



# The Brighton Light

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**OCTOBER 2013:** If We Are Indeed The Body Of Christ "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually members of one another. Having gifts differing according to the grace given to us, use them." (Romans 12:4-6a)

Are there any perfect churches? Are there any perfect Christians? Surprising or not so, the answer is there are none. There are no such animals. The only true thing we can say is we serve a perfect and awesome Lord God. None of us perfectly fulfill our role in the body of Christ or outside the body. Don't let this discourage you from pressing forward by faith. Remember there is a war going on and we as Christians are not only in the fray, but in the crosshairs of Satan. "For the spirit wars against the flesh and flesh against the spirit: and these two are contrary the one to the other." (Galatians 5:17a,b) We fail to realize our adversary Satan, goes by only one rule, his. It is an every-thing goes fight. He hates Christians like he hates God, 100%. This pure hatred goes back before the world was created. This is one great reason our Lord equips us in the body with the armor of God and the gifts from the Holy Spirit. We cannot hope to face such an enemy in our own strength or power. However, we should not fear him, for he is a defeated foe by all that Jesus is and all He accomplished.

One big problem with this equipping is most have not the foggiest idea what they are to be doing. Far too many are not actively praying and seeking what our Lord has for us to do. Sad to say, some are content to do nothing. Far too many are satisfied with coming to church for, maybe Sunday School and worship, and not considering their Christian life experience until the following Sunday. A song by Casting Crowns says; "If we are the body, why are His arms not reaching, why are His hands not healing, His words not teaching, His feet not going, His love not showing."

Our personal salvation is only the beginning of our lifelong journey of faith. God's word is clear that we are to be maturing and serving all along this journey. Unlike the secular world we cannot opt for early retirement from His service. Our retirement comes when we are received by our heavenly Father in heaven. So, as we continue here on earth the Holy Spirit is continuing to mature us, equip us and His sanctifying work in our lives.

It is no accident that the Apostle Paul uses the human body in I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12 to describe how the body of Christ works in unity. The human body is a very complex thing, but God created it where every part works in harmony in ways that no scientist could ever have dreamed up. "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." (Psalm 139:13-14)

We can say the same thing about the body of Christ that it is fearfully and wonderfully made, and this we know very well. God does not make mistakes. As our bodies are made up of many different parts, yet they all work together and make up one body, so, the Church is made up many individuals who are being equipped and molded into one body. God places each of us in the body as it pleases Him, each has a divine imperative to carry out. Are you and I carrying His imperative out? Only you or I can answer the question.

We are placed here in the Brighton Church for a purpose, His purpose. We are all to encourage each other to seek God's plan for our lives and for the life of this body. The advancement of His glorious Kingdom will take place as we all step out in faith and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit. We all have this divine imperative to proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus. This is a high and holy calling we all have. Praise our Lord God! MLC

Your brother in the Lord, Meredith.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:**

October 6	<b>Hebrews 8:7-12</b>	<b>"WORLD WIDE COMMUNION"</b>
	"God's Working!"	
October 13	<b>I Peter 1:25-2:10</b>	
	"Why Are We Special?"	
October 20	<b>LAITY SUNDAY</b>	
October 27	<b>Rev. Bill Jordan</b>	



**SICK AND SHUT INS:**

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

**FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH**  
*Margaret Sherrill Circle*

Oct. 6 COMMUNION  
Oct 27 Alsbrook Family  
In Honor of  
Molly Anne Heath

*Wedding Anniversaries*

October 6 *Mr. and Mrs. Verlie Wells, III*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS  
October

October 6 Helen Woods  
October 13 Stephanie Moore  
October 20 Ashley Goulder  
October 27 Amanda Heath

*CHILDRENS SERMON – October*

October 6 *Leslie Alsbrook*  
October 13 *Leslie Alsbrook*  
October 20 *Nick Goulder*  
October 27 *Ashley Goulder*

# October Menu

Oct 2 Sloppy Joes  
Oct 9 Spaghetti  
Oct 16 No Supper  
Oct 23 Family Night -  
Oct 30 Chili Dogs



Cost: \$3.00 person  
\$10.00 Family

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	John Scott	23	John R. Moore
2	Emily Kirk		Jimmy Richardson
3	Bobby Guthrie	24	Kris Pugh
4	Ryan Griffin	25	Modesty Trotter
6	Daniel Brubaker	26	Michael Trotter
7	Scottie Gladney	27	Anita Bridges
	Zona Gray	28	Anna Catherine Carter
10	Rhonda Goulder		Ricki Smith
12	Blain Curtis		Vicki Smith
21	Pam Cannon	30	Molly Anne Heath
		31	Blake Bridges

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**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Verlie Wells IV. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 901-326-7545.

## October Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER 6** The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

**OCTOBER 12** The Dunlap Retirement Center will be having their annual Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Covington First Baptist Church's outside pavilion off Hwy 59S (Mueller Brass Road).

**OCTOBER 20** Is Laity Sunday

**OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>** The annual "Trunk or Treat" will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 P.M. in the Parking lot! So come on out and enjoy the fun!

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