

The Brighton Light

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September 2011: Following God's Path Isn't The Easy Path. "Then Abishi said to David, 'God has surely delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not have to strike him a second time.' But David said to Abishi, 'Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless? As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or he his day will come to die, or he shall die in battle and perish.'" 1 Samuel 26:8-10

It is a scientific fact that electricity follows the path of least resistance. I've learned this truth the hard way at least twice in my life. It takes faith and dedication to follow the path which our Lord has laid before us than to go our own way, to do our own thing or to follow the path of least resistance.

His ways will call for us to do or not to do something which, in our society, may not be the norm. Jesus' own teaching bears this out. "But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two." (Matthew 5:39b & 41) This is difficult because our self-centered society tells us one has to look out for number one, me.

It also seems difficult to have this character trait because we do not always keep our eyes fixed upon the One Who died for us. Having one's eyes fixed upon the Lord brings strength for the soul. "But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute." (Psalm 141:8) We will not be disappointed.

Could we have also forgotten that we are in an eternal battle for the soul. Our adversary would have senses dulled as not to realize Satan's forces in battle array at doors of our lives. Satan would have the Christian view God's ways as being unreasonable and unattainable. This is not faith. This clear and simple, is unbelief. Satan's ways are easy but they will leave us groping around in the darkness.

Abishi could not understand why David would not allow him to take Saul out of the way. After all, Saul was constantly trying to kill David. He even had to go and stay with the very ones he had fought against for King Saul, those pesky Philistines. It may have been tempting for David to exact vengeance on Saul. But, unlike others, David could see the end while in the middle of this tempting opportunity. He knew that the Lord God was in control of all these events. Read again David's response. No one would ever be able to say that he advanced himself by killing Saul. It would rest always in the hands of his Lord God almighty.

I believe that the key to David's great faith, his courage and how God would call him "a man after His Own heart" is found in 1 Samuel 16:13b; "and the Spirit Came upon David from that day forward". This gave David the strength daily to persevere in midst of all these trials.

As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit indwelling us. He keeps us and seals until the day of redemption. Fix your gaze upon the One Who gave His life's blood so we can press forward in faith. The Apostle Paul echoes this; "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)

Look to Him and Him alone to keep us in His way.

Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

September 4	I Samuel 22:8-23 "God Turns to Folly the Plans of the Wicked"
September 11	I Samuel 24:1-22 "The Road Less Traveled"
September 18	I Samuel 25:18-29 "God's Intervention"
September 25	I Samuel 26:7-25 "Your Qualities Shall Be Known Even By Your Enemies"



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

September 4	Margarette Alsbrook
September 11	Amanda Heath
September 18	Sarah Cavin
September 25	Rhonda Goulder

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Harriet Linderman

Sept 4	Molly Anne Heath In Honor of Kevin Heath
Sept 18	Molly Anne Heath In Honor of Amanda Heath
Sept 25	Norma and Floyd Columbus In Memory of the Mr. Gene Columbus

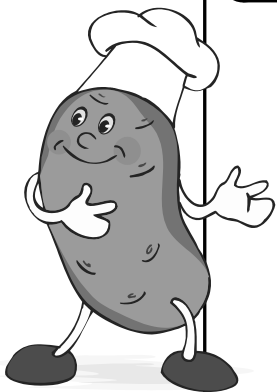
SICK AND SHUT INS:

Mary Frances Bennett	Swayne Huffman
Mel Billings Sr.	Lucy Krull
Mike Boswell	Don Legler
Rick Boswell	Adam Lewis
Don Brown	Racheal Lineberger
Pam Bundy	Ann Locke
Cov. ARP Church	Logan Lupinsky
Michael Culver	Julia McCormick
Cooper Curtis	Luke Moncla
Louise Dungy	Martha Lou Moore
Darlene Easley	Mike Otis
Mike Easley	Carolyn Patrick
John Fletcher	Geraldine Rhodes
Betty Frazier	Laura Sanders
Helen Goulder	Sarah Smith
Melanie Griffin	Cecil Starnes
Dana Hill	Jimmy Trotter
Joy Hill	Joshlin Walter
Doris Hodges	Michael Wells
Linda Huffman	Henry Cavin
Mike Locke	Karen Cavin Harper

Menu for September

Sept 7	Baked Potato's
Sept 14	Spaghetti
Sept 21	Hoagies
Sept 28	Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Joey Sides	14	Cooper Curtis
	Angela Hernandez	15	Jonathan Glass
5	Joe Sides		Kaitlyn Moore
	Kevin Heath	17	Austin Starnes
	Kristian Ray Donahoo	19	Amber Starnes
6	Nev Trotter	22	Amanda Heath
7	Alec-Thomas Ruffin		Anthony Billings
	Hillary Hill	24	Lindsey Rowland
8	Katie Williamson	27	Ina Yarbro
9	Ashley Curtis	28	Richard Moore
12	Chris Gravley		Sarah Smith
	Dustin Goulder	30	Larry Crum
13	Jesse Bridges		

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 Keith Trotter. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Keith at 901-275-2132.

INFORMATION NEEDED! We need information for the Brighton Light. We would like to make the church newsletter more interesting and informative. If you have any news about you or your family or any suggestions or ideas, please contact the church secretary.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday September 11th "Grandparents Day" there will be a Special Offering taken for Dunlap Retirement Center. Your help would be greatly appreciated as the Dunlap Center is always in need. Please make checks payable to Brighton ARP Church designated to the Dunlap Retirement Center.

PLEASE NOTE: On Saturday September 10th at 6:00 p.m. the Men's Ministry will be hosting their 2nd Annual Casserole Buffet. All dishes will again be prepared by our Men. So come and enjoy the variety and culinary creativity of our Casserole Buffet. All Donations will go to support Don Legler in his time of need. Please make plans to come out and support our Men's Ministry and Don.

PLEASE NOTE: On Thursday September 15th at 6:30 p.m. Dan Boulton a representative for the Great Commission Publications will here to lead a Sunday School Teacher Workshop. Please make plans to attend this workshop. There will be a light supper served at 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: On October 7th the World Witness will be hosting their annual dinner at the Memphis Marriott. More information is to come.

PLEASE NOTE: October 30th is "Laity Sunday". This year we will have the opportunity to hear our friends as they share their own personal testimonies of how the Lord Jesus has touched their lives.

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 9:9-13 (NIV)



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DISCIPLES	MATTHEW	DOCTOR	COLLECTORS
SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK