

The Brighton Light

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MAY 2012: The effectual working of the Holy Spirit. "But when the Helper, the Holy Spirit comes, whom I will send in My name, He will teach you all things that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:26&27)

When you think of effectual, you should have the relationship between cause and effect in your mind. The word 'effectual' means; producing the intended result; to bring to pass; successful; to achieve. The Holy Spirit does all this and so much more in the life of a Christian. God the Holy Spirit takes all that is intended for those who are sons and daughters of the Lord God begins to work these out in the lives of the children of God. The Holy Spirit works in the heart of the person; wooing the person to Christ; convicting the person of sin; regenerating the person; testifying in our hearts all that Jesus has done and is; brings the needed assurance to the person that we are indeed redeemed and forgiven; He seals us for the 'day of redemption; and equips each Christian for the work of ministry. And remember the Holy Spirit will only testify to what is contained in the word of God, and He will never contradict any portion of the Word.

Once the Holy Spirit has brought us into this new life, He begins His sanctifying process in our life. That is; "we die more and more unto sin, and live more and more unto righteousness". Again, this takes place as the Holy Spirit is applying the Word to hearts in order that our hearts/lives will be changed and fruit will be produced. All this glorifies our heavenly Father and it is His desire for this to take place.

The Bible is not called the 'Sword of the Spirit' for nothing. It is 'sharper than any two-edged sword'. It has been given to us to use. Have we realized that we have been equipped so? Do we leave it in its sheath and wonder why the enemy has his way with us? The Roman army did not wait until they were upon an enemy with their swords put away. Rather, they came upon the enemy with swords drawn, ready to defeat the foe.

It is the divine promise that each believer has the Holy Spirit with them, and indwelling them from the point of salvation until the Lord comes for them. This is true because God cannot lie nor does He deceive in any way. The indwelling Holy Spirit takes the Bible and implants it into our hearts. The Holy Spirit likewise uses godly instruction, the reading of the Word, preaching and praying to bring a great harvest. The Holy Spirit will also equip each of us so we will be effective witnesses/disciples. He is always working through the Church to spread the gospel of Christ and to expand Christ's Kingdom. In other words, He bears witness and testifies with our spirit who Jesus is so we can bear witness and testify of the transforming work of Jesus in a life.

My dear friends if we desire to be renewed, let us not hinder the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work, our lives and our Church will be revitalized. Nothing less can take place. This will bring His lasting peace in our lives.

Catch God's vision! Meredith

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

May 6	Acts 8:26-37 "The Power to Transform a Life"
May 13	John 14:15-26 "The Lord's Residency, Our Lives"
May 20	John 17:1-12 "Jesus Prays For His Own"
May 27	Acts 8:14-25 "Understanding The Holy Spirit"



SICK AND SHUT INS:

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

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

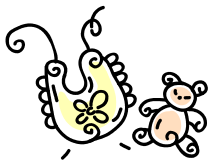
Mary Steele Circle

May 13 Huffman Family In
Memory of Annie Mae
Huffman



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 18	Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alsbrook
May 20	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simonton
May 27	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heath
May 29	Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith



NURSERY ATTENDANTS

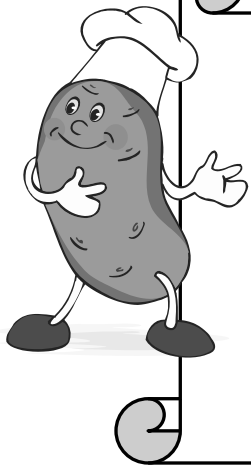
May 6	Joe Anne Alsbrook
May 13	Robin Gravely
May 20	Katie Ruffin
May 27	Vickie Hugues

CHILDRENS SERMON - MAY

May 6	-	Ashley Goulder
May 13	-	Meredith Cavin
May 20	-	Susan Cavin
May 27	-	John Moore

~May~

Thank you Lord for rain & sunshine! Count each variety of flowers in your garden that grows. 5 cent for each is exactly the amount in this pocket you should stow.



Menu for May

May 2	Loaded Fries/ White beans
May 9	Ham & trimmings
May 16	Hamburgers / Hot Dogs
May 23	Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Paul Brubaker	20 Slade Templeton
2 Glenn Goulder	Cole Templeton
3 Meredith Cavin	22 Joel Palmer
4 Danny Hernandez	Shasta Smith
5 Phyllis Yarbro	27 Alison Gray
8 Jennifer Templeton	David Templeton, II
11 Claude Hopper	Delaine Trotter
15 John W. Yarbro	Rachel Hernandez
Phil Trotter	28 John Griffin
Tanya Erickson	Robin Rowell
16 Zoe Angeline Hoots	30 Peter Simonton
17 Aubrey Glass	31 Charlie Cannon

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 Peter Simonton. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Peter at 901-476-7750.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2012 Graduates: Brighton High School – Kaitlyn Moore & Jack Ruffin; Munford High School – Alexi Starnes & Chris Woods. May we keep these Graduates in our prayers!

CONGRATULATIONS to these students who were honored on April 26th at Brighton High School Honors Night– **Emily Kirk**: Highest Average in English II & Algebra II, Academic Excellence 4.0 for 10th grade, and DSCC Math Competition Algebra II 5th place, 1st place at Brighton; **Holly Elston** Academic Excellence 4.0 - 9th grade; **Mikayla Boswell** Academic Excellence 4.0 – 10th grade; **Taylor Glass** Academic Excellence 4.0 – 10th grade; **Kaitlyn Moore** scored a 6 on Writing Assessment & Academic All Stars; **McCallie Ruffin** Academic Excellence 3.5 and above, Underclassmen of the month. Kaitlyn Moore and Alexi Starnes will be attending a Luncheon on May 4th recognizing the Academic All Stars and chances for scholarships. Congratulations to all these young ladies on their achievements!

SENIOR OUTING – On Thursday May 10 the group will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. to travel to Somerville where they will tour Tennessee Pewter and see how the Pewter items are made. Tennessee Pewter has a retail store in the front. From there they will go to the Main Street Eatery in Somerville for lunch. Please let Mr. Cavin know if you plan on attending.

DUNLAP SPRING FLING – Saturday May 19th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dunlap Retirement Center. There will be food, fun and games for everyone. A Cake auction will begin at noon. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, soft pretzels and "FRIED PIES" for sale. Live entertainment will include 3 for Thee and other vendors. So come out and make a day of it!

CAKES – Ladies and Gents that are making cakes for the Auction please have them at the church fellowship hall by 9:30 a.m. on May 19th, so they can be taken to Dunlap. If you would rather make your favorite pie that would be great too! – See you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Sunday, June 24th – Thursday, June 28th this year. If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact Linda Boswell. Theme: "Adventures on Promise Island".

MVP CAMP will be July 16th – 21st. Cost is \$125.00 for church members and \$250.00 for non-members. Please see Joanna Simonton for more information.