# The Brighton Light

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**NOVEMBER 2009:** 'Have We Forgotten God?' "When they had pasture, they were filled; they were filled and their heart was exalted; therefore they forgot Me.**"** Hosea 13:6

It is a natural human tendency when things are going really well to forget why we have and experience the blessings we have presently. We forget the blood of those who died that we might have the freedom and liberty we enjoy today. We forget those whose faith helped shape the foundation of our nation. We forget that liberty is fragile. And what is worst of all, those of us who know the Giver of all these wonderful blessings have grown indifferent and maybe we too have forgotten.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave this Thanksgiving Proclamation: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But have we forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with the unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God Who made us."

The arrogance of human nature says: "I don't need anything like God. I can make it on my own." Proverbs 14:12 tells us: "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." God resist the proud, but gives His grace to those who fear and trust Him. Our Lord knows and constantly warns the arrogant heart that only pain and harm lies down this path, but our gracious Lord will never force one to change direction. We wish He would though at times. We wish we would hear a clear definitive word from God. Guess what? We have. He speaks to us in and through His Word.

May we echo the Psalmist:"So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) Our Lord wants us to have the good pasture, but let's not forget Who gives and provides it all. Give praise and thanksgiving with a grateful heart for all that our gracious Lord has given. May each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving. God bless and preserve you! God save America!

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

**SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:**

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| November 1 | I Thessalonians 4:1-12<br>"Directions for Growth" |
| November 8 | Isaiah 45:15-25<br>"We Have No Other Savior" |
| November 15 | 3 John 1-14<br>"No Greater Joy" |
| November 22 | John 6:24-40<br>"Jesus: The Bread of Life" |
| November 29<br>(1st Sunday I Advent) | Isaiah 63:16-64:9<br>"It is All About Jesus" |

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Jerry Molder. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Jerry at 476-1192.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH**

November 10 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Goulder
November 16 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boswell

**FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH**

Mary Steele Circle

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| November 8 | In Honor of<br>**MR. KENNETH BOSWELL**<br>Given by Mrs. Linda Boswell |
| November 22 | In Honor Of<br>**HENRY AND FLORA CAVIN**<br>Given by Meredith and Susan Cavin |

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH**

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| November 1 | Amanda Heath |
| November 8 | Molly Huffman |
| November 15 | Ashley Goulder |
| November 22 | Margarette Alsbrook |
| November 29 | Katie Ruffin |

**PLEASE NOTE: T**he Harvest Supper and Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. There will be Handcrafted items, canned goods, baked goods, etc. Please come out and enjoy this evening.

**THERE WILL BE** another church-wide yard sale in the church basement on Saturday, Nov. 7th from 7:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. If you have items to donate to the sale, please call 476-7233 or 476-9315. Proceeds from the sale go to the Kitchen Fund.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BEN CAVIN.** Ben won 1st Place in the Bowling Tournament in Memphis. Way to go Ben!

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box program again this year. Please start making plans to participate in this program. All filled boxes need to be at the church by Sunday, November 8th. For more information about this program or items to put in the shoe boxes, please contact Kenneth or Linda Boswell.

**ON SUNDAY,** November 22nd there will be a Joint Thanksgiving Service at the Atoka Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Dr. Cavin will be preaching for the service.

**ON SUNDAY,** November 29th the Adult Sunday School classes will be combining in the basement. Following the Morning Worship Service there will be a potluck dinner.

**THERE WILL BE** a Thanksgiving Day feast for anyone who will not be traveling out of town. Please come and enjoy this meal with us. We will be eating around noonish, but if you would like to come earlier, please do so. The meal and fellowship will be in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Meredith or Susan Cavin for more information.

# FALL FEST

Saturday, November 7, 2009
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

There will be a
**TRAIN RIDE**, a **HAY RIDE,**
and a **SPACE WALK!**

There will be lots of
**GAMES** and **PRIZES!**

Come have fun at the
**CAKE WALK!**

The Kitchen will be selling
**HAMBURGERS,**
**HOT DOGS, CHIPS, NACHOS,**
**DESSERTS, AND DRINKS!**

There will be a
**COUNTRY STORE** with
**HANDCRAFTED ITEMS, BAKED GOODS,**
**CANNED GOODS AND OTHER ITEMS!**

There will be a **PIE BAKING CONTEST!**
(to be judged at 11:00 A.M.)
an **ART CONTEST!**
(to be judged at 12:00 P.M.)
a **HALLOWEEN CANDY CREATIVE ART CONTEST!**
(to be judged at 1:00 P.M.)
Already made items need to be at the church by 10:00 A.M.

There will be **BOOTHS** available to rent for $10.

There will be lots of **FUN! FUN! FUN!**
Proceeds go to the Youth Activities Fund.
So come out and support the youth and have a great day of **FUN!**

For more information, please contact Julia Moore at 476-4823.