

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 - 84
Sunday pm - 28
Wednesday - 26
Contribution- \$3,033.25

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome Ron Jensen
Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Brett Reitmair
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
Assistant.....Chris Jatko
Assistant Chris Welsby
Assistant.....James Slagle
Assistant.....Ernest Kite
Scripture Reading.....Coby Mandoza

Philippians 4:8

Lesson..... Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Marcos Celaya

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Chris Peterson
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Oaks

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Jeff Oaks

Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays:
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



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Pessimism and Optimism, Personal and National By Ray Wallace

Optimism vs Pessimism has been debated since the time of the great Greek philosophers. Aristotle was known for his optimism, but he connected it to positive actions, not merely thoughts or moods: He wrote “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” Modern counselors have also recognized the link between actions and mental health. It is now widely understood that good, disciplined actions in heart and in hand, are basic parts of good attitudes and good moods.

But optimism is a growing challenge when daily life is growing tougher. Inflation has some families deciding between heat and eats. Political arguments are dominating the news tempting us to give up hope. Personal friends are attacking personal friends for perceived social infractions and even families are drawing battle lines and rejecting one another for social or political offenses.

There truly are many things in our nation that are currently challenging our pursuit of love, joy, peace and patience. The international scene is not any better, with active wars, pipeline sabotage, sky-rocketing crime rates and supply chain problems, including food. We should never deny the realities of those things. Denial of reality is never God’s plan for your peace. But optimism should never be the result of circumstances you do not control personally.



Again the Greeks recognized the pursuit of optimism as a basic reality of life - a reality many have missed today. Democritus wrote, "Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul." Keep in mind that

these were secular philosophers who, somehow, somewhere, stumbled on these timeless truths that things and situations do not control or deliver optimism or pessimism. So, what does?

In reality, you do. Optimism vs pessimism is a personal choice - it is now and always has been. All my life I have seen individuals who are in the same place in the same circumstances, yet one is happy and optimistic and the other is unhappy and pessimistic. Optimism is simply not a result of ignorance or denial of bad circumstances. It is a result of an individual's response to the circumstances! Never forget that. Write it on your bathroom mirror in eyebrow pencil (that works very well, ask me how I know). Frame it in fancy calligraphy on your dining room wall. And write it on the tablet of your heart. And remember that the concept applies to national and international situations as much as personal ones.

No matter what is happening outside our minds, we still control our personal, inner responses. I'm not saying a positive response is always easy, but Paul tells us it is possible, as God inspired him to encourage the church at Philippi to combine positive thoughts, with positive actions:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is

lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace

will be with you.

Did you catch it? We must allow our minds to dwell on positive things! Control your thoughts and practice the things Paul has taught! When you actually live in that reality, "the God of peace will be with you."

Announcements

Prayers

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

Linda Buck- breast cancer treatment

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

Social Studies

The next Bible Study and fellowship will be Friday, October 21st at the Dunham's. 885 Rose Ct. Potluck at 6pm and study at 7pm.

Potluck theme is Breakfast.

Child care will be provided.

Young Adults/Teen Fellowship

Saturday, October 22nd at 6pm at the Dunham's, 885 Rose Ct.

Bring a finger food to share and wear a costume if you'd like to take part in the costume contest. Friends are welcome!

Soup Supper

Sunday, November 13th, right after morning service, here at the building is the annual Soup Supper. Naomi will put a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer as a visual to see what is coming. This is a great time of fellowship and soup taste testing.



Up Coming Events

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for up coming events.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
October 18	JoAnn Koenig	Birthday
October 20	Mark Thacker	Birthday
October 21	Tim Parker	Birthday