

The Brighton Light

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FEBRUARY 2010: GOD'S GREAT LOVE "For as many are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry out: 'Abba Father'. The Spirit bears witness with spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Romans 8:14-17a

It is an awesome thought to consider that the almighty God of this vast universe calls us His sons and daughters. We who were not His are now enabled to call Him, "Abba, Father". Question 74 of the Larger Catechism states: "Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put on them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His Fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises and fellow heirs with Christ in glory!

It is because of the unbelievable love and mercy of our God that He has reached down throughout the ages and called untold thousands of men, women and children, and by His adoptive process, we are able to be numbered as His sons and daughters. Because of everything that our Lord Jesus has accomplished, we do not have to wait for paperwork from some agency or government's approval. All of the paperwork has been signed, sealed and delivered by the blood of the Lamb of God Who has taken it all upon Himself.

When you get discouraged, you feel at wits end or you feel all alone, rejoice. Our almighty Father knows how to keep His own. Everyone who has been adopted as His sons and daughters and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise is equipped, not only for eternity, for every good work, but also for every situation that may come our way. We are enabled to persevere through them. We are also blessed to have brothers and sisters who have traveled down similar roads for our encouragement and strengthening. Our Lord has placed each of us in the Body for this and a myriad of other reasons.

Always remember that: "We love Him because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19); and: "In this is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10) This is our most gracious Lord's unmerited, unconditional adoptive love.

Even when I was unlovable, beyond saving, Jesus looked upon me, saved me and adopted me into His family. Praise God for His great love!

In His Love, Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

February 7	Luke 10:25-37 "The High Cost of Helpfulness"
February 14	Romans 8:1-17 "God's Adoptive Process"
February 21	Philippians 1:9-18 "True Biblical Discernment"
February 28	Philippians 1:19-30 "So Great a Confidence"

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

February 14 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey
February 14 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hernandez
February 17 Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Glass
February 23 Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrow

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

February 21 In Honor Of
MRS. JOE ANNE ALSBROOK
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath, Molly Anne Heath, Ms. Margarette Alsbrook
February 21 In Honor Of
MARY STEELE CIRCLE
Mrs. Linda Boswell

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

February 7 Rhonda Goulder
February 14 Joe Anne Alsbrook
February 21 Robin Gravley
February 28 Katie Ruffin

PLEASE NOTE: 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: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-372-3995 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

PLEASE NOTE: We are collecting batteries for Dunlap Retirement Center. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall for the donations.

Women's Ministry

CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of **ADYSON JOY BRUBAKER**, infant daughter of Paul and Amanda Brubaker. Adyson was born on Monday, January 18th. May God continue to bless this family.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mary Steele Circle Valentine Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 13th from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. There will be a great meal, entertainment, door prizes, and a Sweetheart Shop. Donations will be accepted at the door. Please be sure to bring your friends and come out to enjoy this event.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 21st. Kathy Waterbury from Confidential Care for Women will be the guest speaker. We will be collecting small baby items (diapers, baby wipes, etc.) at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS to Makayla Boswell on being crowned Miss Brighton Middle School on Saturday, January 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS to McCallie Ruffin on being crowned Miss Junior Teen Tipton County. McCallie also made the Principal's List this 9 weeks at Brighton High School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Ruffin on making the Honor Roll this 9 weeks at Brighton High School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Cavin on making the all A Dean List at UT Martin Ripley.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Cavin on making Honor Roll this 9 weeks at Brighton Elementary School.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Hugues on making the straight A Gold Honor Roll this 9 weeks at Munford Middle School.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Hugues and her HOSA Debate Team for winning 2nd place in Regional Competition. They will be going to the State Competition in April. Anna also made AB Honor Roll this 9 weeks at Munford High School.