

The Brighton Light

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JANUARY 2012: "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:17&18)

As the Church grew in power, prestige and influence, through the pen and brush of artist a different conception of Jesus emerged. He was pictured in kingly robes. He was pictured leading a vast, heavily armored army against His foes. All of these trappings are not the Biblical picture of who Jesus was while here on earth. This medieval view has skewed a proper understanding of who Jesus was, His purpose here on earth, as well as His appearance. The Bible teaches that the Messiah had; "no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there was no beauty that we should desire Him. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him." (Isaiah 53:2b&3b) The Bible also tells us that Jesus was seemingly able to melt into the crowd. At His arrest it took a kiss from Judas, one of His disciples, to allow the soldiers to take the right man away in chains.

"In all things He had to be made like His brethren." (Hebrews 2:17a) When Hebrews talks about "His brethren", they were folks like you and me. These were not high ranking officials or nobility. However, it is wonderful when the up and outs receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, and experience His love, mercy and grace like we down and outs. Jesus went through all He did as He did, to completely identify with those He would save. This reminds each of us that it does not matter what strata we may find ourselves in society, but that it is the relationship with Him which is all important. Hebrews 4:15 reminds us; "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

In Luke 4 we see the power of temptations which came Jesus' way, personally administered by Satan himself, defeated by Jesus. However, Jesus did not use His God powers to defeat these temptations, but rather used the power of the Word to defeat Satan at every turn. Jesus knew the all sufficiency of the Word. If Jesus had not been tempted so, He would not be able to fully understand and help us when we experience temptation.

But, preacher, you don't understand. You have not gone through what I've experienced. My friend, I more than understand and have probably experienced worse. You see, we have the problem of not examining the consequences of our actions. When we experience the horrific consequences of giving in, we are devastated. Then we think there is no hope. This is just what the enemy of our soul wants us to think. Jesus was made like us so "He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." (Hebrews 2:17) In Satan we are in bondage to the power of sin. In Jesus these bonds are broken as His mercy, love and grace are extended to us and these bonds are broken.

Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He will not turn His back on His own, but with every temptation will give us His grace and mercy to empower us to stand against the enemy. Brothers and sisters in Christ do not listen to the lies of the enemy, but look to the One who is more than able to make us clean and holy through His shed blood. May we start 2012, realizing Jesus' power to forgive and to restore. His power will keep us for all eternity.

May God's blessings rest on each of us during this new year.

Love, Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

January 1	Hebrews 2:8-18 "Destruction of the Power of Satan"	Lords Supper
January 8	Colossians 2:1-15 "Do not let anyone deceive or cheat you"	
January 15	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:5 "He rejoices over us as His bride"	
January 22	Jeremiah 31:31-37 "The vast expanse of God's promise"	
January 29	Hebrews 7:11-25 "Greatness of our High Priest"	



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 4	Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gravley
January 8	Mr. and Mrs. Nick Goulder

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 1	Molly Huffman
January 8	Joanna Simonton
January 15	Ashley Goulder
January 22	Linda Boswell
January 29	Stephanie Moore

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

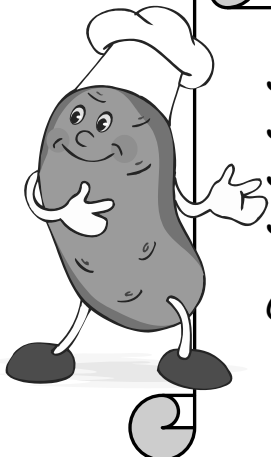
Margaret Sherrill Circle

Jan 15	Huffman Family In Memory of Ms Annie Mae Huffman
Jan 22	Ms Jean Chisolm In Memory of John and John Hill Chisolm
Jan 29	Lucille Bridges In Honor of Ms Emily White & Ms. Christy Bridges

Menu for January

Jan 4	Spaghetti
Jan 11	Chicken Pot Pie
Jan 18	Soup
Jan 25	Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family



SICK AND SHUT INS:

Bennett, Mary Frances	Krull, Lucy
Billings, Mel Sr	Legler, Don
Boswell, Mike	Lewis, Adam
Boswell, Rick	Lineberger, Rachael
Brown, Don	Locke, Ann
Bundy, Pam	Locke, Mike
Cavin, Henry	Lupinsky, Logan
Cov. ARP Church	McCormick, Julia
Culver, Michael	Moncla, Luke
Hodges, Doris	Montgomery, Madelyn
Curtis, Cooper	Moore, Martha Lou
Huffman, Swayne	Moss, Charlie
Dungy, Louise	Motes, Cindy
Fletcher, John	Otis, Mike
Frazier, Betty	Patrick, Carolyn
Goulder, Helen	Rhodes, Geraldine
Griffin, Melanie	Sanders, Laura
Harpe, Karen Cavin	Smith, Sarah
Hill, Dana	Starnes, Cecil
Hill, Joy	Walter, Joshlin
Huffman, Linda	Welch, Jack
	Miller, Jason

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Beth Crum	17 Phillip Trotter
Julie McCormick	18 Adyson Joy
2 Linda Clarke	Brubaker
3 Mary Pannell	Dwayne Cranford
6 Geraldine Rhodes	Jeremy Bridges
7 Carol Templeton	19 Johnny Yarbro
8 Joey Guthrie	22 Mike Huffman
12 Kinney Bridges	23 Robert Cavin
Raymond Griffin, Jr.	24 Edith Hanks
13 Charles Gray	Linda Bridges
Chelsea Larson	26 Gerald Spencer
14 Ray Gravely	John Hugues
John-Philip Richardson	27 Cameron Goulder
16 Alex Goulder	28 London Hill
Jeremy Herring	Phil Richardson
Martha Jean Goulder	31 John Carlyle Ruffin

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 Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 901-674-3851.

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 TURN IN your information for the church yearbook as soon as possible. Please inform the church office of any changes or corrections that need to be made as well.

PLEASE NOTE: Scottie Delashmit, director of the Tipton county Juvenile court, will present a program on topics relating on today's youth immediately following Supper at Six on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. All Middle and High School aged youth are invited to attend. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Younger youth will attend their regular classes.

No Turning Back John 6:56-69 (NIV)



"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of _____ .
John 6:68 (NIV)

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