

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 - 92
Sunday pm - 28
Wednesday - 32
Contribution- \$4,961.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Dale Bishop
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marcos Celaya
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant	Chris Peterson
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Assistant.....	Les Tucker
Scripture Reading.....	Kaden Dunham

John 15:12-17

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Marc Moran

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Mark Thacker
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Ronn Eudaley

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Kevin Dunham
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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 13, 2022

Blue Collar Christianity
Sam Dilbeck

They come from labor dungeons, sewers, and greasy pits. Their calloused hands work the line in steel mills, cotton mills, and paper mills across the country. They build homes and businesses and keep them running. When those become obsolete, they tear them down and rebuild. They handle raw sewage, hazardous materials, and trash...lots of trash. They melt, smelt, unclog, frame, clean, connect, mow, and glean. Who are they? They are laborers. Blue-collar workers. Because of them we have food, clothes, houses, and leisure. They impact everyone's lives, even other blue-collar workers. They make the world work.

The workforce is composed of colored collars—white and blue. White-collar workers usually have more education, work in corporate offices, or as professionals like doctors, lawyers, and engineers. Blue-collar workers do the work. They get their hands dirty with physical labor. White-collars design buildings and, blue-collars build them.

Many people measure success by the color of their collar, breeding disdain for lower working classes. This has created a workplace crisis. Fewer and fewer people willfully take the dirty jobs. Nobody wants to dig ditches or pour asphalt. Everyone wants the white-collar jobs—but someone still needs to clean the toilet.

The working class of societal servants ought to be praised for their willingness to take on the hard, often unnoticed, and thankless tasks. No one should suffer prejudice, disdain, or insult because of his working class, but sadly many do.

The church has been infected with a collar caste system too. Across the country, Christians from the professional sector have hired out their dirty work at home. Someone cleans their house, mows their yard, and washes their car. That is how the marketplace works, and there is nothing wrong with it until white-collar Christians try to hire out their spiritual work too.

Christianity is a blue-collar religion, requiring every member to work. God created us to do good works (Eph. 2:10). He calls us to model good works to the world (Tit. 2:7). He challenges us to be zealous for good works (Tit. 2:14). We cannot pay someone to do our evangelism, worship, or any other Christian duty. When it comes to Christ, every collar is the same shade of blue (Gal. 3:28).

Christians serve. The disciples debated their roles as servants. Once while the disciples argued among themselves, Jesus asked what they were talking about. They were arguing over who was the greatest. Each of them wanted the white-collar job of leadership, but Jesus admonished, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). There are no white collars in his kingdom. Everyone serves.

The church needs workers, not managers. When upper class Christians translate their secular status into their religious status, they jeopardize the work of the church. Jesus reported that "the harvest is plentiful" (Mat. 9:37). Lost souls surround the kingdom needing salvation. But too many Christians wear white collars and wait for someone else to go into the fields to harvest. Hence, after Jesus reported the bounty of the harvest, he lamented, "but the laborers are few" (Mat. 9:37). Then he added, "Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mat. 9:38).

The irony is as we pray for laborers, we pray for ourselves. Jesus commissioned disciples to "go into all the world and make disciples" (Mat. 28:19). That obligation falls to us. We are the harvesters. With sweat-stained blue collars we enter the vineyard. We work. We serve. We teach. We go.

The American labor crisis has given rise to illegal immigration, poor work ethics, and social prejudice. However, the secular crisis is a gnat's breath compared to the spiritual work crisis. When Christians are above getting their hands soiled while sowing, souls die, churches fold, and salvation is forfeited. Let us all put on our work clothes and grab the plow. Living Christ demands blue collars, dirty fingernails, and a servant's heart.

Announcements

Prayers

Linda Shelton's daughter, Angie, who had been in a serious car accident, has been transferred to Craig Rehabilitation in Englewood. Angie's blood pressure issues were caused by the injury to her spinal cord. The brain is having issues getting messages through the injured part of the spinal cord.

For the moment there are restrictions on who can visit so no visitors for now. Please continue to pray for her recovery.

Chris Welsby is on oxygen since he had COVID. He also was to have shoulder surgery but it was postponed because his white blood count is high and the doctors don't know the cause. Prayers please.

Joe Baker, Kristi Dunham's father, is in need for his health.

Sam Sims' son, Jared, fell down the stairs and hit his head. He is home now. Prayers for a complete recovery.

Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko— recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sam Sims— health problems

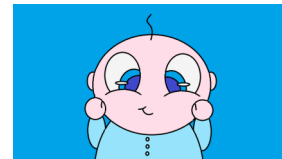
Elmo Wilson— recovery from a stroke

David Bryant— broken pelvis recovery

News and Notes

Baby Registry

KD and Sherry Derbigny's daughter, Missouri Zwolinski is expecting! She is registered at Babylist.com under Kevin and Missouri Zwolinski. The link is: Zwolinski Baby Registry <https://www.babylist.com/kevin-and-missouri-zwolinski>.



Note from the Wileys

Dear church family,

We can't thank you enough for the gifts and generosity. We are so blessed that we found you guys! And we can't wait to bring the little one to church and read our new Bible!



Much love,
Abigail & Cody Wiley



Mountain States Children's Home is resuming their request for foods and supplies. We are very behind on this drive; sorry everyone. Please bring the items Sunday, February 12th for the Monday pickup. If you miss this drive it is OK, there will be another. The MSCH table is in the foyer again. These are the items they really need:

Paper towels, Kleenex, Swiffer Duster and Pads, Individual chips and snacks for lunches, Granola bars, Kind Bars, Cliff Bars, Belvita Brea;kfast bars, Carnation Instant Breakfast, breakfast essentials, cereal, coffee, tea-herbal, Lipton, peppermint, Sleepy Time, bay leaves, cake frosting, vinegar, shortening, Ibuprofen, Acetamiphoen, allergy medicine, cold medicine, King Soopers gift cards, Walmart gift cards, Sam's Club gift cards for fresh items. Please check the expiration dates. Due to CO Health Regulations they can not accept expired items.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
February 13	Hugo Romero & Berenice Chavarria	Anniversary
February 15	Mike Lorenzo	Birthday
February 15	Paul Nikolai	Birthday