

## 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.

## Leadership

### Elders

Kevin Dunham	303-807-5974
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### Minister

Cory Pierce 931-306-8103

### Contacts

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am -70  
Sunday pm - 37  
Wednesday - 32  
Contribution-\$7,064.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
 Opening Prayer.....Ivan Stewart  
 Lord’s Supper Leader..... Mark Thacker  
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham  
 Assistant .....Andrew Henry  
 Assistant.....James Slagle  
 Assistant.....Chris Jatko  
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson

Philippians 4:1-9

Lesson.....Cory Pierce  
 Closing Prayer.....Coby Mendoza

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
 Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson  
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....  
 Lesson.....Cory Pierce  
 Closing Prayer.....Marc Moran

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Cory Pierce

## 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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### How Heavy Are Words?

You are like me, you have been both a receiver of words and a dispenser of words. Words can be good or bad. Words can be encouraging or discouraging. Of course, this is all contingent on how the words are given and how they are received. Either way, you and I are in control of our actions despite words. When I was a teenager and employed at a local grocery store, I was spouting off words that reflected my age and I.Q. (both were very low at the time). A very nice customer who had been an encouragement to me and was always nice to me was writing a check for her groceries as I was bagging them and preparing them for transport to her car. She stopped writing her check, looked at me, peered over her glasses, and said, “You can tell a lot about someone by what they say and laugh about.”” Ouch! Even though I was young, immature, and didn’t possess much of an attention span, her words connected rather painfully. Others were in “ear shot” of my elementary comments and her proverbial ““putting me in my place” with verbal redirection. Since that time, I am certain I have demonstrated more childlike behavior because of my emotional feebleness and frailty, but I still remember the lesson of the importance of how I should be using my words. Just as important as words are the actions that are connected to those words.

Scripture says so much about our verbal expression, the impact of our words, and the one of the most powerful things in the world, the tongue. **James 3-12** says: *My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.*



Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

Much can be learned from this text when it comes to the words that proceed from our mouths. We all get caught up in the heat of the moment while involved in conversations. We all would agree controlling our tongues in and of itself is a full-time job that requires thought, discipline and restraint. Earlier, in James 2:22, we are taught when we respond to the commands of God, we are more mature than before we made a declaration to be obedient. With this “maturity” comes responsibility. The way in which we speak and the content of conversations reflect our maturity. In sum, our faith controls the tongue! We should never sell the power of our words short. James 3:5 tells us our tongue may be little but it is powerful! How many times do we use our words for good and people are drawn to Christ? How many times have our words pushed someone closer to the world and away from the church? Let the words of our mouth be acceptable to God (Psalm 19:14).

Our words are heavy in the sense they can “knock down” or be the “foundation” for good. The weight of words can be like a wrecking ball or they can be the basis on which to build. Let us be mindful of both the weight and power of words and the influence of the tongue. Humanity has found ways to tame, manage, and control so much in the world, but restraining the tongue continues to be elusive. While we may struggle at restricting our words, may we attempt to overcome this struggle by asking, “How heavy are words?” To ask the question, is to answer the question.

By Allen Jones in Weekly Encouragement

South Green Street church of Christ

Glasgow, KY

## Announcements

### Prayers



**Kayley Mendoza** is still recovering from necrotizing pneumonia. Keep her in prayer.

**Rick Bass** is dealing with health issues. Prayers are appreciated.

Jeff Oaks’ mother, **Helena Oaks**, is home in hospice care. It would be appreciated if anyone would send an uplifting card to her. Her address is 28215 Alder Dr. Warren, MI 48088. Prayers are also greatly appreciated.

**Randall Jatko, family of Chris Jatko**, needs a liver transplant. Asking for prayers.

Pray for the work in **India** that it can continue to train people to spread the Good News.

### Continued Prayers

Adams’-health challenges

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

### News and Notes

#### Bear Valley Bible School

For some time now we have supported Bear Valley students. Since Steven Jaeger graduated we are supporting Caleb Pierce. Pray for his success in his studies.

#### Inglenook Bible Study

A Bible study at 6:30 pm, on Mondays at the Inglenook Senior Living facility have begun. All are welcome to come and support this effort, but we are looking for men who are willing to lead prayers and devotionals.



#### **\*\*\*GROUP TICKETS TO DINNER THEATRE\*\*\***

Is there interest in attending a show as a group?

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you are interested. A minimum of 12 is needed to get the reduced group rate.

Candlelight Dinner Theatre in Johnstown

Scrooge! The Musical

Thursday, November 21st, 6pm

See Kristi Dunham if you have any questions.

#### Social Studies Meeting and Ice Cream Social

**Friday, September 13th, at 6:00 p.m.**, there is a Social Studies meeting and an ice cream social potluck. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please mark your calendars.



#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

August 26	Brett Reitmair	Birthday
August 28	Ivan Stewart	Birthday