

Invitation

Welcome everyone. We pray you will be strengthened by your visit with the Brighton Church of Christ. You are not just our guest, but you are welcome and wanted right here. Join our family of imperfect people perfected in by the blood of Jesus. Restrooms are located across the foyer near the front of the auditorium on the upper floor. If you need assistance in any way, ask any member for help.

Mission

The Brighton Church of Christ is a spiritual family with a focus on going to heaven. We are determined to honor God, to strictly follow the teachings of the New Testament, and effectively make that teaching available to the city of Brighton and the surrounding areas.

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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 96
Sunday pm - 44
Wednesday - 26
Contribution- \$3,681.50

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome Ron Jensen
Song Leader Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Chris Welsby
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Coby Mendoza
Assistant.....Brett Reitmair
AssistantSam Dunham
Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
Assistant.....Marcos Celaya
Scripture Reading.....Marc Moran

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Lesson..... Garrett Sawyers
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Paul Nikolai

Sunday Evening

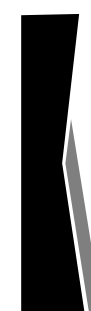
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Tim Parker
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....

Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays:
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



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**Where True Wisdom Begins
By Mike Riley**

He was a brilliant man. Those who knew him well and those who only knew him by reputation said he had more than merely “raw” intelligence. He had been given a particular gift and of course it was from God (1 Kings 3:5-15).

He was handed the kingdom on a platter. His father had already defeated the principle opponents in the struggle for the land. Now he had to build the temple to God to secure the borders of the kingdom and keep the peace.

Of course I’m writing about Solomon. Because of God’s gift of wisdom, he was considered to be the wisest of men (1 Kings 4:29-34; cf. 1 Kings 10:1-7).

We don’t really know when Solomon decided to write some his “books” or reflections on life. He wrote many of the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

For this study I will be reflecting on his writings in Ecclesiastes. In Hebrew this is called “Quoheleth”.... which can be translated as “wise ways or one who speaks to an assembly.” We can call it writing of the Preacher. He wants to teach us about life and a warning for those who forsake their faith. That’s the job of a Preacher.

It is the realism of his words that is striking. They are brutally honest. What Solomon seems to be showing us is that life can be experienced from two distinct points of view one who fears the Lord and one who does not (Ecclesiastes 7:16-18; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13).

As I read his words, I know that he has experienced what he is teaching. He isn't pulling any punches. He knows what these two choices mean in one's life and he is sharing his world view.

"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 1:14; Ecclesiastes 2:11,17,26; Ecclesiastes 4:4,16; Ecclesiastes 6:9) This word meaningless, means "vapor, breath, something transitory." It means something that eludes us and in actuality doesn't bring fulfillment.

He looks at different areas of life work, nature, the senses, history, etc. to see what they might teach about the meaning of life now while we are alive. Solomon was a realist — he knew and experienced life to the fullest.

Now, let's look for a moment at work, or labor, as he puts it.

We spend most of our hours in some sort of work. Not all bad. We need to eat after all, and meaningful work can be fulfilling in our lives. Helping others brings a sense of deep satisfaction. Our Lord, often speaks of laboring in the vineyards or fields. However, at the end of the day, Solomon declares that working only to acquire wealth is as though we are chasing the wind! (Ecclesiastes 1:3; Ecclesiastes 5:16). Even if all of our efforts result in acquiring a fortune, what good is that to us? We have a few years of pleasure and then it's over (Ecclesiastes 5:9-15).

Here are my three objectives for work:

1) We work to bring Glory to God.

"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Paul here states the real purpose of our work. My, how can my washing the floors bring glory to God? Let me think about that! Do you have any ideas?

2) We work to gain a living.

"If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). This is God's plan; always was and always will be.

3) Work brings us opportunities for Christian witness.

Jesus said, "Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35).

This is definitely our work as Christians.

Take heart, dear reader and friend. Your labor will not be in vain (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

We labor to give glory to God (Ephesians 6:5-8; cf. Isaiah 43:7), helping others; building bridges for winning and discipling people for Him (Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 7:7-12; Gal. 6:6-10; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

This is where true wisdom begins.

Announcements

Prayers

Our Elders are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Continued Prayers

Jennifer Sandstede's mother and aunt=surgery and illness recovery

Sherry Derbigny's Uncle, Tommy Barber –health problems

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Sam Sims– health problems

Brett Reitmair's father, Bernie, heart attack.

David Bryant's mother– stroke recovery

Sherry Derbigny's friend, Daisy and family-car accident

Linda Buck– breast cancer treatment

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

Social Studies

The next Bible Study and fellowship will be Friday, October 21st at the Dunham's. 885 Rose Ct. Potluck at 6pm and study at 7pm.

Potluck theme is Breakfast.

Child care will be provided.

Young Adults/Teen Fellowship

Saturday, October 22nd at 6pm at the Dunham's, 885 Rose Ct.

Bring a finger food to share and wear a costume if you'd like to take part in the costume contest. Friends are welcome!

Fall Food Drive

It is time to start gathering items for the food drive. If we all pick up a few items each week there will be plenty for the drive pick up. Please see the list on the table in the foyer to see what they need. The pick up date is October 9th. They always appreciate what is sent.



A Note From Our Elders:

To our Brighton family,

We wanted to reach out to you to share with you our plans moving forward. We are inviting students from the Bear Valley Bible Institute to preach for us on the first two Sunday mornings of each month (they are not "trying out" - they are filling in). Ron Jensen will be preaching most of the other sermons.

We have started our search for a full-time minister and ask that you continue to keep this effort in your prayers.

The adult Bible classes will be taught by various men of the congregation on a month-by-month basis. Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach our classes! We would like to ask all of our members to make a special effort to attend as many of our classes and worship services as possible to support and encourage the congregation, especially during this time of transition. We know that you will greatly benefit from these studies.

See you all on Sunday!

