

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 - 80
Sunday pm - 28
Wednesday - 46
Contribution- \$7,313.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

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| Welcome | Ron Jensen |
| Song Leader | Brett Reitmair |
| Opening Prayer..... | Coby Mendoza |
| Lord's Supper Leader..... | Marcos Celaya |
| Assistant..... | Chris Jatko |
| Assistant | Sam Dunham |
| Assistant..... | Chris Warner |
| Assistant..... | Alan Samuelson |
| Scripture Reading..... | Paul Nikolai |

Galatians 4:1-7

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| Lesson..... | Ron Jensen |
| Closing Prayer & Dismissal..... | Ronn Eudaley |

Sunday Evening

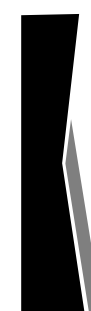
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| Song Leader..... | Brett Reitmair |
| Opening Prayer..... | Kevin Dunham |
| Lord's Supper Leader..... | Mark Thacker |
| Lesson..... | Ron Jensen |
| Closing Prayer..... | Chris Peterson |

Wednesday Evening Schedule

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| Class..... | Michael Hite |
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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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Consider Your Calling Sam Dilbeck

The debate rages between cats and dogs; what makes them different? One observer notes the main difference: When you feed, shelter, and care for a dog, the dog thinks, “Wow, this guy must be a god!” But when you feed, shelter, and care for a cat, the cat thinks, “Wow, I must be a god.”

Sometimes Christians think like cats. We have obeyed the gospel, see God’s providence, feel his protection, and bask in his blessings, and we assume we deserve it. We offer God our praise and worship. When we see the poor and oppressed, we offer them assistance. God must feel lucky to have us.

The first century church at Corinth fell into these trappings of self-importance. Members divided the church over miracles, status, and even who baptized whom (1 Cor. 1:10-16; 12:1-11). There were divisions over how the church should deal with sins (1 Cor. 5), whether Christians should eat meat (1 Cor. 8), and if Christians should marry (1 Cor. 7).

To address the divisive spirit in Corinth, Paul wrote First Corinthians. He gave them a spiritual reality check, “Consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth” (1 Cor. 1:26).

Often one’s “calling” means duty or vocation. But, in 1 Corinthians 1:26, Paul used the word to mean the circumstance out of which they were called. Who were they before God called them, and who did they become?

As Paul challenged those in Corinth to consider their calling, his challenge echoes to us today. Let us consider three things about our calling. First, Paul reminds us we were called out of nothing (1 Cor. 1:26). God does not say, “She comes from good blood, I’ll call her,” or “He has money, I’ll call him.” God does not show respect to a person’s wealth, education, or status, but he cares about the heart (Rom. 2:11). Most Christians come from poor backgrounds and carry no influence. Yet, God transforms these lowly unnotables into children of the King.

Second, we are called to glory in God (1 Cor. 1:27-29). By calling the base and despised, God demonstrates his power, not ours. God chooses to save people because it reveals his power in their weakness. When Paul requested to be delivered from his “thorn in the flesh,” God said, “My grace is sufficient...my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9). In much the same way, God demonstrated his power to the cultural elite by choosing the foolish, weak, and inconsequential to be saved. God “brought to nothing things that are.” He made admired qualities—power, pedigree, wealth, education—powerless without God. These are what Paul counted as loss for Christ (Phil. 3:4-8). Since God saved us by his power, we have nothing to glory in except God himself.

Third, we are called to salvation in Christ (1 Cor. 1:30-31). Despite our undesirable back story, God desires us. He is the source of our life in Christ Jesus. Paul gives four attributes of Christ here. He is our wisdom, the knowledge leading to salvation (Col. 2:3; 2 Tim. 3:15). He is our righteousness or justification, taking upon him the guilt of our sins so we would not have to bear them at judgment (1 Pet. 2:24). Jesus is also our sanctification. His presence in us separates us from the world in how we live (2 Cor. 6:17). Finally, Jesus is our redemption, meaning he paid the price for our salvation—a price we could not pay (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Acts 20:28). Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption are some of the spiritual blessings reserved for us in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

Paul concludes with this challenge, repeated from Jeremiah 9:23-24, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord” (1 Cor. 1:31). We cannot boast we are Christians because we were good or worthy. Our boasting is that despite our past lives, God still saved us.

When God loves us, feeds us, cares for us, and blesses us, we ought to think less like the cat and more like the dog, and say, “Wow, He must be God.”

Announcements

Prayers

Tim Parker had a car accident May 17, 2022. Tim was treated by EMS on the scene. and later that evening, he went to the ED for a severe headache and extreme chest pain. He was not admitted to the hospital; however, he was in the ED over 10 hours for observation and numerous tests including a CT scan. A heart attack was later ruled out. His chest pain was from the pressure of the deployed air bag. He does have a concussion because his head hit the windshield even though the air bag deployed. Currently, Tim is dealing with head, neck and back pain. Please keep the Parker family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter is having a difficult time with seizures since her hospitalization with COVID-19. For a long while her seizures were controlled with medication. Please keep Penny and her husband Dave in your prayers. Thank you.

Sherry Derbigny's Uncle Tommy Barber was taken to the ER on Monday for low blood pressure and back pain. They have run several test and found he has fluid in his lungs, uncontrolled diabetes and blood clots. They performed a scope of his heart today and all of his arteries in his heart are almost completely blocked. Doctors are talking about open heart, bypass surgery. Please pray!

Continued Prayers

- Elmo Wilson-home hospice care
- Eleanor Jatko– health problems
- 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
- Brett Reitmair’s father, Bernie, heart attack.

News and Notes

Summer Food Drive

Please see the table in the foyer for a complete list of items they need. When you shop pick up an item or two for them and bring it to the building by **June 12th**. They always appreciate the gift of love. Please make sure the items are not expired.



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.



Brighton Summer Series

Last Wednesday Tom Walker was the first speaker for the Brighton Summer Series.

We had a great turn out! Next week Michael Hite is our guest speaker. The special speakers will keep coming June through August. Keep on coming!

Free Material from WVBS:

There are some free reference items from World Video Bible School on the desk in the rear of the auditorium, as well as their current catalogue. WVBS offers some valuable resources in print form and a great deal of free online content. Take a moment to become familiar with what they offer and help yourself to the free material.

New Member

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| Birthdays and Anniversaries | | |
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| June 5 | Jennifer Asper | Birthday |
| June 5 | Mindy Fox | Birthday |
| June 7 | Jayden Peterson | Birthday |
| June 8 | Hugo Romero | Birthday |
| June 9 | Margie Stewart | Birthday |
| June 11 | Carol Welsby | Birthday |