

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am -73
Sunday pm - 38
Wednesday - 25
Contribution-\$4,703.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Ernest Kite
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Assistant.....Jim Learned
 AssistantMarcos Celaya
 Assistant.....Nolan Peterson
 Assistant.....Chris Peterson
 Scripture Reading.....John Nason

Luke 12:35-40

Lesson.....Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer.....Alan Samuelson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Lesson.....Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer.....Kaden Dunham

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Cory Pierce

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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The Cross and Human Wisdom

For the sake of argument, let’s just say for a moment that you did not know anything about the Gospel of Jesus or His story. There is no Scripture to tell us anything about it. You have no concept of a crucified and risen Savior.

If there is a God who wanted to show grace to humanity, save people from evil, and give them true purpose, how would he do it? What ideas would you bring to the table to make this a palatable action on His part? How do you think it ought to have been done? Again, you don’t know anything about the story of Jesus. How would God do it? How should God do it? What is the best way to get this done? What, in your own wisdom and understanding, would work best to deal with evil? Whatever you just came up with is an idea that was derived purely by human wisdom. Would anyone have actually come up with the idea of taking a Jewish peasant from Galilee, making outrageous claims of being divine, constantly offending people, and then having him crucified as a criminal in the most shameful, humiliating way and then raising him from the dead? Neither Jews nor Gentiles of the first century would have done so either.

Compare the world’s wisdom with what the Gospel teaches: “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe” (1 Cor 1:21).

There is no way to arrive at knowing God through human wisdom. Why, then, would God have actually done it the way He did it? Why do it in a way that human wisdom would not have created or fabricated? Why do it in a way that offends the most basic sense of human wisdom? Because...

Announcements

Prayers



There “God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God” (1 Cor 1:28-29).

God chose what is low and despised in the world to carry out the plan. By human wisdom, no one would have liked this. Coming up with a way to come to God by human wisdom would also lend itself to boasting. The cross gives us nothing to boast about from human wisdom.

Yet the shame and humiliation of the cross is why we need to pay attention here. The story of the cross of Jesus is not something human wisdom from any age would have dreamed up and tried to pass off as God’s plan. Would you have done it that way? Neither would they have done so. By all human standards, it is foolish. How could anyone possibly believe or accept it? Yet, here it is.

Crucifixion was so heinous, so terrible, that it was impolite even to discuss it (Cicero). There was no way to describe it in humane terms. Crucifixion was reserved for criminals and slaves, for the worst of the worst and lowest of the low. In what world would Gentiles accept a crucified Jewish Messiah from Palestine to be their Savior? In what world would the Jews have accepted a cursed Messiah as their Savior and Lord? By all accounts, this cannot work. An uneducated Jewish peasant from Nazareth of Galilee going to a cross as a criminal becomes the Savior of the world? Come on. Surely we can come up with something better than that!

This is Paul’s point. No community in their own wisdom would have invented this story to pass off as true. To the Gentiles, this was utter foolishness. To the Jews, it was a stumbling block, a terrible offense and curse. Yet, in the first century within a short time of the events, both Jews and Gentiles were indeed accepting it, converting, and spreading the news about it. How in the world could this have happened? What is the best explanation for this?

Calling it a mere human invention does not explain it. How could it? This, again, would have taken an invention from communities that saw crucifixion as only belonging to the cursed, the criminals, the lowest of society and then turning such a person into the Savior of the world. On its face, it makes no sense. Human wisdom always shuns this story, even as it does today.

The best explanation is that this is what actually happened and there was more to the story than a crucified Jewish man who was humiliated as a criminal. Much, much more.

Once we get this, perhaps we can begin to understand Paul’s other point in 1 Corinthians 1:24: “But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

For you, is the cross folly, a stumbling block, or the power of God? Your answer to this question will guide the rest of your life.

Doy Moyer

Kayley Mendoza was admitted to St. Anthony Central on Wednesday with necrotizing pneumonia. She had surgery on Thursday to remove the lower lobe of her left lung. Please pray that her healthcare team can manage her pain and find an effective treatment for clearing up the remaining pneumonia in her left lung.

Earlier this spring the town of Spencer, Iowa suffered record flooding and thousands of homes were condemned. The small congregation in Spencer has been working with the churches of Christ disaster relief effort to provide necessary items to assist residents in need. While this is a terrible tragedy, it has the potential to open up opportunities for the church to help the community and speak about God's love for them. Prayers are requested for the success of this outreach program and for souls to be saved.

Rick Bass is dealing with health issues. Prayers are appreciated.

Jeff Oaks is in Michigan with his mother, **Helena Oaks**. Helena is home in hospice care. It would be appreciated if anyone would send an uplifting card to her. Her address is 28215 Alder Dr. Warren, MI 48088. Prayers are also greatly appreciated.

Randall Jatko, family of Chris Jatko, needs a liver transplant. Asking for prayers.

Pray for the work in **India** that it can continue to train people to spread the Good News.

Continued Prayers

Adams'-health challenges

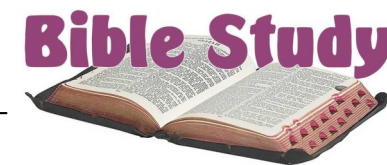
Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

News and Notes

Inglenook Bible Study



A Bible study at 6:30 pm, on Mondays at the Inglenook Senior Living facility have begun. All are welcome to come and support this effort, but we are looking for men who are willing to lead prayers and devotionals.

India Missions

Friday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. Paul Renganathan will be speaking to us about the work being done in India. This is a chance to hear how we are a part of the work there.

Summer Food Drive



Today is the last opportunity to bring something for the children’s home. Please see the list on their table in the foyer to see what they need. They very much appreciate our generosity!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 12	Sherry Derbigny	Birthday
August 13	Kayden Derbigny	Birthday
August 14	Paul Simpson	Birthday
August 15	Andrew & Sarah Henry	Anniversary
August 16	Aubrey Reitmair	Birthdays
August 16	Cambrey Reitmair	Birthdays