

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 - 75
Sunday pm - 33
Wednesday - weather closure
Contribution- \$13,832.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....	Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....	Coby Mendoza
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Paul Nikolai
Assistant.....	Alan Samuelson
Assistant	Chris Welsby
Assistant.....	Kayden Derbigny
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Scripture Reading.....	Steven Jaeger
	Luke 11:11-13
Lesson.....	Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....	KD Derbigny

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	
Opening Prayer.....	
Lord's Supper Leader.....	
Lesson.....	
Closing Prayer.....	

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Marc Moran
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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



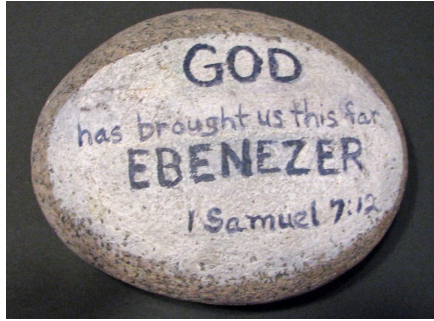
December 25 , 2022

**“Here I Raise My Ebenezer”
Raymond Sieg
11/13/2016**

Church of christ of Greater Daytona

An appropriate hymn for this time of year is O Thou Fount of Every Blessing. In general, this beautiful song reminds us that God is the source of all good blessings. This certainly is a scriptural principle, according to James 1:17: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” More specifically, however, this song exhorts us to praise God and remain faithful to Him because of the fact that He gives us all good things.

The second verse of this song is quite interesting in that it says, “Here I raise my Ebenezer.” To determine the meaning of this statement we need to turn to the Scriptures. There are three passages that mention “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 4:1; 5:1; 7:12).



We learn from two passages that Ebenezer was the name of a city. In 1 Samuel 4:1 we read: “And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out

against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.” This chapter informs us that the Israelites suffered tremendously in this location. The Philistines defeated them, the ark of the covenant was taken, and Eli and his sons died. This brings us to 1 Samuel 5:1: “And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.” This chapter and the following chapter teach us that the Philistines suffered so greatly after taking the ark of the covenant that they decided to return it to the Israelites.

The ark remained in Kirjath-jearim for twenty years (1 Samuel 7:1-2). Eventually, Samuel called upon the Israelites to repent. After they did so, they defeated the Philistines. This brings us to the third reference to Ebenezer in 1 Samuel 7:12: “Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” Ebenezer means “stone of the help.” Samuel set up this stone because God helped the Israelites by giving them this victory over the Philistines. Perhaps this will help us better understand the second verse of O Thou Fount of Every Blessing: “Here I raise my Ebenezer: Hither by Thy help I’ve come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home; Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood.”

Announcements

Prayers

Prayers for safe travels for the number of members who will be traveling this holiday season.

Linda Sanchez’s son Nick has cancer. Please pray for the best possible outcome as he begins the treatments.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Sam Sims– health problems

Brett Reitmair’s father, Bernie, heart attack.

David Bryant’s mother– stroke recovery

Chris Jatko’s Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

There will be no Sunday evening service Tonight

This day is very special to many of our members, especially with family visiting, some from far off. We don’t want to make members choose between visiting with their family or attending evening service. Be assured that we feel all worship and meeting times are important and we do not expect to cancel for any other events except for safety concerns. (e.g. dangerous snow events)



2023 Calendar

Since 2020’s Brighton church of Christ calendar was interrupted, we haven’t had a full year calendar prepared. This year we plan to change that. In addition to the usual Bible Studies we are

going to plan the events that we have traditionally had, Vacation Bible School, Ice Cream Social, Soup Supper/Luncheon. If anyone has any input, suggestions, willingness to volunteer, please let Mark Thacker know.

Brighton church of Christ Directory



Ernest Kite has been diligent on updating our directory so it stays current. Since the new year is upon us, please check the directory and make sure all the information for your family is correct. If not, please let Ernest know so that our next 2023 update is accurate.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
December 26	Genesis Celaya	Birthday
December 31	Becca Manzanares	Birthday