

# The Brighton Light

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## How Shall We Remember the Lord?

Last month, our family went on a short vacation to Branson, Missouri. On the way back home, we stopped in the small town of Mansfield, Missouri, because I wanted the girls to see the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum located there. This is where Laura settled as an adult, and it is where she wrote the famous *Little House on the Prairie* books during her later years. You can take a tour of her home (in some ways a little house of its own), and the museum contains many interesting items: handwritten manuscripts, an old typewriter (who remembers those things?), and photographs of her family. The museum even has her father's old violin ("Pa's fiddle"), a recurring fixture in many of her books.

The website for the museum calls Pa's fiddle "a kind of time machine." Why do we hold onto such old things? It is because they remind us of the past. They remind of us the way things used to be. Those memories, whether good or bad, are a part of who we are, and those old things aren't just pieces of junk in a museum gathering dust – they help connect us to those memories.

In the Bible, we are told of the importance of remembering. In the book of Exodus, God hears the groaning of the Israelites and remembers His covenant promises (Exodus 2:24; 6:5). Later, Israel is told, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the Lord brought you out from this place" (Exodus 13:3). In the book of Ecclesiastes, we are told to remember our Creator in the days of youth (12:1) and before the day of our death (12:6-7). In the New Testament, Paul tells the Ephesians to remember there was a time when they were separated from God and without hope, but solely by the grace of God they have been brought into fellowship with Him through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:11-13). Paul exhorts Timothy, "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel" (2 Timothy 2:8). Notice how the incarnation of our Lord ("descendant of David") and His resurrection ("risen from the dead") are both mentioned in a verse about the gospel. It is good to remember these things.

But there are also things that God does not remember. We must not think that God's "remembering" is the same as ours, for God is omniscient and knows all things. His remembering of His covenant promises is a picture drawn for us to know that He is faithful and trustworthy and always keeps His promises to us. God not only remembers His covenant promises – He also "forgets" our sins. Again, this does not mean God is forgetful in the sense that we might forget where we left our car keys or we might forget an important appointment. God's "forgetfulness" is meant to emphasize the full forgiveness of sins that He offers to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. "I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17).

Last week, we celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Whenever we come to the Lord's Table, we are called to remember the meal and remember all that the Lord has done for us. He says, "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Through this covenant meal, the Lord strengthens our faith. Believers are “by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 96).

Pa’s fiddle was a big deal to Laura Ingalls Wilder; the Lord’s Supper should be a much bigger deal for us! God gives us ironclad promises in His word; but He confirms and seals and shows us the truth of those promises through the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Here is Christ crucified for us, here is forgiveness, and here is nourishment for our souls. Let us remember these things.

-- *Pastor Tim*

## Prayer List:

Bennett, Mary F – Shut in  
 Billings, Richard – (Denise’s Dad) Cancer  
 Boswell, Charles - Cancer  
 Boswell, Mike – Health issues  
 Bryant, Ty –Heart  
 Rochell, Bobby – Cancer  
 Goulder, Martha Jean – Shut In  
 Hopper, Claude – Shut in  
 McCain, Pat – Health Issues  
 Molder, Jerry – Health Issues  
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McCain, Ken – Health Issues  
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 Bridges, Lucille – Health Issues  
 Pugh, Kaleb – (Laura Kiphart’s grandson)  
 Williams, Sandy – (Huffman family)Cancer  
 Wilson, Glenda – Bone Cancer  
 Winford, Sherry – Health issues  
 Yarbrow, Ina – Health issues  
 Landrum, Zoan – Covington Care

### **Military**

Donahoo, Tim	Starnes, Austin	Hill, Debra	Billings, Tyler
Dooley, Rod	Heathman, Matthew	Young III, Robert “Trip”	

### **Missionaries**

Coad, Jim & Gala	Rebekah Carson	Brunson, Andrew
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## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Paul Brubaker	20 Slade Templeton
2 Glenn Goulder	Cole Templeton
3 Meredith Cavin	22 Joel Palmer
8 Jennifer Templeton	Shasta Smith
11 Claude Hopper	27 Alison Gray
15 John W. Yarbrow	David Templeton, II
Phil Trotter	Delaine Trotter
16 Zoe Angeline Hoots	28 Robin Rowell
	31 Charlie Cannon

### **NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

May 6	Leslie Alsbrook
May 13	Molly Huffman
May 20	
May 27	Haley Alsbrook

# MAY Menu

May 2	Sloppy Joes
May 9	Pizza
May 16	Hamburgers / hot dogs
May 23	Family Night

Cost: \$3.00 person  
\$10.00 Family

## Upcoming Events

**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](mailto:chris_gravley@bellsouth.net).

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Alton at 901-652-5030.

**PLEASE NOTE** If anyone is sick, in need of prayer or a visit, please contact Milton Murphy 901-476-2808.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** The Sunday Night Bible Study at 6 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE** Looking for someone who would be willing to take on planning, coordinating, shopping for the Wednesday Night Suppers. If you think you would like to take on this adventure, please let Denise know.

**PLEASE NOTE** There will be a Worker's Council Meeting on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. This is for open for anyone in the church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the college graduates:  
Emily Kirk – BS Math, Computer Science and Minor in History – Mississippi College  
Chris Woods – Bachelors - University Memphis  
Alexi Starnes – Masters in Education -Union University.  
McCallie Ruffin – BS in Nursing - UT Knoxville  
Jack Ruffin – BS in Agriculture - UT Knoxville

**PLEASE NOTE** MVP Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a dinner at the Hilton Inn at 7:00 PM on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is free. Each church is asked to sponsor a table. If you are interested in supporting this endeavor notify the Pastor or Richard Moore.

**PLEASE NOTE** The Men's Mistry is planning a Men's Retreat on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM to Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM. The retreat will be held at Rose of Sharon Campground. Cost will be \$65. Christopher Neiswonger will be the speaker. You pay when you get to the camp.

**PLEASE NOTE** MVP Camp forms are in. They will be in the office. Or you can go online and print them off. [www.richlandarp.org/summer-youth-camp.html](http://www.richlandarp.org/summer-youth-camp.html), Camp dates are July 23-28. Ages 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost will be \$260.00. Forms and money are due by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE** The Women of the church are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Alexi Starnes on Sunday, May 20 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Alexi is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Walmart.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Alexi Starnes and Cory Pinner on their upcoming marriage on June 2, 2018.