

The Brighton Light

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November 2011: How great our God is! "As for God, His way is perfect, the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all those who trust in Him. For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a Rock, except our God? God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect...The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the Lord be exalted, the Rock of my salvation." (2 Samuel 22:31-33, 47)

Chapter 22 of 2 Samuel is a chapter of praise and thanksgiving from the heart of King David toward the end of reign as king of Israel, as well as close to the time of his death. To be honest, this chapter could be labeled as Psalm 151. When David was anointed king of Israel by Samuel, he had no idea what all this would mean before he actually took over as king. As he was called to serve King Saul, he probably thought he would be playing his harp and writing songs. He never dreamed that he would soon be on the run.

Many have the misconception that when one becomes a Christian, things will always run smoothly, and I will have all my problems solved. This is actually false teaching for the Bible teaches quite the opposite. Maybe things do go well for a time, but then trials come our way, small and large, and keeping focused on the Lord begins to get more difficult. We may begin to wonder why God would allow this to happen, and why has He forgotten about me. If the trial or situation is intense we may either blame God or reject the One who is able to sustain, give the strength to persevere and lift us up.

As one reads through many of the Psalms which David was inspired to write, it becomes clear "the man God's after own heart" experienced sometimes extreme trials to point he despaired. However, David would always come back to realization that his Lord God would never abandon nor leave him. Even when David had to be constantly on the move to stay one step of King Saul because the king was trying to hunt David down to kill him, he never lost sight of who was the one in charge of situation. David knew that God's way was perfect, that there was no God like the Lord his God. Even if he could see it with his eyes, he believed God.

He recounted how God constantly saved his life from the snares of death and from all his enemies. Can you not hear his heart singing and praising God as he says; "The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation!" (2 Samuel 22:47)

The good news we need to be reminded of is, that we serve the same Lord God. The God who rescued David countless times is the One who has promised to always be with, that He will "never leave us or forsake us". My dear friends I do know that there will be times we will be sorely tested. There have been times when the only prayer I utter was; "Oh, God please intervene!" Scriptures which have seen me through intense struggles are Psalm 46 and Psalm 124. These Psalms remind us that God will be lifting and keeping when everything seems to falling apart. He is indeed the Rock of our salvation.

When all is said and done, when we look back over our lives, like David, we can rejoice and give thanks. We can rejoice and give thanks because our sovereign who kept David through everything, is the very One Who has kept and will keep us through all eternity. How great our God is! "For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? (2 Samuel 22:32) Brothers and sisters praise our Lord God and lift His holy name in true thanksgiving.

Give thanks with a cheerful heart!

Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

November 6	2 Samuel 1:1-16 "Take No Pleasure for the Death of Those Who May Hate Us"
November 13	2 Samuel 5:1-12 "Because of the Lord God of hosts"
November 20	2 Samuel 22:1-7; 29-33; 47-51 "Praise God for Always Being There"
November 27	2 Samuel 7:12-29 – 1 Sunday in Advent "God's Covenant with David"



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

November 6 Joe Anne Alsbrook
November 13 Katie Ruffin
November 20 Robin Gravely
November 27 Vickie Hugues

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele Circle

Nov 27 Linda Boswell In Honor of
Kenneth Boswell

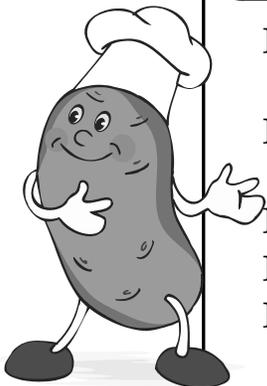
SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Krull, Lucy
Billings, Mel Sr	Legler, Don
Boswell, Mike	Lewis, Adam
Boswell, Rick	Lineberger, Rachael
Brown, Don	Locke, Ann
Bundy, Pam	Locke, Mike
Cavin, Henry	Lupinsky, Logan
Cov. ARP Church	McCormick, Julia
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Moore, Martha Lou
Dungy, Louise	Motes, Cindy
Fletcher, John	Otis, Mike
Frazier, Betty	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Harpe, Karen Cavin	Smith, Sarah
Hill, Dana	Starnes, Cecil
Hill, Joy	Walter, Joshlin
Hodges, Doris	Montgomery, Madelyn
Huffman, Linda	Welch, Jack
Huffman, Swayne	Charlie Moss

Menu for November

NOV 2 Potato/Chicken
Noodle Soup
NOV 9 Hamburgers/
Hot Dogs
NOV 16 Baked Potato
NOV 23 Family Night
NOV 30 Vegetable Soup

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jane Trotter	15 Helen Goulder
4 Kim Crum	16 Joe Kelly Morgan
5 Sara Jo Hernandez	18 Bonnie Griffin
7 Katie Ruffin	20 Ann Gravely
Randy Goulder	Lauren Guthrie
8 Rylee Griffin	21 Carolyn Patrick
Todd Hardy	Marvin Trotter
10 Emogene Neumon	22 Emma Curtis
Jimmy Wylie	Willa Whitmer
11 Alex Alsbrook	26 Jacob Jones
Kristi Billings	27 Kenneth Boswell
12 Ruth Rowell	

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 Jerry Molder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Jerry at 901-476-1192.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Children's Youth Choir is on Sunday's at 3:00 p.m. Please see Leslie Alsbrook for details.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday November 6th at 5 P.M. Rev. Matthew Heathman will be installed as the pastor of the Covington A.R.P. Church. We are invited to this time of worship and praise as we give thanks for answered prayers.

MVP FALL RETREAT: November 18-20 at Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp MS. Cost is \$30 per youth. Registration is due by November 7th. Please let John Moore know if you plan on attending!

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday November 20th at 6:00 P.M. we will be having our annual "Thanksgiving service". Rev Matthew Heathman, new pastor from Covington ARP Church, will be bringing the Thanksgiving message. There will be light refreshments following the service.

PLEASE NOTE: The Men's Ministry is having a Turkey & BBQ Cook on Wednesday Nov. 23. Please see a Men's Ministry member to place an order.

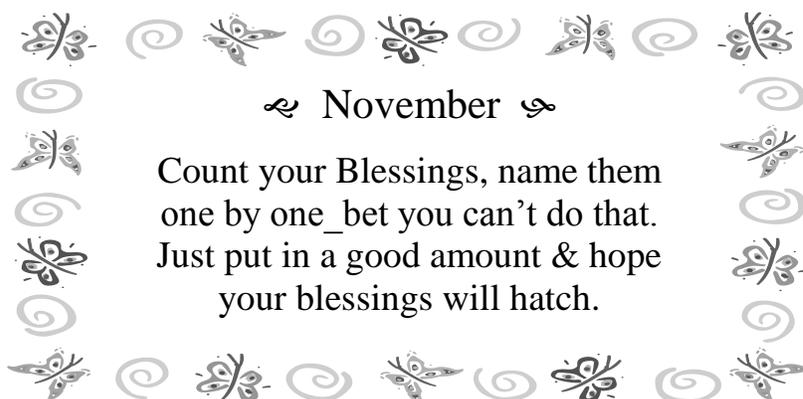
PLEASE NOTE: If you do not have a place to go on Thanksgiving Day come and have a meal with our family. The Turkey and the Trimmings will be served around 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

IT'S ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION TIME. The cost for your subscription is \$20.00. Please make your check out to the Brighton ARP Church designated for "ARP Subscription".

Note from Women's Ministry

As we begin our study in David, I realize that David was chosen to be king at a very young age but waited years for God's perfect timing to take the throne. Participation in an organization can be similar. Sometimes you become part of an organization and wait several years before you take a leadership role, and other times, you are thrust into a leadership role very quickly. No matter where you are in God's timing, there is a place for you in our Women's Ministries organization. Every woman in the church is needed. Whether you are ready to take the lead or just enjoy fellowship with other women, you are welcome. Our meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to spend time learning the Word of God and building wonderful friendships with other Christian women.

Amanda Heath, Chair



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Count your Blessings, name them
one by one _bet you can't do that.
Just put in a good amount & hope
your blessings will hatch.