

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 -74
Sunday pm - 29
Wednesday - 26
Contribution-\$4,148.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Assistant.....Chris Jatko
 AssistantJim Learned
 Assistant.....Alan Samuelson
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
 Scripture Reading.....John Nason

Matthew 6:19-24

Lesson..... Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer.....Marcos Celaya

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Ernest Kite
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
 Closing Prayer.....Brett Reitmair

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....

Service Times

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



February 4, 2024

Agape Love

It is remarkable how we most often use the word “love” to describe an emotional feeling. When we use the expressions like “falling in love,” “falling out of love” or “I don’t love him anymore,” we are limiting the meaning of love to the emotions which are stirred within us. The Greek language had many words to describe the many facets of love. Our failure to understand one of these words, the Greek word agape, keeps us from properly dealing with others and robs us of one the great blessings of Christianity.

As a child, I always thought of love as an emotion, so when I read Jesus’ words about loving your enemies, I struggled to obey him. My emotional attitude toward my enemy was so far removed from any concept I had of love. (By the way, this struggle is also found in many marriages where a husband or wife is always mistreating their mate). What emotions does one have when people around him are mocking, verbally abusing or insulting him? It is to emotionally respond with anger and the desire to respond in kind to what they are doing—to hurt them like they are hurting us. How can you “love” those who wrong you? Does God really expect me to “love” them?



The answer is found in realizing that when Jesus talked about love (agape) he was not talking about the emotional response we had toward them, but about how we treated them. Agape love has far more to do with how

we treat others than how we emotionally respond to them.

Paul discusses this in the closing verses of Romans chapter twelve. Christians were soon to be the objects of scorn, and Nero was about to blame the Christians for burning Rome. In addition to this persecution from the pagans, the Christians had been and were the focus of abuse and persecution from the Jews. What reaction did God expect from the citizens of His kingdom?

It was not a reaction of retaliation. The clearest direction can be summed up in Paul's words. "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." The gravest danger we face is that when others treat us in ungodly ways, we feel we have a right to respond and repay them. Someone once said, "It is never right to do wrong," and these words capture the apostle's thought. Enemies are under the eternal judgment of God. Why should we ever join them in doing wrong!

Our response? What does agape love demand of us? Not an emotional response, but simply to treat them with kindness—to respond as Jesus did toward His enemies. But how do I deal with the anger? I turn it over to God. Paul reminded them that vengeance is God's, and He will always repay. We win when we overcome evil with good!

February 3, 2017

Dan Jenkins

Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ

Announcements

Prayers



Cynthia Nickels is scheduled for surgery on June 26th. She is asking for prayers that her surgery will be moved to a sooner date.

Sam Dunham started his cancer treatments. He was admitted last week due to weakness that the treatment caused. Prayers that the doctors can adjust the treatments to minimize the discomfort.

Prayer request for **Raymond and Meredith Long**. Meredith had the surgery on her vertebrae. Pray that her recovery will bring lasting relief.

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

Nona Barton is a member of the Golden church of Christ and is fighting stage 4 lung cancer. Prayers for the best possible outcome.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

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

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

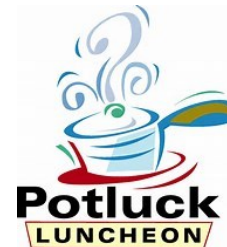
Tim Parker— headaches from concussion

Bill and Ann Adams-health complications

News and Notes

Potluck Today

Today right after morning service is the first Sunday Potluck. Stay and share a meal and time with the brethren.



February Italian Dinner

Please plan to attend this fun evening and allow the youth of the congregation to serve you!



This Saturday February 10th, 5:30 pm / Church Building

Food and Entertainment will be provided by the Youth Group. Please sign up on the youth group bulletin_board if **you** plan to attend. All are welcome!

Bear Valley Bible Institute Seminar

OVERCOME The Porn Addiction Seminar

When: Friday, February 9th 9:00 a.m.

The last class starts at 1:30 pm followed by a Q & A session

Those who are interested in attending, please email the Bear Valley Bible Institute office - info@wetrainpreachers.com.

Baptism

Friday evening Genesis Celaya was baptized into Christ. Encourage her as she begins her Christian journey.



Food Drive February 11th
CHILDREN'S HOME One week left to gather items for the

children's home. A full list of the items needed are on their table in the foyer. The items they need the most are: Cereal, Instant oatmeal packets, cookies, brownie mix, Granola bars, Kind bars, Cliff bars, Belvita, crackers like Cheez-It, Chicken n Biscuit, Gold Fish, mayonnaise, non-stick cooking spray, tea, Lipton & herbal, cold medicine, non foam paper plates, 30 gallon heavy duty trash bags. They also like gift cards to Walmart, Sams Club and King Soopers to purchase perishable items.



Birthdays and Anniversaries