



The Brighton Light

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NOVEMBER 2013: 'WE ARE THE NEW PILGRIMS!' "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland." (Heb. 11:13&14)

Have you ever thought why the 'Pilgrims' were called 'Pilgrims'? We have the tendency to put that name with the group of individuals who crossed the Atlantic to settle in a new land they were totally unfamiliar with. However, they were pilgrims before someone gave them that name. They were more than the ones who discovered roasted turkey and Thanksgiving. These were pilgrims because of their faith in Christ, Who they willingly suffered for.

The name pilgrim denotes traveler, sojourner, a person or group that has a destination in which they are heading but may not have all the details of the journey. Abram was told by God to leave his home and his familiar surroundings, telling him only to go which he did. Not many of us would pick up and move not having any idea where we were going. However, Abram did just that. He believed that God would lead him, so he took God at His word, left his home and it was counted to him as righteousness.

This is precisely what has always separated people whom God has called. We may not know all the details of our journey, but we trust that our Lord will never leave us nor forget about us. He will guide us along the path He has placed us on. The people of God from all ages were, in essence, looking through the binoculars faith. They were not at their destination, but, by faith, could see their true home. At his death, Joseph had his kin to take an oath that they would take his bones to the land God had promised to father Abraham. This did not take place until over 400 years later.

Those who sailed across the Atlantic to settle in a new land did not know what troubles lay ahead of them in the crossing. They did not know that they would face even greater hardships as they sought to settle in the new world. Things got so bad that their daily ration was 5 kernels of corn per person. God was with them. Their faith in His provision was severely tested, but the God who called them never left them.

Like all those pilgrims of the past we are on our own pilgrim journey. We, like all who have gone before us are looking and trusting our Lord God for that promised place He has prepared for all His children by the blood of the eternal covenant. We are sojourners in this life. We must never hold on to tightly to that which will vanish away when we are called to our eternal home. Does this mean that our earthly life means nothing? Of course not! We are sojourners not hermits. We are called to be lights in a world of darkness. We are called to impact those around us, our families, those at school, at work, or where ever we may find ourselves. We are to; "so number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom". (Psalm 90:12)

As modern day pilgrims, we bring glory and honor to our Lord as we grasp the truth of all our earthly pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is preparing us for our heavenly reward. When He receives us into His heaven, we will hear Him say; "Well done My good and faithful child. Enter into your heavenly reward." Let us keep pressing forward, ever trusting Him every step of the way along our pilgrim journey. As God's sons and daughters, always keep an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of His gracious provisions for our life's journey.

Your fellow pilgrim, Meredith.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

November 3	Psalm 56; Hebrews 11:4-10 "Life Examples"
November 10	Genesis 15:1-12 "Abram the Pilgrim"
November 17	John 14:1-18 "Are We Entrenched In This Life?"
November 24	Hebrews 11:1-3; 17-29



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Mike	London, Peggy
Bridges, Lucille	Lupinsky, Logan
Cavin, Henry	McCain, Lisa
Cavin, Meredith	McCain, Pat
Culver, Anthony	Molder, Ruby
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Curtis, Cooper	Moore, Martha Lou
Goulder, Bobbie	Moore, Stephanie
Goulder, Gordon	Moss, Charlie
Goulder, Helen	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Keith	Patrick, Carolyn
Griffin, Melanie	Pugh, Kaleb
Hill, Dana	Rhodes, Geraldine
Hill, Joy	Sanders, Laura
Hubbard, Kristi	Smith, Mary Frances
Huffman, Linda	Stitt, Sam
Legler, Don	Tyler, Jean
Lewis, Adam	Welch, Jack
Lineberger, Rachael	Wells, Whit
Locke, Ann	Winford, Sherry
Owen, Jerry	Yarbro, Pam



FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH *Mary Steele Circle*



Wedding Anniversaries

November 10	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Randy Goulder</i>
November 16	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boswell</i>
November 20	<i>Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCain</i>



NURSERY ATTENDANTS November

November 3	Rhonda Goulder
November 10	Molly Huffman
November 17	Robin Gravley
November 24	Joanna Simonton

CHILDRENS SERMON – October

November 3	<i>Amanda Heath</i>
November 10	<i>Dr. Cavin</i>
November 17	<i>John Moore</i>
November 24	<i>Kevin Heath</i>

November Menu

Nov 6 Ham Croissant/Soup
 Nov 13 Family Night -
 Chicken Dumplings
 Nov 20 Mexican Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
 \$10.00 Family



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

November Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 5 There will be a Worker's Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

NOVEMBER 10 The Budget meeting for 2014 will start November 10th at 12:00 P.M. We need members from the Session, Diaconate, and Women's Ministry. If you have any questions please contact Nick Goulder at 901-451-3206. Thanks The Diaconate.

NOVEMBER 13 There will be a representative from the **Epilepsy Foundation** coming to speak to us on "*First Aid and Recognition of Seizures*". Some of you may not be aware but we have members of our congregation that suffer from Epilepsy. We are asking that everyone please try to attend so you can become familiar with what to look for and how to handle the situation if one arises. If you know of someone who suffers from Epilepsy please share this information with them. All are welcome and invited. Supper will be treated as a Family Night with the Kitchen Krew preparing the main course. Any questions please see Denise Moore.

NOVEMBER 23 The **Harvest Supper and Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 5:00 P.M. until 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 this evening.

NOVEMBER 24 Joint Thanksgiving Service will be at the Richland ARP Church at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Cavin will be bringing the evening message. We are asked to bring finger foods.

NOVEMBER 22-24 MVP Fall Retreat Friday Nov. 22 7:00pm through Sunday Nov. 24 noon at the Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp MS. This camp is for Youth and Young Adults ages 12-22 What's it cost? \$40 per youth (\$60 max per family). Please see John Moore for the Registration form.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of all kinds of food items! We are running low.

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.