



The Brighton Light

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NOVEMBER 2015: "To Be a Real Man, Be God's Man" - Scripture references; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 2 Timothy 2:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, Acts 6:1-6 and Exodus 18:21-22.

As the end of the year approaches, the Church begins considering candidates from our flock to fulfill the duties of Deacon and Elder. Each year God provides, as He has always promised to, leadership for His Church. As one of your elders, I have, and still do struggle with the potential for leadership, and what the reality is. This struggle is both internal as I look at my own failings as a leader, and external as I see men who, in my mind, are ready to take on a leadership role, but seem to stay on the fringes with no desire to claim their rightful place.

I realize that the role as overseer of a body of believers is a daunting and challenging prospect. I can still remember the butterflies in my stomach as I made the vows of a Deacon over a decade ago. Still, I would not change a thing about my decision other than my lack of zeal and commitment. One of my greatest longings is to see men take that same step of faith that I did and begin to fill their God given calling and responsibility as a leader.

Maybe we should ask what makes a man... a man? Is it John Wayne confidence and charisma? Is it knowing how to shoot and clean a gun? Is it knowing your team kickers field goal average? Is it knowing how to change your oil? Is it providing for your family? All of these things and more are associated with being a man, but what is it that makes a man... a man?

As Christian men, we have a guide for manliness in this world. In the Bible, we see the first man in the garden with God walking daily with him. Not long after this, we see man rebelling and losing his privilege and the ability to be a true image bearer for God has been compromised ever since. The rest of the Bible is filled with story after story of man compromising his role as lord of this earth and giving it up to Satan and his demons. Everyone should be able to sympathize with David, Esther, Peter, Mary and all of the characters as they see and hear of the glory of God, and yet they fail him over and over.

Enter redemption. This one word exemplifies what it means to be a man. To realize that we have great potential to be all that God has made us to be, and yet we all fail him over and over.

Redemption changes everything! To be redeemed of God means that we are back in the garden with God and this same God will make sure that we will never be out of communion with him again. No matter how we may fail him and others, he will never fail us. We will be encouraged to take on the lions like Daniel, to take on the false gods like Elijah and to take on the Pharisees like Jesus. In spite of our failures and weakness, God will make us champions for him.

We are at a crisis in our society for real men. We have "gender assimilation training" for children who seem to be struggling with their sexual identity. We have restrooms in public places where a male who feels like a female can go into the women's restroom and vice versa. WE NEED REAL MEN! We need men who understand that real manliness comes from a relationship with God; that the Bible is our instruction manual and that Christ is our ultimate example of what a man should look like. We need real men to step up to the plate and take their rightful role as leader/ redeemer of their family and are willing to do whatever it takes to provide, protect, nurture. We need real men who are committed, convicted, competent and capable. We need these same men to use these leadership gifts and bless the Church. Will you be a real man?

John Moore

Prayer List:

Shut ins:

Bennett, Mary Frances
Goulder, Helen
Cavin, Flora

Moore, Martha Lou
Smith, Mary Frances
Rhodes, Geraldine

Ill / Recovering

Wanda
Sandy Williams
Glenda Wilson
Charles Boswell
Gwen Goulder
Richard Billings
Robert Motes
Lauren Moody

Mark Armour

Ty Bryant
Marsha Mitchel
Robert Rhoads
Ron Kiphart
Jean Chisolm
Emma Curtis

Pat's sister - Chemo
Huffman family - Cancer
Bone Cancer
Cancer
Breast Cancer
Denise Dad Leukemia
Heart Attack
Sophomore TRA Bone
Cancer
Robyn Scott's step dad
- Cancer, surgery
Infant, Heart issues
Cancer
Heart issues
Hip Replacement
Broken Pelvis - Home
Broken Arm

Sick

Culver, Anthony
Culver, Michael
Curtis, Cooper
Hill, Dana
Hill, Joy
Lineberger, Rachael
Locke, Mike
McCain, Pat

Moncla, Luke
Moss, Charlie
Otis, Mike
Patrick, Carolyn
Pugh, Kaleb
Stitt, Sam
Tyler, Jean
Wells, Whit

Military

Bornaman, Zachary
Donahoo, Tim
Dooley, Rod
Hair, Colton
Young III, Robert "Trip"

Heathman, Matthew
Hill, Debra
Hunt, Boyce
Smith, Brad

Missionaries

Jim & Gala Coad

Rebekah Carson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 10 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Goulder
November 16 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boswell
November 20 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCain
November 30 Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kiphart

CHILDRENS SERMON

Nov 1	Ashley
Goulder	
Nov 8	Johnny
Scott	
Nov 15	Julia Moore
Nov 22	Lilly

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

November Menu

Nov 4 Chili
Nov 11 Spaghetti
Nov 18 Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 25 NO SUPPER

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



NURSERY ATTENDANTS

November 1	Nick Goulder
November 8	Vickie Hugues
November 15	Ashley Goulder
November 22	Helen Woods
November 29	Stephanie Williams

November 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 Kevin Heath. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Kevin at 901-476-8294.

NOVEMBER 4 There will be a Worker's Council Meeting Tuesday the 3rd 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 7 There will be an Encouragement Dinner for all the Men of the Church on Saturday Nov 7th at 6:00 p.m. The menu is Bar B Que, Bacon, Beans and Potato Salad. Kent Moorlach will be our speaker. Please plan to attend and be encouraged.

NOVEMBER 15: The Brighton Church is invited to Charles and Judy Todd's farewell reception on Nov. 15th from 2 to 4 in the Salem Fellowship Hall. P.M. in the Parking lot! So come on out and enjoy the fun!

NOVEMBER 21 The **Harvest Supper and Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, November 21st 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 20-22 THERE HAS BEEN A CRIME!!! Everyone will learn about it at the Fall Retreat at French Camp on November 20-22! All Middle School, High School, and College Age Students are invited! It would be CRIMINAL if you did not tell someone RIGHT NOW about the Fall Retreat!! Send them a message now! Please let Mr. John know if you would like to attend. Cost is \$45 a person. Looking for Scholarships if you would like to donate!

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.