

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 Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Dale Bishop
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant.....	Alan Samuelson
Assistant	Ernest Kite
Assistant.....	Jim Learned
Assistant.....	Kayden Derbigny
Scripture Reading.....	Ivan Stewart

Luke 22:39-42

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Ronn Eudaley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Kevin Dunham
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Paul Nikolai

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: Ladies Class 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



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**Secular Collective
Sam Dilbeck**

In 1996, Hillary Rodham-Clinton said, “It takes a village.” In 2013, college professor, Melissa Harris-Perry, challenged parents, “We haven’t had a very collective notion of, these are our children. We have to break through our private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities. Once it’s everybody’s responsibility and not just the household’s, we start making better investments.” In a recent election, parents were told they have no say in their children’s curriculum. From where do these conclusions come?

Communal welfare has always been a defining doctrine of communism. Under communist philosophy, the state exists to provide for the common good of its citizens. The main avenue for securing the common good is through maintaining a working class. In theory, all citizens work to fulfill the needs of the community. One family cultivates crops, another offers blacksmithing. One practices medicine, another animal husbandry, and on and on the it goes until all the communal needs are fulfilled. As the community grows, it needs evolve too. Ideally, there is no government, no leaders, no other class than the working class.

Within this single working class there is only one way to replace an aging or injured workforce—children. Thus, the community’s survival depends on the community protecting, providing for, and raising its children collectively.

Announcements

As our nation flirts with socialism, more people are buying into the community approach. These ideas are not ultra-radical liberals, but a fair representation of the mainstream liberal agenda. A lot of American parents are appalled at the idea of the state taking over the role of parents and treating children like a commodity. But instead of reacting against communism, Christians ought to ask, "What does the Bible say about turning parenting responsibility over to the state?"

God designed the family to raise children, not the state. While God gives authority to mankind to establish and form governments (Rom 13:1-7), He did not give those governments the responsibility to raising children. Even when the government was a theocracy, God did not trust the collective to properly train children, but trusted parents (Deut 6:6-7).

Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov 22:6). Community child rearing forces children into a hard cast mold. The public school system reflects this trend. Most teachers, administrators, and parents lament the cattle approach where all students are run through the same chute of tests and expectations. The community parenting is public education on steroids.

Parents in Ephesus were encouraged, "Fathers [parents], do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph 6:4). Child rearing necessarily involves teaching kids God's ways and expectations. While public schools may be used to supplement the educational process, education should come primarily from parents. Besides, much of public education contradicts God—evolution, relativism, eco-survival, self-centeredness, pluralism, etc.

Statists are particularly interested in financing child rearing. After all, if the state pays, the state should get to set the agenda. God charges parents, fathers in particular, with providing financial support for children (1 Tim 5:8).

In rare instances under Jewish law, when children could not be cared for by parents or when the parents wanted to give a gift to the Lord, the children were given to God. Hannah gave Samuel to the temple service (1 Sam. 1). It is probable that Jephthah gave his daughter to God to pay a vow (Judg 11). These children were gifts to God, not the state.

Responsible Christians take their parental obligations seriously. They do not turn their children over to a godless collective. Children come from God and must learn to honor and glorify him with their lives. These goals often cross secular-minded policy makers. Christians must beware of the humanistic secular collective and keep training children in the way they should go. National and individual survival depend on it (Prov 14:34).

Prayers

Tim Parker is continuing to heal from his "basal cell carcinoma" treatment, however, he is still having pain during the healing process. Please continue to keep Tim and Stella in your prayers.

Jon Picon was in the hospital for viral pneumonia. He should be home but is still quite sick.

Continued Prayers

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

Sam Sims- health problems

Elmo Wilson- recovery from a stroke

Becca' Manzanares' niece's husband, Steven Pointer-COVID

The work in India

News and Notes

Postponed Baby Shower

Barron Bishop has been moved to Children's Hospital for more tests. Please pray for him to get stronger so he can go home soon!



We will postpone the baby shower that was scheduled for next Saturday. Future date to be announced later!



Holiday Party

Next Saturday, December 4th, at 5:00 p.m., here at the building is the annual Holiday Party. The potluck style dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by an optional gift exchange game. Children should purchase a child's gift and adults an adult gift. Please keep the gifts under \$20.00.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Nov. 29	Laura Wells	Birthday
Dec. 4	Vera Baker	Birthday