



# NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends, 

*...our Savior, Christ Jesus, has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

*(2 Timothy 1:10)*

At this time of special celebration of the Resurrection, we hold it this year to be more precious than usual. Other less auspicious occasions may seem diminished by the passing of loved ones. Not so with the Resurrection. It is certainly understandable that on the human level any celebration seems diminished by the absence of a loved one who has gone on before us. But it would be an idolatrous travesty for any believer to remain stuck in that state of mind and never transcend the pain of earthly loss by failing to enter into the ultimate reality revealed in the words quoted at the opening- **Christ has destroyed death!!!**



Most of you will know that in the past year or so Mary and I have said goodbye to Tom Howard, dear friend and producer for the upcoming marriage CD, Fred Meredith and Fred Hutcheson, long time associates and close friends, and Dwight Pryor, our Hebrew mentor and dearest friend in this ministry. One of my friends from the Gulfport MS days who stood by me in some of my darkest hours then, Bobby Rains, died at age 54. Now, in this another special edition of *Nightlight*, we celebrate the life and grieve the passing of Bradley Coker, one of our beloved spiritual sons and part of our ministry prayer team family. All who have been to our August Conference know Bradley well. For many others who have not been present with us in Black Mountain, this *Nightlight* edition will help you understand who Bradley was and is to us (The audio portion this month is Bradley's eulogy address in full.)

Thirteen years ago Bradley and Roeman came to our marriage conference at St. Simon's Island, GA. It was their honeymoon. That was the first of many times they traveled long distances even on special occasions at their own expense just to be with us. They were starving for truth. They were willing and faithful servants. They grew along with us in the understanding of what this ministry is about, and soon became part of our ministry

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prayer team. They engaged the demands with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. But they didn't stop at the end of a conference. They carried on with that same tenacity of self sacrifice, so that everywhere they went they left behind a legacy of faith in Jesus.

Roeman, Bradley's wife, is standing under the shadow of the Cross with her eyes firmly on Jesus and her feet firmly on the Rock. And she is grieving. Please pray for her and please take special notice of the web address below where any of you who want to help her financially can do so. The extra expense brought on by this recent event in her life has not all been covered. She needs our help financially. Like so many of us when in our thirties, we didn't make provision for dying. We were in the midst of living. So please prayerfully consider doing whatever you can to ease the financial burden.

**Bradley Coker Memorial**  
(in memory of Bradley Dale Coker)  
<http://bradleycokermemorial.com>

What sustains us all when loved ones have passed on ahead of us, is the same thing that has sustained all believers from every age: **Christ has destroyed death!**



*Jesus said... I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die... (John 11:25-26)*

*...as is the Man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the Man from heaven... the dead will be raised imperishable... (1 Corinthians 15:48-49, 52)*

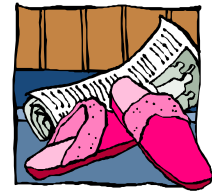
# ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!





# BOOK REVIEW

*A Queer Thing Happened To America*  
by Dr. Michael Brown



Dr. Michael Brown has spent six intensively demanding years to produce a volume that seeks to clarify for the person on the street just how we have gotten from sexual sin as sin to it becoming a sin to call sexual sin a sin. But no publisher, Christian or not, would touch this book. I have to admit I do not care for either the title or the cover art work. But Brown explains both in his forward, and I am not interested in bothering about either as an issue of importance. What matters far more is that Dr. Brown, who holds his Ph. D in the difficult and demanding discipline of Ancient Middle Eastern language and literature is more than qualified to do the minute task of sifting out true from false and documenting his findings. I know and trust Dr. Michael Brown. This is a volume every serious disciple of Jesus needs to have in their library. [www.askdrbrown.org](http://www.askdrbrown.org) or write PO Box 5546, Concord, NC 28087

## Movie Review



## The King's Speech

There is a famous and moving speech delivered by King George VI during WWII. He closes it by urging the people of England to put their hand in God's hand and face the unknown, that in doing so their path would be more certain than taking a known way. I am sorry this film has no reference to that speech. But it does reveal the huge task a mere man, neither desiring nor feeling qualified for the task, takes on his shoulders anyway. He had a terrible speech impediment. Anyone who has never faced such an ordeal, has no idea the torture a person endures who suffers from such a struggle. I have encountered such people from time to time in our line of work, but none had faced as huge a task as a King, and a king in wartime. The inner wounds that fuel the outward impairment are more painfully faced than is the effort to speak. It takes the will of the king to humble himself as a man to receive real help from another man's friendship. As a study of the intricate and delicate issues of the heart that family relationships for good or evil produce, this film is a masterpiece. But the vulgar language makes it unsuitable for children and some adults.



# Some Closing Thoughts...



You all know I have never been good at just saying the right things for appearance sake. So let me be honest. Mary and I are in a lot of pain. We are carried by the same grace that has always lovingly sustained us. But the sheer compiling of grief upon grief has brought us to a place of needing to take careful time to recover by allowing grief to do it's healing work in us. So if I have failed to return a call or email, it is certainly not because you are unimportant. It may be that I was sitting under a tree trying to let my heart catch up with my sorrow, and to allow my faith to overshadow my struggles.

*We grieve, but not as those who have no hope.*

*(See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*



## Christ is risen indeed!

*Blessed Resurrection, Clay & Mary*



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