

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 Morning Schedule

Greeters
 Welcome Ron Jensen
 Song LeaderAnthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer..... Reid Jones
 Communion Leader.....
 Communion ServersAndrew Williams
Chris Jatko, Michael Jatko, Raymond Long

Scripture Reading.....Kevin Dunham
 I Kings 3:5-14
 Lesson Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer..... Marc Moran

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....Anthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer..... Tim Parker
 Communion..... Andrew Williams
 Lesson Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer..... Marc Moran

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader Andrew Williams
 Adult Class.....Kevin Dunham

Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
 Afternoon Class 5:00 pm
 PM Worship 6:00 pm
 Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am
 Bible Study 6:30 pm



February 16, 2020

Almost Persuaded
by David Padfield

For two years Porcius Festus held Paul prisoner in Caesarea Maritima. When Felix succeeded Festus, "the high priest and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem—while they lay in ambush along the road to kill him" (Acts 25:2-3).

Unaware of the plot to kill Paul, Festus asked him if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem to be judged. Paul responded by saying, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar." (Acts 25:10-11).

By exercising his right as a Roman citizen, Paul appealed his case to Augustus Caesar. While waiting for a ship to take Paul to Rome, Festus asked King Agrippa to help him "specify the charges" against Paul (Acts 25:27). Agrippa, the great-grandson of Herod the Great, had been appointed ruler of Abilene, part of Galilee, Iturea and Trachonitis by the Roman Emperor Claudius. King Agrippa permitted Paul to freely speak concerning the charges made against him by the Jews. Luke records

the moving sermon Paul preached to Agrippa in the twenty-sixth chapter of the book of Acts. While speaking of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, Paul was interrupted by Festus and accused of being "beside" himself (Acts 26:24). Luke then records these words of Paul: "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." (Acts 26:25-27). Agrippa uttered one brief sentence in reply to Paul. He said, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28). One of the saddest words heard at the judgment will be the bitter cry of "almost." To "almost" be a Christian is to be a child of Satan. To "almost" repent of your sins is to die in your sins. To "almost" be saved is to be eternally lost. To "almost" go to heaven is to be sent to hell. "Almost cannot avail; almost is but to fail; sad, sad, that bitter wail—almost, but lost."

Almost Persuaded
Philip P. Bliss, pub.1871

“Almost persuaded” now to believe; “Almost persuaded” Christ to receive; Seems now some soul to say, “Go, Spirit, go Thy way, Some more convenient day On Thee I’ll call.”

“Almost persuaded,” come, come today; “Almost persuaded,” turn not away; Jesus invites you here, Angels are ling’ring near, Prayers rise from hearts so dear; O wand’rer, come!

“Almost persuaded,” harvest is past! “Almost persuaded,” doom comes at last!“ Almost” cannot avail; “Almost” is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail— “Almost,” but lost!

Announcements

Prayer List

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

Neal Sandstede, Jennifer's father, in our prayer list as he had surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer) last Friday at Skyridge Medical Center).

KD's supervisor's wife is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry's aunt, **Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

PJ Kite is asking for prayers for healing in his shoulder and for success on his job hunt.

Jennifer Kite had her appendix taken out Thursday night. She is home but uncomfortable. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Sam Sims stroke recovery

Jim & Monte Hazlet, health issues

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father –cancer

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

News and Notes

Family Matters Bible Study

This Saturday, Feb. 22nd, is the study at the Thacker's home, 9500 E. 159th Ave. Brighton, at 5:00 p.m. Come join us for a potluck style meal followed by a Bible study. The food theme is Mexican. Child care is provided.

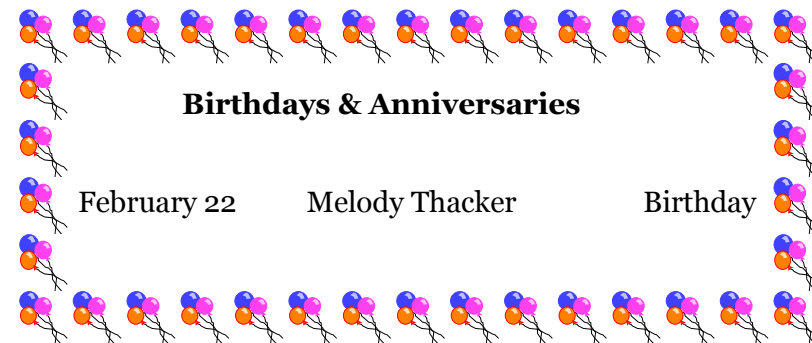


TODAY Elders Deacons Meeting

The Elders Deacons Meeting today at 4:30 p.m. Please be prepared to talk about your area of service.

Youth Devo

March 7th is the next devo. Details to follow soon.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 22

Melody Thacker

Birthday