

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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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Coby Mendoza
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Kevin Dunham

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



May 9, 2021

The Good, the Bad, and the Funny Sam Dilbeck

William Shakespeare's Marc Antony said at the funeral of Julius Caesar, "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him. The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." Perhaps these words comprise the most famous eulogy in history. Antony reminded them of how death tends to alter the reputation of the deceased.

Today, death continues to shape how we view someone's life. A few years ago when actor and comedian, Robin Williams, died we witnessed this phenomenon at work. Immediately after his death, tributes and condemnations began. Social media was atwitter with articles and opinions about his work, the circumstances of his death, and his interview with Koko the ape.

I remember feeling saddened that the world lost such a talented man. I did not pay much attention to the coverage, but I heard bits and pieces, and I realized, we need to put his death into perspective. One thing that disturbed me was the lionizing of Williams' challenges. As a celebrity, his struggles were more apparent to the world, but they certainly were not unique to him. Many people battle depression, Parkinson's, or both. Yet, they do not end their lives. As fellow entertainers memorialized Williams, they ignored his faults like his drug and alcohol abuse, his suicide, and the movie *Popeye*.

On the other hand, I saw a lot of comments about his debauchery and sinful lifestyle written by Christians as they demonized him. Sadly, some of them seemed excited or relieved he was dead. Some completely ignored his humanitarian efforts, and found nothing good in him. Very few seemed genuinely disappointed he never obeyed the gospel.

Robin Williams, like most of us, was a mixed bag of triumphs and failures, and of goodness and sin. As Mr. Keating in Dead Poets Society he challenged my generation to “Seize the day.” As Genie, he taught lessons about true love and friendship. His zany comedic routines were funny, but sometimes inappropriate like some of his movies.

The circumstances of his death highlighted two things: the issue of suicide, and the need for God. Some fans believe Williams had no choice. His disease and depression led to a single conclusion—he had to take his own life. Yet, actor Michael J. Fox has lived for decades with Parkinson’s, proving suicide isn’t the only option. Without God, Williams’ view of the future was darkened, and he couldn’t see other choices. Like Williams, many Christians fight depression. Even though they have obeyed God, his presence doesn’t replace the disease. But, a relationship with the Divine and a promise of eternity give them reasons to fight. Williams’ faithlessness gave him nothing worth fighting for.

Another bothersome thing is how much attention we paid to Williams’ death. He was good at his craft, leading millions to believe they knew him, so it was almost like the death of a good friend. But, we didn’t know him. We knew his characters. What does it say about our society when a comedian’s death gets more attention than the death of a soldier, policeman, doctor, or preacher? It says we put too much emphasis on the superficial.

Instead of lionizing him or demonizing him, let’s honestly look at his contributions to society. We should be thankful for the good things he did and appreciate his talents. We ought to lament his struggles as well as his decision not to follow God. While some rejoiced like Aladdin saying, “Genie, you’re free,” we weep because he isn’t.

Announcements

Prayers

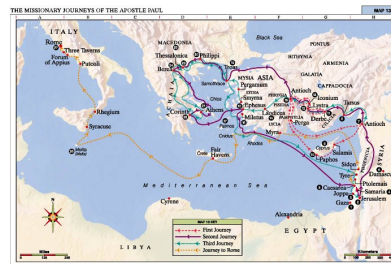
Continued Prayers

- Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures
- Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke
- Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend—cancer
- Jane Hanavan-heart issues
- Dawn Lell-health problems
- KD’s supervisor’s wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage
- Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie– breast cancer
- Sam Sims– health problems
- The work in India
- Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are currently studying the life of the Apostle Paul.



Brotherhood News

Former members, Rick and Jeannetta Acklin had moved from Brighton, CO to Tennessee. Rick passed away April 29th. Prayers please for the entire family.

Proctor's Report for April

Please check your email for the latest update on then Proctor’s, the Bear Valley Bible students.



The Mountain States Children’s Home is having a Sporting Clay Tournament on July 17, 2021. To find out more on how to be a part of this fund raising event, check out their website and click the events tab. www.msch.org

Kamp Koinonia 2021

Camp is scheduled for July 11-17 (one week only this year). Applications and additional information are available on the website: kampakoinonia.org. Space is limited to 100 campers and will be filled on a 1st come/1 served basis.

