

The Brighton Light

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AT THE CROSSROADS

“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the Word of the Lord....surely because My flock became a prey....and there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock....Thus says the Lord God: Behold I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand.” Ezekiel 34:7, 8a, 10a

I take seriously what our Lord God says in His Word. This is the reason I take preaching, being a witness, trying to live the Christian life daily serious. When I study this passage, I immediately see how seriously God desires to care for His flock and His requirements for His shepherds.

History has proven that as the church and the family goes, so will go a nation. The bedrock of our nation and for many of the men and women who gave so much so we can have today what we have, was built upon God’s Word and an abiding faith in Jesus. However, this bedrock, the very fiber of our nation over these three or four decades has been and is being torn apart at an ever increasing rate, and we Christians have not raised the alarm. Or when we do, we are ridiculed and called intolerant, or worse.

Perhaps even sadder is the pastors, the shepherds of the flock of our God are sending confusing, if not blatantly anti-biblical messages. Back in April 6 on ‘Larry King Live’, a very well known pastor who has written many best selling Christian books made the apology to his gay friends, that he was sorry that he had publicly supported Proposition 8 in California. This amendment to that state’s constitution basically said that the marriage between one man and woman was the only recognized form of marriage. When the preachers pick and choose what they wish to agree to or not to agree with, or do some serious back peddling, it is no wonder that many in the church today do not know truth or deception when it is proclaimed or when it is published.

When the biblical view of marriage, the family or other issues which the Bible speaks clearly too are ignored or misrepresented, every aspect of our life is affected. The moral fiber of our country is being discarded like some old worn out garment. The alarm must be sounded by those of us who love the purity of our Lord, His Word, our families and our nation. Paul Revere would be giving three signals to warn us of the enemy's assault on all these things which we hold so dearly. When falsehood is proclaimed from the pulpits of our land it is a direct affront to our holy, righteous Lord. God has not changed His holy mind of which His Word proclaims. As we can see from Ezekiel, God will hold His shepherds accountable.

Satan in the garden, got Adam and Eve to begin to question God and His Word and we know the devastating results of their disobedience. Hitler knew he had to get control of the mind and heart of the church in Germany before he could try to spread his hate and blasphemous ways. We are still in a spiritual battle in our day. Do not forget those who have gone before us nor their sacrifice. If we sit by and do or say nothing we will reap, with dismay, the demise of our land. Stand firmly on the truth, pray in the power of the Spirit and we will not fail. For; "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

GOD SAVE AMERICA!!! GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Your Pastor,
Meredith Cavin

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

July 5	Hebrews 10:1-16 "How Complete is Your Freedom?"
July 12	I Peter 1:6-27 "I Will Not Be Negligent to Remind You"
July 19	Colossians 2:1-15 "Complete Means, Complete!"
July 26	Judges 2:1-19 "How Quickly We Forget"

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Chris Gravley. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Chris at 372-3995.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

July 5	Mr. and Mrs. John R. Moore
July 19	Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hardy
July 24	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crum
July 28	Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Molder

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill Circle

- July 5 Communion
- July 12 In Memory Of
MRS. VIRGINIA SCOTT
Given by Mrs. Julia Moore
- July 19 In Memory Of
MR. JIM CLARKE
Given by Mrs. Linda Clarke
- July 26 In Memory Of
MR. EARL BRIDGES
Given by Mrs. Lucille Bridges

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

- July 5 Joe Anne Alsbrook
- July 12 Rhonda Goulder
- July 19 Amanda Heath
- July 26 Molly Huffman

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a family outing at the Ripley Water Park on July 14th from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Young people must have an adult with them to attend this event.

MISSION MINUTE FOR JULY – What is your view of missions? Do missions take place in the world or at home? Do we see ourselves as supporting other missionaries or as doing missions? Are we project or people oriented? As we are looking at the mission of our church, Brighton AR Presbyterian, how are we fulfilling the great commission?

During the summer months, our church has supported missions through our Vacation Bible School teaching and through participation in service projects supporting Dunlap, Confidential Care for Women, and providing school supplies for children in need. We are preparing to send our young people to church camp. We have a work group reaching out to help the French Camp ARP Church with construction and demolition projects.

In addition to these church supported projects, each one of us lives a missionary life as we take our love for Christ wherever we go. Many of us are reaching out to others as we travel and as we host traveling family in our homes. May we each represent the Living Savior, Jesus, to those we meet in our every day meetings and activities.

Susan Cavin