

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

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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dunham
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Ron Eudaley

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Reid Jones

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm

“Zoom” Virtual Classes:

4th-6th Grade Fridays @3:00 p.m.

7th-12th Grade Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.



January 24, 2021

He Is Not Here Sam Dilbeck

In a list of random things about herself on the social networking site, Facebook, one teenager reflected an alarming societal trend. Buried between her love of the color purple and which energy drink she preferred, she declared, “I don’t think God is in the church.” For decades the trend has been clear, people believe in God, but malign his church.

Many people believe the church only exists to help people. In a report from the Barna Group the church’s role is changing in the minds of many people. Fewer people believe the basic doctrines: the authority of Scripture, the existence of hell, or the exclusivity of salvation in Christ. Yet most people who don’t support the church expect the church to solve problems like poverty and homelessness.

Initially this sounds like an indictment against the church. Many churches are so inwardly focused that they cannot see those who are hurting. These same churches have many activities to entertain the faithful, but few if any programs to support the poor. This leads many to say the church is irrelevant or that God is not in the church.

Ignorance of the church’s mission and a heightened sensitivity to poverty leads to this critical assumption. The church is God’s hand of benevolence. Through his people he meets the needs of the poor. However, in the U.S. we have more underprivileged than poor. Poverty does not mean my car is old, my cell phone is dumb, and my TV is curved. Charity organizers face a difficult problem—finding deserving people to help.

To be sure some families legitimately need help. Yet in a culture where 10 year-olds carry iPhones, debt is normal, and alarmists see luxuries as necessities, it is hard to see the poor among the underprivileged.

Most Christians want to stop suffering and they will give until it hurts. But they also know laziness, idleness, and foolishness should not be rewarded with God's resources (2 Thes. 3:10).

Many critics of the church do not understand the church's mission. Benevolence and service to others is essential (Mat. 25:31-46; Gal. 6:10). But evangelism and edification are just as essential. Edification strengthens and encourages church members to fulfill their duties as Christians. Evangelism tells others of the good news of salvation. Yet evangelism offends a lot of people because it implies salvation is needed and Jesus is the only way to receive it. Exclusivity and confidence are two of the main reasons people dislike the church. They still believe in God, but they feel the exclusive, confident church does not reflect God—or at least it does not reflect their God.

In reality when man turned his back on God, it was God who initiated the restoration of man by sending his Son to die for reunification. It is this same Son who preached, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). God established the exclusivity of salvation, not man. In the eyes of the outsiders, when churches tell others of the salvation in Christ, they are too exclusive. When churches scrutinize benevolence opportunities, they are not helping the underprivileged. When churches uphold doctrines of Christ, they are outdated. But to the saved these truths are God's marching orders which cannot be ignored or compromised. Simply put, God is where his mission is followed.

So why do so many people believe in God, but shun his church? They create their own god. By blissfully ignoring the Bible people feel free to create God in their own image. If God's wrath is too scary...poof! it's gone. If his obligations seem too heavy, gone! Exclusiveness. Gone! Holiness. Gone! They deconstruct the biblical God trait by trait and replace him with one that satisfies their relativistic values.

Christians must not compromise God to cater to the whims of those who create a god. Their god lives between the color purple and a can of Monster, but he is not in the church. However, the true God lives in his faithful church.

Announcements

Prayer List

Former member, **Joyce Butts**, mother of J'Lea Driver, passed away. Prayer and thoughts go out to the Driver family.

Ernest Kite's son Terry, trying to recover from a (non-COVID) virus.

Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko— recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie— breast cancer

Sam Sims— health problems

Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery

Carlos Tario – COVID-19 recovery

The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes



Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

New Directory

The new January 1, 2021 directory has been sent via email. Please check your information to make sure it is accurate. If changes need to be made contact Ernest Kite at kiter88@comcast.net. Once the changes have been completed then it will be printed.



January 24	PJ Kite	Birthday
January 27	Amy Jensen	Birthday
January 30	Julie Dilbeck	Birthday
January 30	Graham Williams	Birthday