

The Brighton Light

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OCTOBER 2009: 'Revive Us O Lord' "Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" Psalm 85:6

Our revival services are this month, October 18-21, with Rev. Charles Todd as our guest preacher. This is an annual event in the fall for our church and community. But, have these services become just 'an annual event'? Have our services lost their deep meaning for our lives and the life of our congregation as a whole?

It might surprise some that the key element for revival taking place or not happening is not our willingness, our faith nor the lack of any of these. Mr. Jim Newton gives us a powerful insight: "The success of any revival will depend on the visitation of the Holy Spirit on God's people and their response to God's call to win souls to Him. With the Holy Spirit in control we will not fail. Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot succeed."

It is my hope and desire that we view our revival services more than just an annual event. I hope we catch God's desire for His people being renewed and equipped. This can only be the case when we have the understanding of the complete necessity of the Holy Spirit's working. Then and only then will revival in the heart's and lives of God's people take place.

If we have allowed our revival services to be allocated to an annual event, the Holy Spirit's prompting, nudges and leading will become muffled. If you have ever held a bell by the wrong end and tried to ring it, all you will get are muffled 'thunks' and not the clear ringing of the bell. Have we grown so accustomed to the 'thunks' that we think we have experienced revival? It is false for one to think that revival has taken place or could even begin minus the key element. We cannot create revival. We can pray for it, have music and testimonies which would glorify the Lord and create an atmosphere which is conducive for revival, but the Holy Spirit must orchestrate revival for it to impact us supernaturally.

In Psalm 80:3 the psalmist cries out to his God: "Restore us, O God, cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved." Restoration, revival will take place when the glory of His presence penetrates our gatherings, our hearts and we cry out to our Lord God for Him to come and let the power of His glorious countenance to shine upon us. May each of us reflect the psalmist prayer and heart's desire: "Will You not revive us again, that Your people rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6) Pray about it.

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Harry Hugues. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Harry at 837-4965.

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

October 4	Ephesians 2:11-23 "An Army of One"
October 11	Romans 8:24-39 "Be All That You Can Be"
October 18	Revival
October 25	Psalm 119:1-16 "I Will Not Forget Your Word"

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

October 6 Mr. and Mrs. Verlie Wells, III

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill Circle

October 4	Communion
October 18	In Honor Of MOLLY ANNE HEATH Given by Mrs. Joe Anne Alsbrook and Miss Margarette Alsbrook
October 25	In Memory Of MR. LEXIE GOULDER Given by Mrs. Bobbie Goulder

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

October 4	Vickie Hugues
October 11	Rhonda Goulder
October 18	Shirley Kennedy
October 25	Joe Anne Alsbrook

PLEASE NOTE: The Fall Fest and Country Store will be held on Saturday, November 7th and the Harvest Supper and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st. Handcrafted items, canned goods, baked goods, etc. are needed. So ladies (and gentlemen) get those creative talents in gear and get busy!

THERE WILL BE another church-wide yard sale at the church on Saturday, November 7th during the Fall Festival. If you have items to donate to the sale, please call 476-7233 or 476-9315.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN CAVIN. Ben participated in the State Special Olympics Golf Tournament. He won the 1st Place God Medal in his division. Way to go Ben!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box program again this year. Please start making plans to participate in this program. All filled boxes need to be at the church by Sunday, November 8th. For more information about this program or items to put in the shoe boxes, please contact Kenneth or Linda Boswell.

PLEASE NOTE: The annual Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 31st at 6:00 P.M. Come out and join the fun!

MISSIONS MINUTE FOR SEPTEMBER

This month I want to present you with the opportunity to enter into a prayer partnership with Judi Hodges and the members of her women's and youth groups in Germany. Judi has shared some of their prayer requests and I have sent some of ours to Germany. This will be like having a foreign "prayer partner" instead of a "pen pal." It will be exciting to correspond and give testimony as God works through prayer in all of our lives.

Judi's requests are:

1. Pray for a pastor! We need a German man of God to head up our church plant.
2. Pray for leadership in the church: we will soon have two elders installed.
3. Pray for conversions!
4. Some upcoming events:
 - School for the children: pray for faith and good teachers
 - Kid's Club: once a week Bible club for church children and their guests
 - House Bible Studies begin again this coming week: pray for good attendance, deep study and meaningful fellowship
 - Street fair outreach on September 12th: workers to man the booth and good conversations
5. Pray for German Christians to take over leadership roles in the Sunday school, Kid's Club and other ministries.
6. Pray for me to be a good trainer and to be creative in preparing the materials for teaching.

REVIVAL SERVICES

October 18 – October 21

Speaker: Rev. Charles Todd
Pastor of the Salem ARP Church

- Sunday - Revival Service - 11:00 A.M.
Covered Dish Dinner - 12:00 Noon
Evening Service – 7:00 P.M.
- Monday - Luncheon & Devotion – 12:00 Noon
Evening Service – 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday - Luncheon & Devotion – 12:00 Noon
Evening Service – 7:00 P.M.
- Wed. – Luncheon & Devotion – 12:00 Noon
Evening Service – 7:00 P.M.