

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

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Tim Parker
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Mark Thacker
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Kevin Dunham

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

Service Times

Sundays:

Starting next week Sunday morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Starting next week Sunday evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



June 27, 2021

A Few of Our Favorite Things Sam Dilbeck

What brings joy? Babies. Puppies. Brown paper packages tied up with string. Our names written in heaven.

When the disciples return after their limited commission of preaching the arrival of the kingdom, they are ecstatic at their power to cast out demons. Jesus saw this as the falling of Satanic power as the dominion of heaven was coming to the earth. Then Jesus says, “Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

Then Jesus himself begins rejoicing “in the Holy Spirit” and thanking God for his gracious will (10:21-24). A few things are interesting about these verses. First, notice that there is a clear and distinct reference to the trinity. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father are specifically mentioned. Three distinct, complete persons of God, all equally divine, all equally present. Some question the validity of the doctrine of the Trinity, but it is difficult to dismiss it in light of passages where all three are presented in distinction.

A second idea is the juxtaposition of God’s sovereignty and intimacy. Jesus addresses his prayer to the “Father,” a term which invokes thoughts of family and closeness. However, Jesus adds, “Lord of heaven and earth” which points to the power and sovereignty of God. As one song puts it, “My God is so BIG, so STRONG, and so MIGHTY. There’s nothing my God cannot do.” Like the Lord’s prayer, this song speaks of our intimacy with God who is superior to all the creation.

Thirdly, Jesus gives thanks for God's hidden and revealed will. The play on words in the original language *apekrypsas* (hidden) and *apekalypsas* (revealed) helps point out the contrast. The message is the same, but it is hidden to those who view themselves as wise in the ways of the world. However, it is revealed to the babies, a metaphorical way of saying those who are open to learning. This is the embodiment of the proverb, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5).

In verse 22, Jesus focuses on the intimacy between the Father and the Son but adds that this intimacy is all revealed to "anyone to whom the Son chooses." While we may stand in awe of the divine relationship, it is even more humbling that Jesus chooses to share that intimacy with Christians. In fact, he turns to the disciples and calls them "blessed" or happy (connected to the joy expressed by Jesus) because they get to see the inbreaking of God in the world and hear the gracious message. Prophets and kings wanted the opportunity to see and hear it, but the disciples of Jesus were the ones who first saw it. But they were not the last. Christians today still witness the revealed God and hear the gospel.

Thinking about the joy expressed by Jesus, we see at least four ideas that spark joy for him. One, is the sovereignty of God, not merely over the universe, but more specifically over salvation. God authored the way of salvation and saves whom he desires. His desire is anyone who submits to his gracious will. Two, the intimacy of the Father and Son. This is the foundational relationship that allows Jesus to accept the eternal submission. Because of the love of the Father and his own trust (faith) in God, Jesus willingly took on the role of the subordinate (Phil. 2:6-8). Three, Jesus rejoices in the privilege of the disciples to participate in salvation. His death will make this possible, but the joy of man's salvation outweighs the sorrow of his sacrifice. Four, the praise of gratitude that God receives from the disciples makes Jesus rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

Sovereignty. Intimacy. Salvation. Thanksgiving. These are a few of our favorite things. These ought to spark our joy.

Announcements

Prayers

Linda Shoen is receiving hospice care now. Prayers for all of the family, especially Roachelle, who is her main caregiver.

Hugo and Berenice are in Mexico. Berenice's uncle died in an auto accident and the family has gone to Mexico for the funeral.

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

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie- breast cancer

Sam Sims- health problems

The work in India

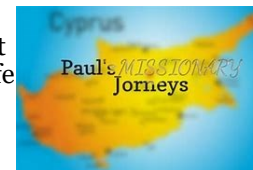
Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

Paula Nikolai-heart issues

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are currently studying the life of the Apostle Paul.



Communion and Contribution

During worship, we will also be passing the communion and contribution trays. However, we will still have individual communion supplies available, and you may continue to give your contribution online, by mail, or directly inside the auditorium doors if you prefer.



Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening Classes

Sunday morning classes and Wednesday evening classes start next week! There will be three classes, Preschool to 5th grade, 6th grade to 8th grade, and high school. Sunday classes will begin at 9:30 am to 10:15 am. Service is still at 10:30 am. Wednesday classes will start at 6:30 pm. We strongly encourage everyone to make plans to attend these each week.

4th of July BBQ

After evening service on the 4th there will be a barbecue here at the building. Drinks, Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. For those who wish to stay a bit longer we plan to watch the city's fireworks from the parking lot.



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
June 27	Amy Warner	Birthday
June 28	Jerry & Jennifer Kite	Anniversary
June 28	Chris Peterson	Birthday
July 3	Lara Jatko	Birthday