

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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Sunday Morning Men to Serve

Welcome– Ron Jensen

Main Prayer– Tim Parker

Song Leader– Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader– Kevin Dunham

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Marc Moran

Service Time

Worship 10:30 am

"Zoom" virtual classes:

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

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



Nov. 8, 2020

**Smarting Fools
Sam Dilbeck**

What do you call six boys in the woods around a campfire with a big snapping turtle? Trouble. As teens, we often camped in the woods during the summer. Once a snapping turtle walked into our camp. One of those with a massive head, a ridge of spiny plates down its back, and eyes as red as the fires of hell. Through a series of bad decisions, we taunted the turtle and one another, eventually daring Shane to pick up the frightened creature. Shane as pasty white and country as the rest of us, wasn't about to let a dare go unanswered. He grabbed the turtle by the sides of its shell. Everything was going well until Shane tilted the turtle up to look at its head. With the speed of a cheetah the turtle's head shot out and bit a chunk out of Shane's lower lip. Shane yelped in pain as we all sat stunned.

Bad companions can make good people do stupid things. Solomon warned, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Prov. 13:20). Foolish companions corrupt good intentions (Prov. 1:10), good speech (2:12), and good behavior (4:14-17). They turn the gentle to violence and meanness (16:29), the heart to anger and bitterness (22:24-25), and industriousness to gluttony and idleness (23:20-21; 28:7). No wonder Paul wrote, "Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." (1 Cor. 15:33). Even the best intentioned, wisest, and most well-behaved person can be influenced by fools to make destructive decisions.

Solomon correctly observed that keeping company with fools brings destruction, or as the ASV says, they "shall smart for it." That summer around the campfire, Shane suffered by keeping company with a bunch of backwoods, redneck fools.

Contrary to popular opinion, foolishness isn't bred into the "Y" chromosome. It arises from several societal factors. One is boldness in numbers. When we are alone, any trouble we bring falls directly on ourself. However, in a group of two or more, we share blame. In groups there is anonymity. Bad behavior from a group tends to be remembered and recounted as a group. Because of this anonymity and shared responsibility, many people feel emboldened in groups.

However, both assumptions about group life are false. Sharing the guilt of bad behavior does not lighten its burden, but increases it, making everyone bear the greatest guilt. As in Lonesome Dove, Augustus McRae explained to Jake Spoon, "You know how it works, Jake. You ride with an outlaw; you die with an outlaw." Even if we do not engage in bad behavior, our association with fools who do, brings the same degree of responsibility.

Another factor leading to foolishness when running with fools is that sensibilities are lost to silliness. In the 1930s, Kurt Lewin introduced the theory of "groupthink" a phenomenon where identity and cohesiveness within a group becomes more important than individuality. Groupthink leads group members to withhold criticism for the sake of cohesion. Alone, most people have enough sense to stay out of trouble, however, proximity to fools robs good people of good sense. Ideas we would never think of on our own are invented and entertained in the company of fools (Prov. 1:10-14). Safeguards are lowered, standards forsaken, consequences ignored. One moment we are in the crowd crying "Hosanna," the next, "Crucify him!"

Yet another factor of group foolishness is escalating bravado or "one-upmanship." Historically, this gave rise to the "double dare," "triple dare," and the much dreaded and nearly impossible to resist "triple dog dare." The fool introduces an idea. Someone else in the group ups the ante—the jump must be higher, the stunt more extreme, the secret more intimate—and soon lips are scarred.

Looking back, Shane wasn't a bad kid, but he bore the pain of foolish friends. Luckily, only a small scar betrays his decision to run with us. Others in history haven't been so lucky. Bad company doesn't just ruin good morals; it often mocks, injures, dismembers, incapacitates, and even kills people. "A companion of fools shall be destroyed." Don't be destroyed.

Prayers

Jerry Kite's knee surgery was delayed by the hospital, Wednesday morning. He is now scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12th.

Joe Martinez is recovering slowly with a lot of pain and fever. Prayers for a more comfortable recovery.

Raymond Long was recently diagnosed with a benign tumor attached to the outside lining of his brain. The tumor caused him to have a severe seizure which in turn resulted in a compression fracture of the T5 vertebrae in his spine. He has an appointment with a Neurologist on November 9th. Heartfelt thanks for the phone calls, texts, and cards. Please keep Raymond in your prayers.

Prays that the **Jones'** and **Sandovals** have favorable outcomes with their recent brush with the virus.

On Going Prayers

Kerry Crill, Rikk's brother, seizures due to a golf-ball-sized mass is in his brain.

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Jim & Monte Hazlet's- health problems and recent loss of Jim.

Dawn Lell- health problems

KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Jackie-breast cancer

Sam Sims-health problems

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Thank you for your patience ladies. When Naomi is sure that all the Thackers are clear of the virus then we will resume class.

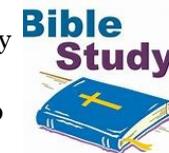


India Work

Please check your email for the latest update on the work in India. It is inspiring all the good that is being done. If you did not get the emails please let one of the elders know and they will add your email address to the list.

Wednesdays Night Bible Study

Last week was the first in-person Wednesday night Bible Study we have had in quite a while. Please remember to put this back into your schedule at 6:30 p.m.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 9	Zachary Wilemon	Birthday
Nov. 10	Ron & Jennifer Jensen	Anniversary
Nov. 14	Terri Osnes	Birthday