

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 Morning Men to Serve

Welcome– Ron Jensen

Main Prayer– Reid Jones

Song Leader– Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader– Coby Mendoza

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Wayne Manzanares

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.



Oct. 18, 2020

A Question About Interpretation **Sam Dilbeck**

Someone recently asked, "What is the status of a person's salvation if they disagree with the 'Church of Christ's' interpretation of scripture?" He went on to explain, "I ask because I am a member and still struggle with interpretation. I know some people at the 'CoC' who don't agree with everything that is taught. I go to the 'CoC' because I believe they follow God's word more closely than other churches."

We appreciate the sincerity of this person to ask such a difficult question. Many people want to ask questions like this but fear a rebuke from other members of the church. Sadly, this fear isn't unfounded. Too many Christians today hold tenaciously to their traditions, attempting to bully others to toe their line. This causes some Christians to question the status of their salvation or the viability of their relationship with the church. What does the Bible say about interpretation and its link with salvation?

Interpretation refers to the explanation of a passage of scripture. Hermeneutics is the formal science of interpretation and to many it seems daunting because it requires several skills of study. There is a verbal study that includes semantics (defining words) and syntax (examining how the words relate to one another). There is a contextual study considering the sectional context (the overall meaning of the section the passage is found in); the book context (the thrust of the book containing the passage); the canonical context (the theme of the Bible as a whole); and the immediate context (the verses immediately surrounding the passage). Interpretation also includes environmental study to examine the time, place and conditions of the author and the audience. Then there is a historical study that pays attention to the history leading to the passage's writing, the history

surrounding the writing, and the history following the writing. (See Walter Kaiser's Toward an Exegetical Theology for more information on the history of Bible study and interpretation.)

As Bible students employ the verbal, contextual, environmental, and historical study skills he can exegete or "draw out" the meaning of a passage. This conceptualized meaning of a passage is the interpretation.

Thus, the act of interpreting the Bible intimidates and confuses many people. God created the Bible as a book of instructions to be understood by the simplest man with a sincere heart. Amazingly it also explores the depths of humanity that challenges the most advanced scholars.

What about the "Church of Christ's interpretation"? Is it different from other interpretations? Is there an official interpretation of the church? These questions and ones like them litter the mind of many of people. The answer comes from Paul. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15 ESV).

God expects personal interpretation, "present yourself." The church uses corporate study not to disperse "official doctrine," but to pool understanding and help Christians find the meaning of the text together. In the end, however, every individual must come to their own conclusion.

The church doesn't determine salvation. God does, "one approved...no need to be ashamed." One's status depends on his ability to follow God's instructions. An improper understanding will result in an improper life—ashamed before God.

Finally, Paul understood the importance of personal interpretation, "rightly handling the word of truth." Everyone has the duty to handle or interpret it correctly. Does this mean that everyone has to follow the "Church of Christ's" interpretation? No! It means everyone must follow God's interpretation.

Albert Barnes comments on this phrase, "The word here rendered 'rightly dividing [or rightly handling ESV],' occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. It means, properly, 'to cut straight, to divide right.'" When God wrote the Bible, He had a single meaning in mind for every passage. His original intent is the straight line. Bible students must cut along that straight line, not turning to the right or left (Josh. 1:7-8). Otherwise every interpretation would create a "new" Bible and there would be no standard for God's judgment.

The goal isn't to interpret like the church or a preacher or another person or group. The goal is to interpret like God.

Prayers

Terri Osnes also has surgery coming up soon.

Jerry Kite will have knee surgery in November.

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.

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

Dawn Lell- health problems

KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Jackie-breast cancer

Sam Sims-health problems

Continue to pray for the **work in India**.

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class is taking a break. We will resume on Wednesday, November, 4th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you to all the ladies who have been attending so faithfully. You're an encouragement.



Baby blanket for the Bishop baby

If you are interested in a square, contact me, Lara Jatko, by email, text. Once you contact me, we will figure out how to get the square to those who are shut up.

email: larajatko3@gmail.com

text: 303-513-0556.



Soup Supper and Game Night Canceled

As of Friday, October 16th, Tri County Health has put Adams County on Level 2 public health order.

This means that personal gatherings of over 5 are prohibited. I am sad to say that the soup supper and game night will need to be canceled until the level 2 order is finished.

Welcome to our newest member

Lew Ron Eudaley

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 20	Mark Thacker	Birthday
Oct. 21	Tim Parker	Birthday
Oct. 23	Chris Jatko	Birthday
Oct. 23	Mike Jatko	Birthday
Oct. 24	Ann Adams	Birthday