

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 - 76
Sunday pm - 31
Wednesday - 27
Contribution-\$3,417.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Steven Jaeger
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....KD Derbigny
 Assistant..... Chris Warner
 AssistantAlan Samuelson
 Assistant.....Marcos Celaya
 Assistant.....Paul Nikolai
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson

Psalms 119:137-144

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....James Slagle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer..... Marc Moran
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
 Closing Prayer.....Kevin Dunham

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



September 3, 2023

Social Media's Problem

“A fool does not delight in understanding,
 But only in revealing his own mind.”
 (Proverbs 18:2)

According to recent statistics, there are approximately 2.5 billion (with a ‘B’!) users worldwide of social media platforms. Projections are that in a few years it will bypass 3 billion. There are presently 243 million users in the United States - 81% of the population! (<https://www.statista.com/topics/1164/social-networks/>)

There are many good uses of social media. The exchange of news and the connection of old friends have been a noted benefit. It has also provided opportunities to preach the gospel to the lost.

One major problem, however, is revealed in this proverb. Before social media, those without knowledge and understanding had very few listeners. Now, thanks to social media, their unlearned ideas can be broadcast to the world. People without knowledge of world events or history can now express their views. People without even a surface knowledge of the Bible presume to argue theological points. Social media has allowed society to skip a very important aspect: “learn first, talk later.” Now, it is “learn? No! Talk? Absolutely!”



A friend recently quipped: “Before social media we really didn’t know how many fools there are in the world. Now we do!” As Solomon noted, these fools delight “only in revealing their own mind.”

Consider several modern applications of this timeless proverb:

There are many who are not interested in learning. The book of Proverbs has made it clear that learning is work. One is going to have to invest time (1:20-33). It requires concentration and focus (17:24).

There are many who do not fear the Lord. According to 1:7, this has to be the starting point to knowledge. If a person tries to bypass fearing the Lord on the road to education, his or her learning will be faulty and conclusions flawed. Solomon says “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (9:10).

There are many who enjoy revealing their own opinions. When I was growing up, my mother said “you have to earn the right to speak.” Later, my teachers emphasized the importance of “credibility.” They said that no one should listen to one who has not properly studied a topic.

There are fools among us. We may even join their ranks if we presume to address topics that we have not personally studied. Solomon says that “fools die for lack of understanding” (10:21). If we are on social media, we must have our guards up. Some may even present themselves as an expert on a subject, but are fools.

There is understanding in silence. While it is tempting to speak up, wisdom tells us “Be quiet!” (10:19; 17:27). Solomon will say: “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him” (26:4). Some comments on social media are so outrageous that it is a waste of time to even try to respond.

There is a time for speaking. As noted earlier, it is appropriate to speak when the topic has been well studied. Another time would be when a fool is apparently gaining a significant following. Solomon also says: “Answer a fool as his folly deserves, lest he be wise in his own eyes” (26:5).

Denny Petrillo 08/06/23 - Bulletin Article

Mt. Carmel church of Christ

Announcements

Prayers

Angie Olivas had a fall and hit her chest on her night stand and has been in a lot of pain. Please pray that her doctor can find a way to ease her suffering.

Ernest Kite is home recovering from his surgery.

Bill and Ann Adams are thankful to everyone for the beautiful cards and all the prayers. They appreciate all of you!

Georgiana Savoie, sister of Rickie Bass, (former members of Thornton) will undergo major back surgery. Prayers please for a positive outcome.

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

Ronn Eudaley-adjusting to the loss of his lower leg

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems & prayers for the family tending to her.

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

Jennifer Sandstede’s Aunt JoAnn Berdahl– kidney failure

News and Notes

Social Studies Bible Study

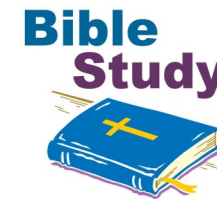
September 15th (new date)

885 Rose Court Brighton

Potluck 6pm Study 7pm

Food theme: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided- please bring a side.

ALL ARE WELCOME (childcare provided)



Note from Dale & Mechelle Bishop

Dear Family,

Because we spend so much time away, we have decided to withdraw our membership from the Brighton congregation. We will be placing membership in Oklahoma very soon so that we can begin serving the Lord and His church there. We are currently attending the Edmond church of Christ with Holly and Colton and their families.

We have been a part of this family for about 17 years and during that time we have grown to cherish you all in our hearts. We’ve been through a few ups and downs along the way that have drawn us closer together. We will therefore miss you terribly and long to see you between visits.

We do apologize for being gone and causing any discouragement, however, this last month was not deliberate. We have not been able to travel back to Colorado for medical reasons. Dale had a torn retina that required emergency surgery which in turn made us stay at lower altitudes until it was safe to drive back.

We will keep you in our prayers as you continue to search for a full-time minister, knowing fully that God gives the church what it needs.

Thank you for your love and prayers as we make the transition, once again, to a larger congregation. We will miss the familial relationships at Brighton.

Dale and Mechelle Bishop

