

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 75
Sunday pm - 33
Wednesday - 17
Contribution-\$3,736.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Coby Mendoza
Assistant.....Marcos Celaya
AssistantChris Peterson
Assistant.....Chris Jatko
Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner

Psalms 119:41-48

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....John Nason

Sunday Evening

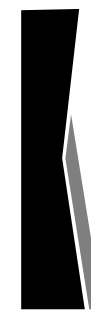
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
Closing Prayer.....James Slagle

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

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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“Exercise or Exorcise”

Studying our Bibles, we see several types of events which took place in their times that do not happen now. Mostly, we notice the presence of miraculous or supernatural activities. During Jesus’ ministry, one of the more disturbing events was that of demon possession. In this period, God allowed for these supernatural beings to enter humans and wreak all kinds of havoc, including multiple personalities (Mk 5:1-20), epileptic-style seizures (Mark 9:14-29), and even muteness (Mt. 9:32-34). In each of these examples Jesus displayed his divine power by commanding these demons to leave the person. In modern terms, we describe this as exorcising demons.

In our time, God has closed that door of allowing for such blatant supernatural possession. However, I would suggest that we still battle demons in our lives. Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” Today, our demons look more like the demons of addiction, obsessions, broken homes, and so forth. They follow us everywhere we go and can impact generations of our families. One reason why they follow us so ardently is because too many people are spending time EXERCISING their demons instead of EXORCISING them. The difference is lifechanging.

EXERCISE



EXERCISING means we are putting something into practice or putting it to work for us. We go to the gym to exercise our bodies through rigorous activity. We exercise our

freedom when we go vote in elections. We exercise our minds when we read and study. We can exercise our demons by regularly and willfully engaging in whatever activity it is that controls us. For example, the addict actively seeks out whatever it is that gives him the high, whether drugs, alcohol, pornography, etc. Or perhaps one could exercise their demons by doing nothing at all. Instead of being proactive against the damaging effects, they simply wallow in the misery of their pain.

EXORCISING is the process of expelling those demons from our lives. It means to banish them by the power of someone greater than it. Just like in Bible times, exorcising our demons depends on the power of Jesus' name and the presence of his Spirit. His grace can reshape our souls through and through (Rom. 8:1-11; Gal. 2:20). Yet, EXORCISING our demons also requires that we EXERCISE the spiritual things that allow Jesus to shape us. Paul goes on to say in Ephesians 6:13-18 that we must put on (aka "put to use") the armor of God which involves truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, the word of God, alertness, perseverance, and prayer. Putting this armor to use is part of the way Jesus exorcises demons from our lives so that we can be conformed into his image more and more (Rom. 8:29).

Today, I challenge you to take a good look at your life. What demon(s) are you struggling to break free from? Are you responding in a way to EXORCISE them, or are you EXERCISING them? What will be your next step to let the power of Jesus change you?

Cory Waddell 05/07/23 - Bulletin Article

Announcements

Prayers

Ronn Eudaley is still in St. Luke's Hospital recovering from surgery. Visitors are welcome.

Former member, **Linda Buck**, is recovering from the flu and pneumonia. Thank you for all the prayers.

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

Prayers for the work in **India**. Pray for the health and strength of the fellow Christian workers who spread the Gospel.

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-passed away after a battle with cancer. Pray for comfort for the family.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko- health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker- headaches from concussion

Chris Welsby- myopathy

Diana Oaks' friend's daughter, Danielle- long term illness

Jennifer Sandstede's Aunt JoAnn Berdahl- kidney failure

News and Notes

Summer Food Drive

Today is the last day of the Summer Food Drive.

Thank you so very much to those who have continued to support this effort!

The following items are high priority items they need:

Olive oil, deodorant, toothpaste, face wash, face moisturizer, paper towels, non foam paper plates, dish washer detergent.



Teen/Young Adult Devo

Saturday, June 17 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm devo

Dunham Home, 885 Rose Ct, Brighton
Pizza and drinks will be provided
Please bring a side or dessert Friends
Welcome!



Funeral Service

Betty Boyd, former member of the Brighton Church of Christ, passed away on May 14th. Betty's services will be held at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Area A **this Tuesday, June 13th** at 11:00. If anyone wants to send flowers, the flowers have to be at Tabor Funeral Home on Monday, June 12th. If one desires, a gift to any charity in Betty's name would be appreciated.



Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is on Wednesday, August 2nd-Friday, August 4th. It seems like a ways away but it will come up quick. If you are able to help Mark out with this effort, please let him know. There are different positions available to fill.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
June 11	Carol Welsby	Birthday
June 12	Jeff & Diana Oaks	Anniversary
June 14	Dailey Reitmair	Birthday