

## 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

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 83  
Sunday pm - 30  
Wednesday - 28  
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## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer..... Mark Thacker  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Assistant.....Chris Peterson  
Assistant .....Alan Samuelson  
Assistant.....Nolan Peterson  
Assistant.....Kayden Dergibny  
Scripture Reading.....Chris Peterson

Psalms 119:81-88

Lesson.....Cory Pierce  
Closing Prayer.....John Nason

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer.....Kaden Dunham  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Lesson.....Jeff Oaks  
Closing Prayer.....Paul Nikolai

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Chris Peterson

## Service Times

Sundays:  
Morning classes 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Evening worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays:  
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



July 16, 2023

### The Smoke Will Keep Pouring In

Headline: "Smoke will keep pouring into the U.S. as long as fires are burning in Canada. Here's why they aren't being put out."

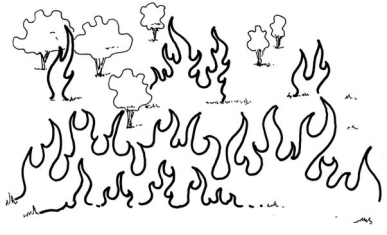
Not long ago, we were seeing pictures of the New York skyline where the sky was a very eerie orange color. Several walking the streets were not merely wearing covid masks, but gas masks to keep from breathing in the air.

· Last that I saw, more than 100 million Americans are under air quality alerts (from Wisconsin to North Carolina).

Even more recently, we've all noticed how at times our own local sky seems unusually hazy. It has been noted that our own air quality has been compromised to some extent.

We know that the reason for all of this is the unusual number of wildfires in Canada.

· Apparently, there are more than 500 active wildfires raging in our neighbor to the north.



· At least 10 countries have deployed their own fire-fighters to assist Canada in putting out the fires that are threatening communities where residents are scrambling to evacuate.

· Some of the fires are actually of such a nature that officials have no choice but to leave them burning.

· How could this be? Why would they intentionally let the fires burn unchecked?

Briefly, we will compare why sin is so hard to slow down / stop to the way that some of these Canadian wildfires are so difficult to stop.

(1) Some of the fires are in extremely remote areas.

· Sometimes we think we are a lost cause—we and our sin are so remote and so unimportant that nobody would think to help or to rescue us.

· Not true! God loves us and knows how to rescue! (John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 2:9)

(2) There are not enough resources to fight all the fires.

· Even with help from around the world, there is not enough manpower to fight the powerful flames.

· Similarly, we can't fight sin alone, but the Lord has blessed us with all the resources we could ever need: The Word (Ps. 119:25-32); the Church (1 Cor. 14:12; 1 Thess. 5:11); the Spirit (Eph. 3:16); and the Christ (Rom. 8:34).

(3) There have not been enough prevention tactics to decrease the number of fires.

· Planning and resources should be utilized before any fires start to help prevent catastrophe.

· We must create “defensible space” by studying and knowing the Word (2 Tim. 2:15) and surrounding ourselves with faithful Christians (Rom. 11:2).

By Bart Warren in Weekly Encouragement

July 6, 2023 South Green church of Christ

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Ronn Eudaley** is home and still recovering and adjusting.

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.

### Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko- health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker- headaches from concussion

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

Jennifer Sandstede's Aunt JoAnn Berdahl- kidney failure

### News and Notes

#### New Address

Chris & Carol Welsby

120 3rd Street

Copper Hill, TN 37137

#### Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is on **Wednesday, August 2nd—Friday, August 4th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** 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.



#### VBS Decoration and Craft Prep

Sunday, July 23rd 3:00 pm

Church Building



#### Ice Blocking and Fellowship

Saturday, July 22nd

6:00 pm

Thornton Community Park

Near Vine and Thornton Parkway

Bring an Ice Block and old towel if you plan to participate.

Please bring your own food, drink and chair.

#### New Elder

Our elders announced that Kevin Dunham has been installed as an elder. We are thankful for Kevin's willingness to serve in this role.

#### Tin Cans Needed for VBS

We are collecting empty tin cans for a VBS craft. Vegetable size is ideal but will take any size. Please drop your cans in the box near the VBS sign in the foyer. Thank you!



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
July 18	Joe & Christine Martinez	Anniversary
July 22	KD & Sherry Derbigny	Anniversary