

The Brighton Light

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SEPTEMBER 2012: The Imperative Of Teaching "Blest are those who seek Him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2) "Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end." (Psalm 119:33) "Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for I have hoped in Your ordinances." (Psalm 119:43) "And I shall walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts." (Psalm 119:45)

Teaching has always been one of the most important activities for God's people. Biblical teaching has always been intentional in its presentation, with the Bible as its set boundary. Everything we learn about who God is, how He operates, His plan of salvation, and His holy will for the lives of His people, comes directly from the Bible.

In Psalm 119 one cannot help but see how much the psalmist relied upon God's word. It wasn't only because he viewed it as God's word, but also he knew that the One who authored the scriptures, stood behind His word and was completely faithful. Believing this about the Bible will help create in our hearts and minds a desire to meditate on the word. It is also imperative to understand that the Holy Spirit takes and makes the word effective in the lives of each believer. If the Holy Spirit is not involved, people who preach and teach are just flapping their lips, accomplishing nothing for the Kingdom of God. It would be a waste of time, with no eternal benefit.

If we allow the Holy Spirit to work, lead and teach us, we will be amazed at our personal growth, as well as, the impact in the lives of those around us. Remember Jesus' words; "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things I have said to you." (John 14:26) Also in John 16:13; "However, when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak in His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak." This is a wonderful thing to consider that our Lord has not only given us the Holy Spirit of promise, but also involves us in the ministry to fellow Christians, as well as to those outside of Christ.

Where it is true that real revival cannot take place without the Holy Spirit's working, the same can be said about Biblical teaching. It will be fruitless without the Holy Spirit's working and moving in the minds and hearts of the listener. We are truly blessed as we realize it is God's design for His people to be involved in the presentation of His word, the gospel. This gives evidence that we love and have the desire to keep His precepts. In other words, we are always pointing to God's only plan of salvation, the Lord Jesus, and this impacts the life an individual Christian and body of Christ as a whole. If Jesus is left out of the equation, salvation, and the assurance and hope for eternity evaporate into nothingness. We would be lost in our pagan ways.

However, because our God has provided the way, and has taught this clearly in the Bible, we who are called by His name have hope for today and assurance for eternity. The Apostle Paul reminds us; "He (Jesus), has taken it out the way, having nailed it to His cross." (Colossians 2:14b) Why is there this imperative to teach the truth? One thing, Jesus commands it; "Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:20a) But also; "How then shall call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14a&b) So, we are called to serve in one degree or another to be involved in the teaching and living out of God's word. Then Psalm 119:45 will be evident in our lives; "And I shall walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts." Our God is faithful!

See you on September 15th for the 'Disciple Makers Equipping Conference'. Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

September 2	Psalm 111 "God Is Faithful and Just"
September 9	Psalm 90 "Don't Put Off Till Tomorrow"
September 16	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 "The Importance of Christian Education" - Dr Brent Turner
September 23	Colossians 3:8-17 "The Imperative of Teaching"
September 30	Luke 12:1-12 "Misplaced Trust"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Locke, Ann
Boswell, Mike	Locke, Mike
Boswell, Rick	Lupinsky, Logan
Brown, Don	Miller, Jason
Cavin, Henry	Miller, Jeff
Culver, Michael	Moore, Martha Lou
Curtis, Cooper	Moss, Charlie
Dungy, Louise	Moncla, Luke
Fletcher, John	Motes, Cindy
Frazier, Betty	Otis, Mike
Goulder, Helen	Patrick, Carolyn
Griffin, Melanie	Rhodes, Geraldine
Harpe, Karen Cavin	Sigmon, Jaime
Hill, Dana	Starnes, Cecil
Hodges, Doris	Sanders, Laura
Huffman, Linda	Walter, Joshlin
Krull, Lucy	Welch, Jack
Legler, Don	McCain, Lisa
Lewis, Adam	Pugh, Kaleb
Lineberger, Rachael	Tyler, Jean

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Harriet Linderman

Sept. 2	Molly Anne Heath In Honor of Mr. Kevin Heath
Sept. 23	Molly Anne Heath In Honor of Mrs. Amanda Heath




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 2	Stephanie Moore
September 9	Amanda Heath
September 16	Margarette Alsbrook
September 23	Rhonda Goulder
September 30	Molly Huffman

CHILDRENS SERMON - September

September 2	- Meredith
Cavin	
September 9	- Margarette
Alsbrook	
September 16	- Nick Goulder
September 23	- Ashley
Goulder	

~September~

Labor Day! Count the number of jobs you've had. (Paid, volunteer, etc.) Put 25 cents each unless you just had one - then it's a dollar & don't you holler!



September Menu

Sept 5 Loaded Baked Potatoes

Sept 12 Chicken Tenders

Sept 19 Hamburgers

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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 901-476-9980.

PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday Night Youth Groups have started back. Please keep this ministry in your prayers that we may reach out to the Youth of our area.

PLEASE NOTE: Supper @ Six has started back. Let us know your favorite meal!

PLEASE NOTE: The PROMOTION DAY/RALLY DAY is August 26th. There will be a Dinner to follow.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like to give an update on the "**SICK AND SHUT IN LIST**". If you have added a family member or friend to the list please give me an update on them. Please write the information on paper so that I can have accurate information. You can either give to me, Meredith, a Deacon, an Elder or you can drop off in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: The Brighton ARP Church will be hosting the Disciples Maker Conference on September 15th. This event is open to everyone. Nursery and Childcare will be provided. If you would like to register for this event please see Meredith.

PLEASE NOTE: The Dunlap Special Offering will be received on September 9th. Please give prayerful consideration to help support this area of our ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: On Oct 1 and 2 our church will be hosting the Presbyterial Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Cavin who is now a part of the Brighton Elementary School's Choir!

GRADUATES ADDRESSES INFORMATION: Keep them in your prayers as they are off exploring a new era of their life.

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