

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 - 75
Sunday pm - 25
Wednesday - 28
Contribution-\$4,745.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....John Nason
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
 Assistant..... James Slagle
 AssistantCoby Mendoza
 Assistant.....Nolan Peterson
 Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny
 Scripture Reading.....Kaden Dunham

Psalms 119:145-152

Lesson.....Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer..... Paul Nikolai

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
 Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 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



September 10, 2023

Long Game and Short Game

In March of 2022 an article was published about golfer Tiger Woods’ recovery from a horrific auto accident the previous year which did significant damage to his lower body. It lauded the fact the golfing legend had finally played his first full 18 holes in his quest to return to the game. Prior to this full round he had played only his short irons for several months and had refrained from swinging his long-distance clubs. Those who play golf understand the wisdom in this tactic, because the long-distance clubs require considerably more torque on one’s lower body than the short clubs. However, it doesn’t take much to also recognize that eventually Woods was going to have to address his long game if he ever wanted to compete in the PGA again. It is simply not possible to succeed in golf if you don’t have both elements in your arsenal.

This stage in Tiger’s rehab presents us with an interesting spiritual illustration. As Christians we need to not just think about the “short game” of our ministries, but the “long game” as well. Let me explain.

The “short game” mentality is the one which seeks to enact a change very quickly. Perhaps a need is identified in the church and a new ministry is created to fill it.

Maybe someone's lapse in moral judgment leads them to make some quick changes in company or practices. The short game is a necessary part of spiritual living, but it must work with the "long game" as well.

The "long game" mentality is one which considers what effects a decision or series of decisions will have several years down the road. "If I/we do this now, where will it lead in 5, 10, or 15 years?" There are multiple values to the "long game." For one, it is a way to identify and mitigate undesirable outcomes. You can catch a problem before it ever happens. Yet, it is also key to bringing about more lasting and impactful change for the cause of Christ. For instance: Do you want adults who are steeped in sound Bible knowledge? Then you need to think about what kinds of ministries will start the current kindergarteners on that path and not just focus on the current adults. The key is using "short term" mentalities as steps to reach the "long term" goals.

In truth, God gave us this very example in his plan of salvation. Galatians 4:4 tells us that Jesus came in the "fullness of time," indicating that his arrival was not haphazard or spontaneous. It was the result of a well-executed "long game" plan stretching all the way back to the garden of Eden. God dealt with needs in the short term through patriarchs and Mosaic Law, but these were "short game" steps to get us to Jesus. He shaped and prepared humanity for generations until Jesus could come to save us all.

Why does this matter? Satan has been using this approach for a long time. Our news feeds are filled with all manner of confusion, immorality, indecency, and lostness, about which Christians often opine, "things didn't used to be this way." Yet these changes did not happen overnight. They are the culmination of Satan working for a long time, chipping away a little bit each generation. If it took generations for us to get here, then it will probably take generations to see a complete shift.

This means the church must be investing in both present needs and a future legacy. Our ministries should be made with the vision of how they will impact our great-grandchildren's lives. The gospel is still powerful to change individuals and communities. As we share its message, God will impact as many as possible now, but with the goal of reshaping the world again in the future, until he returns. If we want to be the most fruitful we can be, let us not be solely focused on the "short game," but make sure we are adding the "long game" as well.

Cory Waddell 04/23/23 - Bulletin Article

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.

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

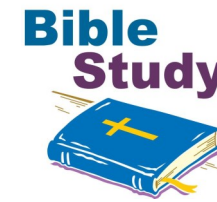
September 15th (new date)

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

Upcoming Events

Young Adult/Teen Event September 23rd see bulletin board in the foyer.

