

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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Sunday Morning Men to Serve

Welcome— Ron Jensen

Main Prayer— Ernest Kite

Song Leader— Les Tucker

Lord's Supper Leader— Reid Jones

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section— Frank DeShane

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.



August 23, 2020

**Debate Directions
Sam Dilbeck**

For me, dream-discussions often incite them—dreams that is. When dreams come up, many people put on their amateur-psychologist hat and play guessing games about the meanings of the dream elements. When these hats come out, I look for ways to slip out...and take a nap. So, let me tell you about dream I had (I know, I'm a hypocrite).

Often, I dream about preaching a lesson that I'm working on and can hear how it sounds long before I preach it. In some instances I can even stop, rewind, or edit my words. Every once in a while, though, I dream about a topic or subject that I am not working on and I use it to develop a lesson. Such was the case with this dream.

While preaching a lesson on love I made a statement about confrontation, conflict, and debate and how they fit with the theme of love. In every loving relationship strife arises. When it does, we must determine in which direction the debate will go. After I awoke, I pondered the idea of debate directions and came up with a few ideas—especially when it comes to our relationships in the church.

Debating Downward

Sometimes in conflict we want to win our argument and put our opponent in their place or humiliate them in front of others. We want them to feel the sting of rebuke, the heat of embarrassment, or the bite of ridicule. This is debating downward. Festus argued this way with Paul, "And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud

voice, ‘Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind’” (Acts 26:24). Festus wanted to mock Paul, not find the truth.

Debating Sideways

When Christians debate over inconsequential matters, they debate sideways. Often, we hear people preface their arguments, “This is not a matter of fellowship,” then argue virulently resulting in conflict, turmoil, and hurt feelings. In these debates there is no potential for spiritual gain. In fact, sideways debating can sever relationships as it did for a time with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:39-40).

Debating Upward

Love debates upward, seeking the ultimate good for the soul, motivated by love, and characterized by kindness. Upward debates focus on soul damning disagreements, not personal attacks, mocking or ridicule.

Paul engaged in upward debating when he challenged the people of Athens to reconsider their religious ways (Acts 17:22-23). He introduced them to God—the only source of salvation.

Religious debates are unavoidable in Christian living. By manifesting our convictions to others, conflict will eventually ensue—even among those with whom we mostly agree. However, we choose our debate direction. Will we seek downward or sideways debating, or will we debate upwardly to the high calling of God?

Prayers

Jennifer Kite and Terri Osnes are asking for prayers for Jennifer’s **Aunt Gloria**, mom’s sister-in-law, since she has covid-19. She has multiple health issues including diabetes and kidney problems requiring dialysis. She has been isolated in the hospital while her husband and grown daughter are now isolating at home in Georgia.

Bill and Ann Adams have asked prayers for their **son-in-law** who is having Stent surgery soon and for their **grandson Brad**, who has been diagnosed with COVIDD-19.

On Going Prayers

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures.

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

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 Aunt Jackie-breast cancer

Sam Sims-health problems

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will start up again Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the full-filled prophecies book by book.



India Update

Also, Dr. Paul has send the following prayer request from India: Prayers for you safety during this pandemic time. Appreciate the church there for participation in Gods work.

One of the boys from the preacher school in Chennai recovered from the Covid infection and is back from the hospital. The rest of them are getting well.

Our coworker Prakash from Raipur reports 3 baptism. Coworker Rajian from Arkonam reports 6 baptism. 2 school boys from Godson School were baptised.

Our government has allowed small congregations to meet but not on Sunday. Hope they will open for Sunday’s as well soon.

Thanks so much

In Christian love

Paul

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Aug. 23 | Ivan & Margie Stewart | Anniversary |
| Aug. 28 | Johanna Bohannon | Birthday |
| Aug. 28 | Ivan Stewart | Birthday |