

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 - 96
Sunday pm - 37
Wednesday - 30
Contribution- \$3,120.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Paul Nikolai
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant	Jim Learned
Assistant.....	Chris Warner
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Scripture Reading.....	Jeff Oaks

Matt 28:18-20

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Kevin Dunham

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Chris Peterson

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
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Service Times

Sundays:

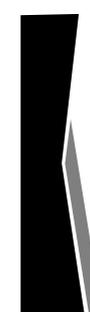
Morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



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Turning the World Upside-Down Sam Dilbeck

When Paul traveled to Thessalonica on his second missionary journey, he stirred a commotion in the city. Through his preaching, some of the devout Greeks and a few leading women of the Jews joined Paul and Silas (Acts 17:4). As a result, the Jews, moved by jealousy, hired morally defunct men to cause an uproar in the city (Acts 17:5) as they assaulted the new converts. In the Roman empire, civil unrest was one of the worst civil offenses and often received harsh punishment. When they were dragged before the city officials to answer for the uproar, they said of Paul and Silas, "These men who have turned the world upside-down have come here also" (Acts 17:7).

What a tremendous accusation, "turned the world upside-down!" It was meant to blame the uproar on the peaceful Christians, but it was so much more. It was a recognition of the work Paul and Silas, and others, had been doing in the name of Christ. It pointed to the impact of their work, that lives and cities were being changed throughout the Mediterranean world. It was a testimony to the power of the Gospel.

It also reminds modern Christians of what is possible. Imagine the world today, turned upside-down, not by politics or radical social justice, but for the name of Jesus. What if the leading news story was about how many people had been baptized, or how heresy and false teachers were exposed. Could the United States be turned upside-down? Yes.

Look at what Paul did to turn the world on its head. First, he was present where people were gathered (Acts 17:1-2). Jesus said "Go" (Matt 28:19), and Paul took that commission seriously.

He went to the synagogue where religious people gathered. He went into the marketplace where people gathered for commerce and interaction. When churches and Christians separate from the world, they cannot leave an impact with the gospel.

Second, Paul was persistent with sharing the gospel. The text says he reasoned with them for three weeks (Acts 17:2). Throughout the book of Acts, Paul continued to preach and teach, whether people responded positively or negatively. Usually, sharing the gospel requires more than one attempt. Wise Christians are persistent.

Third, Paul was persuasive with the gospel (Acts 17:3). Paul wasn't argumentative, but passionate about explaining and proving his point. Some modern Christians know the truth and try to beat people into submission with it. Others know the truth and keep silent about it. Paul knew the truth and sought to persuade people by discussing the gospel in a logical and clear fashion. To turn the world upside-down, Christians need to be persuasive.

Fourth, Paul was pointed about his subject—Jesus (Acts 17:3). He wasn't interested in silly questions or discussions that didn't lead to conversion like the size of a rock God could make or how many angels could dance on the head of a pin. Rather, he was focused on the simplicity of the gospel. There is a problem (sin). There is a person (Jesus). There is a plan (gospel). It wasn't about lofty speech, but "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2).

By following the missiology of Paul, the modern church can impact the world with the gospel by being present, persistent, persuasive, and pointed. When the church camouflages itself with silence, pleasantries, and social niceties, it will eventually fade into obscurity. While not seeking fights, the church needs to be bold in presenting the simple gospel that saves.

May the church in Brighton endeavor to turn the world upside-down!



Announcements

Prayers

Laura Wells' great great granddaughter, 6 weeks old Valerie Jane, passed away on April 11th. Pray for the entire family as they grieve.

Many of know Jean Carter, a former member. She hurt her shoulder and had surgery on it. She will be in a rehab hospital for a while. Prayers that she will heal completely soon.

Continued Prayers

- Elmo Wilson-home hospice care
- Eleanor Jatko– health problems
- Bill Wolorida, the Austin's friend—cancer
- Jane Hanavan-heart issues
- KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage
- Sam Sims– health problems
- The Wiley family– baby son with health complications
- Kristi Dunham's father, Joe Baker, health problems

News and Notes

Graduation Luncheon

We will be recognizing our high school graduates on **May 1st** with a luncheon downstairs in the common area after Sunday morning service. The meal will be provided for this event. All are encouraged to stay and support our graduates:



Kaden Dunham, Nolan and Payton Petersen, Ricky Fox, Aubrey and Cambrey Reitmair, Coby Mendosa, Evelin Fierro, Jordan Stewart

Help for Homes

This is a city organized program that we worked with last year. It assists senior or disabled homeowners in Brighton with home/property maintenance. Most projects include painting with some yard work. We will need a definite commitment from those interested. The date of work will be May 14 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. See Mark Thacker if you are interested in volunteering to work with this effort.

Vacation Bible School



We are having a Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are Wednesday, July 13th—Friday, July 15th. Plans and progress are already in progress. Please let Mark Thacker know if you will be able to help or bring children. We'll be better prepared if we have an idea of how many will attend. There is plans for a teen event as the same time.



Creation vs. Evolution Seminar

May 8th-11th we are hosting a seminar titled Creation vs. Evolution. Eric Lyons, who is a well known author for Apologetics Press, is the speaker. Please mark you calendars and invite your friends for this special event.

Sunday, May 8 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm

Monday –Wednesday **6:30** pm

Flyer Distribution

In preparation for the seminar we are going to hand out flyers. If anyone can help with this on Saturday, April 30th, it would be appreciated. We'll meet at the building at 9:00 am. Flyers are currently available to hand out to friends and neighbors.

New Members

Brett Reitmair (Aubrey, Cambrey, Keeley, Kaden)

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Birthdays and Anniversaries		
April 30	Sara Nelson	 Birthday