



The Brighton Light

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NOVEMBER 2012: "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!" "Happy is the man who has the Lord God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners." (Psalm 146:5-7)

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." We sing this every Sunday morning during worship, but have they become just words that no longer impact us. The Bible is full of words like praise, blessing, thankful, thankfulness, grateful, gratefulness, especially in the Book of Psalms. As the psalmist used these words, he was describing the content of his heart and mind. As he looked at the earth, the sea and the sky, he would break out in praise to God for the blessings He bestowed on humanity. As he considered his clothing, his food, and a place to live, he praised his Lord for providing these things.

As God's people, what has happen to us? In the majority of the Psalms, the psalmist was either in the midst of severe trials, or God was bringing him through it, or God had brought him to the other side of the trial in victory. There was never any indication he was ready to reject or turn his back on God. Yes, there was terrible trouble, life threatening situations, sorrow and pain, but he knew God was with him and would never forsake him.

What has happened to us? Have we forgotten Who God is and the works of our God? Have we taken our eyes off our Lord and allowed the situation to rule us? In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave this Thanksgiving Proclamation: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace, multiplied, enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with the unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God Who made us."

God uses events in our lives to remind us how fragile life is, that a time will come where our proud natures will fail us. We will come to the place where there is emptiness and brokenness. Has God forsaken us and left us to our doom? God forbid that this is so! "Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps truth forever,". (Psalm 146:&6) It is precisely in these moments that we will experience the preserving and providential power of God. Know that as long as we live in these bodies, we will go through trials. But, know this as well, there is One Who brings us freedom and victory, and will give the oil of joy for mourning. He will even bring us through "the valley of the shadow of death". As we begin to grasp this truth, we will; "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow".

Be thankful and rejoice in our Lord! Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

November 4	2 Peter 1:19-2:2 "The Heart of Scripture"
November 11	Number 14:11-25 "Does God Hear?"
November 18	Psalm 146 "Where Lies True Happiness"
November 25	Ezekiel 34:7-17 "God Will Himself!"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Mike	Lupinsky, Logan
Boswell, Rick	Miller, Jason
Brown, Don	Miller, Jeff
Cavin, Henry	Moore, Martha Lou
Culver, Michael	Moss, Charlie
Curtis, Cooper	Moncla, Luke
Dungy, Louise	Motes, Cindy
Goulder, Helen	Otis, Mike
Griffin, Melanie	Patrick, Carolyn
Harpe, Karen Cavin	Rhodes, Geraldine
Hill, Dana	Sigmon, Jaime
Hodges, Doris	Sanders, Laura
Huffman, Linda	Walter, Joshlin
Krull, Lucy	Welch, Jack
Legler, Don	McCain, Lisa
Lewis, Adam	Pugh, Kaleb
Lineberger, Rachael	Tyler, Jean
Goulder, Gordon	Wells, Michael
Locke, Ann	Campbell, Juanita

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Mary Steele

Nov. 4	John and Denise Moore In Honor of Stephanie & Kaitlyn
Nov. 11	John Moore Family In Honor of Dunlap Retirement Center



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

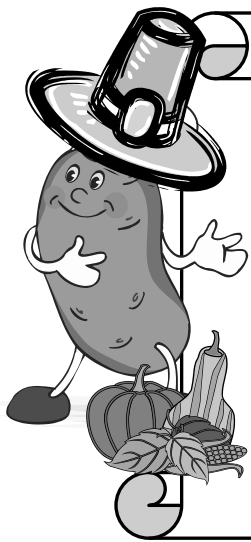
NURSERY ATTENDANTS

November 4	Amanda Heath
November 11	Helen Woods
November 18	Robin Gravely
November 25	Vickie Hugues

CHILDRENS SERMON - November

November 4	- Nick Goulder
November 11	- Ashley Goulder
November 18	- Kevin Heath
November 25	- Julia Moore

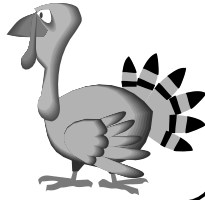
~November~
Count your Blessings, name them one by one -
Bet you can't do that.



November Menu

Nov 7 Mexican Night
 Nov 14 Sloppy Joes
 Nov 21 NO SUPPER
 Nov 28 Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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 Nick Goulder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 901- 837-3532.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like to give an update on the **"SICK AND SHUT IN LIST"**. If you have added a family member or friend to the list please give me an update on them. Please write the information on paper so that I can have accurate information. You can either give to me, Meredith, a Deacon, an Elder or you can drop off in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Food Pantry is in need of all kinds of food items!

PLEASE NOTE: The Senior Outing on Thursday November 8th will be at the church with Soup and Stew served for lunch. There will be a special presentation for us!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday November 13 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mary Steele Harvest Supper and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be "General Store" with handcrafted items, canned goods, baked goods, etc. Menu is Spaghetti or Stroganoff! Please come out and enjoy a time of good fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE: The Joint Thanksgiving service will be at the Covington ARP church at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday November 18th. Rev. Ken Van Kampen will be delivering our message. If you would like to sing in the choir please be there at 5:00 to practice. Please bring finger foods for a time of fellowship following the service.

PLEASE NOTE: The Men's Ministry will be having a Turkey Cook on Thursday November 19th. Please see a Men's Ministry member to place your order.

PLEASE NOTE: The Children's Christmas Play practice is on Sunday's at 2:00 p.m. for children up to 5th grade. If you would like to help out with this in anyway please see Leslie Alsbrook for details.

PLEASE NOTE: Address change for Kaitlyn Moore: 285 N Rutherford Blvd Apt. L 203 B, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

PLEASE NOTE: It's Church yearbook time and we need to start updating! Please inform the church office of any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made.

IT'S ARP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION TIME. The cost for your subscription is \$16.50. Please make your check out to the Brighton ARP Church designated for "ARP Subscription". Deadline for subscriptions is Nov. 4.

