

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	Kevin Dunham
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Kevin Warner

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



February 21, 2021

Blazing the Trail Sam Dilbeck

During the late 1970's and early 1980's Michael Landon and Melissa Gilbert lit up the small screen portraying prominent members of the Ingalls family of Walnut Grove in Little House on the Prairie. The series was based upon the memories of Laura Ingalls Wilder as found in her award-winning series, The Little House books. Today, the tales of Wilder's life continues to teach children and adults the meaning of hard work, values and ethics, and pioneer life. But it also offers some insight for Christians too.

The Ingalls were pioneers—forging into unsettled parts of America, preparing the way for others to settle the areas. Born in the Big Woods of Pepin, Wisconsin, Laura moved with her family to other frontier towns like De Smet, South Dakota, Walnut Grove, Minnesota, and Independence, Kansas. Each time staying until the areas became too crowded, then moving on to wilder, untamed areas. And they did it all without air conditioning!

The word pioneer is derived from the French word peon meaning foot soldier. The foot soldier often trod first into battle, opening the way for other segments of the army. When exploring new areas, the peon was sent first. He chopped vegetation, cut limbs, and trampled the undergrowth, leaving a trail for others to follow. Likewise, American pioneers cultivated fields, built homes and businesses, and invited others to follow their lead.

Jesus was a pioneer. He was the firstborn from God, becoming the visible image of God (Col. 1:15). Jesus was the firstborn among many who became sons of God by conforming to his image (Rom. 8:29). Jesus pioneered the triumph of death when he resurrected (Col. 1:18). He was God's foot soldier, sent to lead others in the paths of righteousness, sonship, and eternal life.

The life of a pioneer is always hard. It is filled with unknown variables, trials, and the specter of death. No pioneer faced these more than Jesus. Pursued, antagonized, beaten, and crucified, Jesus suffered for his trailblazing ways. However, by enduring all the hardships, he made it possible for others to follow him. "For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers" (Heb. 2:10-11).

A few years ago, I took my family to Mannsfield, Missouri to see the last home of Laura Ingalls Wilder. We reconnected with the trials and hardships of frontier life. In the end, we gained a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by others to build this country and blaze a trail for others to follow. We better understood the need for vision, determination, integrity, and perseverance. These qualities not only forged a new nation, but they are essential today on order to follow the trail blazed by the Savior.

Christians need vision to see the Savior, identify the trail he cut, and stay on his path in order to draw closer to Jesus and the eternal destiny. Christians need determination to steel their resolve to follow the path of Jesus no matter what may happen. Christians need integrity to follow Jesus's righteousness and not fool themselves into rationalizing their sins. Christians need perseverance to get up after a fall and reorient themselves when they wander off the path.

That is how we stay on the trail that Jesus blazed.

Announcements

Prayer List

Continued Prayers

- Ernest Kite's son Terry- recovering from a (non-COVID) virus.
- 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
- Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery
- Carlos Tario - COVID-19 recovery
- 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

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We will soon be starting a different study. This study takes an in depth look at the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. The books are on the way and hopefully we can start March 10th.



New Directory

Time is running out. Please check to see if your information is accurate. If not please let Ernest Kite know.

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India

If you have not read the emails (3) from Dr. Paul you should. There are some encouraging pictures in them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 22	Emily Nikolai	Birthday
Feb. 22	Melody Thacker	Birthday
Feb. 26	Janette Williams	Birthday
Feb. 27	Bryson Dewell	Birthday
Feb. 27	Virginia Hazlet	Birthday
Feb. 27	Sharley Picon	Birthday