

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.

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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer	Marc Moran
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Reid Jones
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Ronn Eudaley

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 14, 2021

I Wish I Had a Sin to Confess **Sam Dilbeck**

It was a 16" Huffy bicycle with bear claw pedals, chrome handlebars, black and yellow color scheme, and a short one-piece crank. And I hated it. I wanted something bigger, faster, and more expensive. Something I could go off-road with or take off sweet jumps. When my friend Brian got a new bike, it was exactly what I wanted, right down to the shocks and pegs. In my heart I felt betrayed, thinking, "That bike should be mine, not his."

That was when I was a kid, and I'd like to say jealousy does not tempt me anymore, but it does. Sometimes a new car will pass me on the highway, and I wish it was my car. Or I visit with a particularly spiritual Christian and leave thinking, "I want that faith." I usually catch myself and search for contentment with the blessings I have, but sometimes my mind still longs for what others have.

We call it "Keeping up with the Joneses" or "The Ugly Green Monster," but Paul has a different name for it. Paul told the Galatians of a war between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:19-21). In his list of fleshly works Paul warned Christians to avoid envy and jealousy. These attitudes spring from a heart of selfishness and are based on covetousness, a form of idolatry (Col. 3:5).

Selfishness thinks, "It's all about me," an attitude unknown to Jesus who selflessly gave himself for mankind (Phil. 2:5).



Selfishness seeks its own good rather than the good of others (1 Cor. 10:24). It is about survival rather than sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2). Selfish hearts dwell on material things rather than spiritual things (Rom. 8:6). The combination of selfishness and covetousness causes one to seek personal prosperity, even to the detriment of others.

Jealousy hurts when others prosper and wishes it had what others had. When Brian got a bike, I wanted a bike too. The King James Bible uses the word “emulations” in Galatians 5:20. “Emulate” means to copy or imitate and comes from a Latin word meaning to rival. Thus, out of rivalry one would seek to imitate the lifestyle of another. That’s jealousy.

On the other hand, envy gets angry when others prosper and wishes they did not prosper. Instead of wanting a bike like Brian’s, envy would wish that Brian did not get a new bike at all.

King Ahab’s heart flowed with envy and jealousy when he saw Naboth’s vineyard (1 Kings 21:1-16). The king wanted the vineyard, because it was something he did not have. He spoke to Naboth and offered to buy the land at a fair price, but the land had been in Naboth’s family for years and he did not want to sell it. The king returned to the palace vexed and sullen, pouting that he couldn’t have the land. He refused to eat or even get out of bed until Jezebel had Naboth killed so Ahab could get the vineyard.

Ahab acted like a child in the throes of a tantrum when he did not get his way. His selfish heart and jealous attitude led to Naboth’s murder. Jealousy and envy often lead to other works of the flesh like anger, greed, murder, strife, and even fornication.

Christians need to understand the power of envy and jealousy and where it can lead, and then live selflessly to avoid their powerful grip. They must put the needs, desires, and welfare of others before themselves (1 Cor. 10:24). They need to learn contentment (Phil. 4:11-12), and how to rejoice with others in their prosperity (Rom. 12:15). Practicing these attitudes will help Christians live godly lives and guard against envy and jealousy.

Announcements

Prayer List

From Bobbe Woodington: Prayer for my sister-in-law, Lisa Kauffman, who has terminal cancer.

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

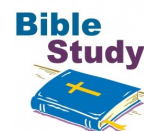
The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes

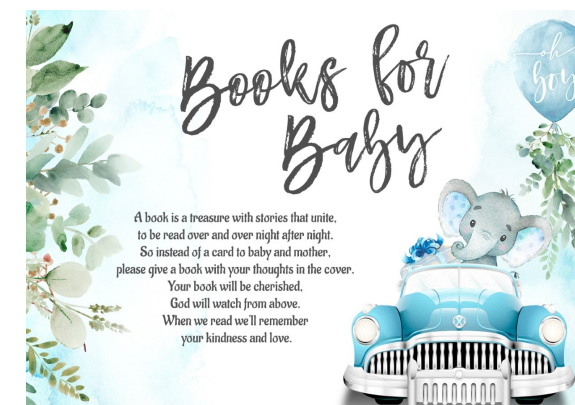
Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.



New Directory

Time is running out. Please check to see if your information is accurate; if not please let Ernest Kite know. kiteer88@comcast.net



India
There are some great pictures and news about the work in India in the emails sent last week. Be sure to check them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb. 14	Bert & Pat Thomas	Anniversary
Feb. 15	Mike Lorenzo	Birthday
Feb. 15	Paul Nikolai	Birthday