

# The Brighton Light

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**'Getting A Second Wind'** "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

When they were told to tarry or to wait, it was a purposeful tarring or waiting. We too, are waiting for something to take place just as those 1<sup>st</sup> century Christians waited for the promised indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In sports or simply working hard outside we probably have said; "I've caught my second wind." We mean by this that I was about to drop and then I found a new burst of energy to press on a little longer. This is also true within the church, but with a major difference. Something from without is beginning to work in my life giving me fresh vision and renewed strength. This something is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. In fact, without this working of the Holy Spirit, nothing of eternal benefit will take place.

I know that we all love what God has done and is doing here in the Brighton Church. Let me ask each of you a few questions. Are we concerned about the spiritual health of our church? Do we want to see our church grow as we should? Does God want us to grow? Am I willing to consider something that will help me as an individual Christian grow as well as my church? These are important questions for us to seriously consider as an individual Christian and for our church.

There are some things I would challenge each of us with: 1.) Pray that the Holy Spirit will be working. In any endeavor, if the Holy Spirit is not working and leading, this will fail in what it is intended to accomplish. It will be our efforts and not the Holy Spirit's moving. 2.) Pray for direction for where I may become a part of the ministry of my church. Then pray for the ongoing and continuation of this work.

For the ministry of our church to press forward, it will take long-term commitments from more than a few people. We must see ministry, not just as another one of those things that has been dreamed up by someone, and after it is done things will be just as they were. This is about my Christian commitment and my place in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. It is about putting into life action all those things I say I believe in, into action in my daily life and the life of my church. It is about seeing others come into the Kingdom by God's grace and seeing these become active in the ministry of the Brighton Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Am I willing to ask God how does He want to reveal Himself through me?

As believers in Jesus our Lord and Christ, we have the Holy Spirit indwelling each of us and equipping us for this great and wonderful task. May each of us pray that our Lord will produce the fruit and bring about the change in our lives that He desires! May we have willing hearts, minds, hands and feet!

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Verlie Wells. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 476-6627.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:**

September 6	Jeremiah 17:1-13 "The Call for Righteousness"
September 13	Ephesians 4:17-32 "Building Healthy Relationships in the Body"
September 20	Psalm 145 "How Great and Awesome is our God"
September 27	I Corinthians 4:1-17 "Servants and Stewards of the Gospel"

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH**

September 12	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore
September 17	Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Trotter
September 20	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hugues

**FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH**

Harriet Linderman Circle

September 6	In Honor Of <b>MR. KEVIN HEATH</b> Given by Miss Molly Anne Heath
September 13	In Honor Of <b>COOPER CURTIS</b> and <b>THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION</b> and In Memory Of <b>JOSIE GRAY</b> Given by Mr. and Mrs. Sean Curtis
September 20	In Memory Of <b>CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH EHRHARDT</b> Given by the Huffman Family
September 27	In Memory Of <b>MR. GENE COLUMBUS</b> Given by Mrs. Norma Columbus and Mr. Floyd Columbus

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH**

September 6	Amanda Heath
September 13	Linda Boswell
September 20	Robin Gravley
September 27	Amanda Heath

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Fall Fest and Country Store will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and the Harvest Supper and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> during the Fall Festival. If you have items to donate to the sale, please call 476-7233 or 476-9315.