made the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade A/B honor roll and received Perfect Attendance Award. Robert Cavin made the 1<sup>st</sup> grade A/B honor roll and received Perfect Attendance Award. Way to go boys.