

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 Morning Schedule

Greeters	Derbigny
Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song LeaderLes Tucker
Opening Prayer	
Communion Leader	
Communion Servers	Chris Peterson
.....	Marcos Celaya, Ivan Stewart, Raymond Long

Scripture Reading	Chris Jatko
	Nahum 1:1-5
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer	Reid Jones

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....	Andrew Williams
Opening Prayer	Tim Parker
Communion	Chris Peterson
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader	Anthony Sandoval
Adult Class.....	Kevin Dunham

Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Afternoon Class 5:00 pm

PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am

Bible Study 6:30 pm



February 2, 2020

Homosexualization of America (part 2)

By Sam Dilbeck

(This is the second part of this article. The first part appeared in last week's bulletin. You can request a copy of the first part if you have not read it.)

Troy Has Fallen

“The visual media, film and television, are plainly the most powerful image-makers in Western civilization. The average American household watches over seven hours of TV daily. Those hours open up a gateway into the private world of straights, through which a Trojan horse might be passed.” The normalization of the homosexual lifestyle can be seen in every arena of popular culture—music, movies, books, magazines, and the internet. However, television has become and window into our cultural soul. Their agenda has changed the face of television.

As Kirk and Madsen predicted, their strategy has entered mainstream America like a Trojan horse and eroded her moral sensibilities. Today, anyone who opposes same-sex activity is labeled “homophobic” and vilified. Few people possess the courage to stand against their agenda—not in politics, not in the media, and not in the culture.

Even among Christians, gayness is growing more acceptable. The liberal theology of postmodernism calls into question the absolute condemnation of homosexuality. Spencer Burke, a postmodern theologian, laments the inability to question biblical teaching, “Want to earn a place on the...[Christian] black list? Admit your uncertainty about homosexuality as a biblically condemned sin.” In May 2020, the United Methodist Church will vote on a measure to divide the denomination over the issue of gay marriage and gay clergy members. Religious leaders attempting to adapt the church to modern culture are forced to accept the aberrant behavior as normal. Truly, Troy has fallen, but what can be made of its ruins?

Sifting Through the Rubble

Pandora's box has been opened and will probably never be closed on the homosexual agenda. Like adultery, fornication, divorce, drunkenness, and a host of other sins, homosexuality has come out of the closet and become a visible part of a decadent society. What can Christians do?

We must be Christians. The Christian response to sin has been the same since the cross. We cannot give people a reason to vilify us through rude and abusive behavior towards practicing gays (1 Pet. 3:16). We must become friends to the sinners like Jesus did (Matt. 11:19). We cannot ignore them or treat them as repulsive. Instead we must confront their sin with the compassion of Christ. Repentance is vital to their salvation, and we must do what we can to help them leave the clutches of sin and cleave to the Savior (Jas. 5:20).

We must teach people about sin, not just homosexuality, but all sin (Rom. 6:23). We must be passionate about denouncing sin and proclaiming the word of God "for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." We must teach our children about sin and its destructive nature and seek ways to protect them from its grip. But, at the same time we must show them how to be merciful, patient, and forgiving. We cannot instill the sins of hatred and prejudice in our children.

Like any sin, homosexuality affects our culture, just as it affected the culture of the first century. While the mechanism of its influence has changed, its results have not. Today, the world still needs Jesus. Christians are the culture's conscience, and must stand opposed to sin while reaching out with the power of grace. May we have the strength to confront the sin, compassion to accept the sinner, and the wisdom to convert their souls.

Marshall Kirk and Erastes Pill, "The Overhauling of Straight America," Guide, November 1987. Accessed online at <http://library.gayhomeland.org/0018/EN/EN_Overhauling_Straight.htm>.

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Announcements

Prayer List

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

Neal Sandstede, Jennifer's father, in our prayer list as he will have surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer) on Feb 14 at Skyridge Medical Center)

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Baxter Sowell, Becca's dad, is fighting cancer.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Margie Stewart recovery from her recent fall

Sam Sims stroke recovery

Jim & Monte Hazlet, health issues

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father –cancer

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

News and Notes

Bulletin

The Thackers will be traveling from Thursday through Sunday. For this week only, please give Naomi any items for the bulletin by Wednesday morning.

New Members

We are happy to welcome Mike and Jan Lorenzo 5562 E. 117th Circle Thornton, CO 80233 (303) 280-1123 into our family at Brighton church of Christ. They were former members of the Thornton church of Christ.



Now is the time to gather items for the Winter Food Drive. Not just food items like cereal, lunch items, and baking items are needed but also cleaning supplies, and medicines. A full list of items is on their table in the foyer. Please pick up an extra items when you shop for this work by **Feb. 9th**. It is greatly appreciated.

Potluck

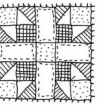
Next Sunday is Potluck right after morning service. Bring your favorite dish and spend time with the brethren.

Family Matters Bible Study

This Saturday is the study at 5:00 p.m. here at the building. The food theme is Italian.

Baby Quilt

Remember to get the quilt squares done and back to Lara. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this effort.



Elders Prayer Meeting

Please give any prayer request to an Elder today. They meet this Tuesday for prayer.

Elders Deacons Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Elders Deacons Meeting on the 16th at 4:30 p.m.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 2

Sam Dilbeck

Birthday