

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

Welcome— Ron Jensen

Song -

Prayer:

Song -

Lord's Supper -

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Song -

Prayer & Dismissal by section-

Service Time

Worship 10:30 am

"Zoom" virtual classes:

4th thru 6th Grade Fridays @ 3:00 p.m.

7th thru 12th Grade Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.



June 7, 2020

No Justice for George Sam Dilbeck

“Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24). For a couple of weeks, a long pounding background drumbeat has swelled to a crescendo calling for justice in America, beginning when George Floyd died in police custody. His death has been used as an impetus for protests, riots, looting, and police shaming. But can these consequences bring justice to George Floyd?

God has always been concerned with justice, the fair and equitable treatment of people under the law. When the sins of Sodom demanded punishment, God and his messengers went to destroy the city. Abraham met them on their way and offered his hospitality. Eventually they moved on to their mission, but God asked those with him if he should allow Abraham to know their intent. Then he added, “For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him” (Gen 18:19). Abraham needed to know the mission of justice so he could learn the meaning of justice.

When the Israelites formed a nation under the leadership of Moses, God charged them to seek justice for all—especially the sojourner, orphan, and widow (Exo. 23:1-9; Deut. 10:12-22; 16:18-20; 24:17; 27:19). Their success depended on it: “Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land

that the Lord your God is giving you” (Deut. 16:20). Israel was supposed to be the image of God, who “loves righteousness and justice” and balances it perfectly with his steadfast love (Psa. 33:5).

During the time of prophets, justice was perverted (Isa. 1:16-22; Jer. 5:1-5, 27-29; Eze. 18:5-9; Hab. 1:4; Mal. 2:17). God said, “The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice” (Eze. 22:29). God’s expectations were simple, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Mic. 6:8), and they failed.

Amos warned of God’s rolling justice (Amos 5:24). Because of their unrighteousness, injustice, and failed leadership, God didn’t want to hear from them. He didn’t want their sacrifice or song. Instead, his justice would roll down from heaven and destroy the wayward nation.

Does God still love justice? Absolutely! As Jesus wept over Israel, he charged, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others” (Mat. 23:23). Justice is one of the “weightier matters” that define man’s right standing before God.

Justice refers to legal judgement administered in a fair and balanced way. Whatever George Floyd’s crimes were, he deserved his day in court, but justice was denied him by a calloused police officer who disregarded Floyd’s life. Officer Chauvin has properly been arrested with the other officers who watched as Floyd died. Unlike Floyd, they will have their day in court. When all the facts are presented, judgement will be delivered, and justice will be served.

George Floyd will not get justice. He will not stand before a judge who could declare him guilty or innocent. However, those who killed him will. Is this indicative of a system or institution filled with racism and injustice? Next week we will examine the concept of justice and institutional racism.

Announcements

Prayer List

Jim Hazlet plans an outpatient procedure to install a pacemaker to regulate his irregular heart rhythm at North Surbaban Hospital (9191 Grant St - Thornton) Wednesday, June 10, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Please pray for Jim and Monte.

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke.

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

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

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen’s dad-cancer

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures.

Carma Dunham— recovery from a broken hip

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

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

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

Jim & Monte Hazlet’s- health

Dawn Lell— surgery recovery

News and Notes

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 7	Jayden Peterson	Birthday
June 9	Darain Hazlet	Birthday
June 9	Margie Stewart	Birthday

A Note from the Elders

It is with a great deal of regret that the Elders are cancelling Vacation Bible School this summer. As a relatively small congregation, we just do not have the resources to conduct a virtual VBS in a meaningful way. Pray with us that this crisis will soon be mitigated.



How wonderful it was to be able to worship in-person last Sunday! We had 57 in attendance at the building and looks like another 100 or so streaming at home. We received a report from Dr. Paul in India this morning and so am sharing with you a report of our work there.

Thanks very much for the help of \$2300 sent from the Brighten church of Christ. We rejoice with you on the addition of members there at Brighten church of Christ.

At Raipur there were 3 baptisms. These are the daughters of the sister of the real estate person who donated us the Bible school property.

Here in Chennai the lockdown continues because this is a hot spot of corona. This lockdown is to continue till June 30.

Thanks again for your participation.

In Christian love, Paul

The plan is to have **Virtual Kamp Koinonia** this summer July 12 – 18. Restrictions are becoming less restrictive. This may very well mean that by July 12, we might be able to occasionally gather face-to-face throughout the week for some devotionals, games, or other Koinonia activities at local congregations.

However, we will also be doing a lot of things through live streaming online. Since not everyone will have access to a good internet connection, it would be a huge help if each congregation lets us know if they can serve as a “hotspot” for good internet service. We could then tell campers where they can set up to be a part of Koinonia each day.

If you are able and willing to provide this, please let us know. Then we can post which congregations will be serving as these Kamp “hotspots.” Bret Carter