

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.

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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 68
Sunday pm - 30
Wednesday - 28
Contribution-\$4,253.01

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
Assistant.....Marc Moran
AssistantJames Slagle
Assistant..... Ernest Kite
Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny
Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner

Psalms 119:1-5

Lesson.....Cory Pierce
Closing Prayer.....Coby Mendoza

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
Closing Prayer.....Paul Nikolai

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays:
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



May 7, 2023

Don’t Downplay Obedience

Obedience (submitting to and keeping God’s commandments) is one of those concepts that can get downplayed because of how it sounds. If we “have to” obey, then love and grace are diminished. If we “have to” obey, then our stress is on the wrong idea. Obedience just kind of sounds oppressive to us, especially in a time that would also see terms like submission and authority as outdated and tyrannical. Obedience is seen as opposite of mercy, and this perception has, I fear, hurt us. Obedience is not at all contrary to love and grace. In fact, they are intricately tied together in Scripture. For example, read Titus 2:11-14 to see that grace teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly passions so that we can live soberly, righteously, and godly while we await the coming of our Lord. If we refuse to obey God, we cannot think that we are living according to His grace. Most who claim to be Christians would likely say that they want to follow Jesus and the example He set. Who could argue with that? What, then, does Jesus have to say about the matter of obedience, particularly as it is tied to love? Listen to Him, from the Gospel of John: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father” (John 14:31). Note how Jesus ties these ideas together. The way that the world would know that Jesus loves the Father is that “I do as the Father has commanded me.” His ultimate demonstration of this was in going to the cross. The proof of love is found in obedience. If we wish to follow the example set by Jesus, then we need to have the same attitude: we obey what God commands so that we may demonstrate our love for Him. Love and obedience cannot be separated here.

This combination is found in multiple places. Keeping the commandments demonstrate love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him ... If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.” (John 14:21, 23, 24).

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:10-14)

John also shows the same combination in his epistles. Notice, too, how he argues that knowing God and keeping His commandments are necessary corollaries.

“And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” (1 John 2:3-6)

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:2-4)

Scripture, then, is quite clear on this point (and we’ve barely touched on what Paul wrote here). If we love God, we will keep His commandments. If we love the people of God, we will keep God’s commandments. If we want to know God, we will keep His commandments.

We need, then, to stop downplaying the role of obedience. I get it. We don’t want to diminish grace and mercy. However, this is not one of those either/or situations, but a both/and, for it is by the grace and mercy of God that He has revealed His will and given us the opportunity to be reconciled to Him. Obedience in itself is not what saves us, as if it is to be divorced from grace and therefore qualify as earning salvation. No! Absolutely not! Keeping God’s commandments, are, however, one of the signal ways in which we show that we love God and love His people.

In other words, we cannot rightly say that we know or love God without following His commandments.

“And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments...” (2 John 6).

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Announcements

Prayers

Diana Oaks’ friend’s daughter, Danielle, is very young, yet going through long-term illness. She almost lost her life on several occasions. Prayers for her situation are appreciated.

Please be praying for **Chris Welsby**, as his myopathy is flaring up, causing a great deal of leg pain.

Ronn Eudaley Pray that his blood clots will dissolve and he can be back to normal.

Jennifer Sandstede’s Aunt JoAnn Berdahl’s kidney is failing and the future is unclear. Prayers for her and her family are requested.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Prayers for the work in **India**. Pray for the health and strength of the fellow Christian workers who spread the Gospel.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Chris Jatko’s Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

News and Notes

Lost & Found

Our "Lost & Found" bin is full! Please take a minute to see if anything belongs to you. The bin is temporarily located on the table in the back of the auditorium - near the media center. Anything left behind will be donated or disposed of after May 10th

Service Project

Thank you so very much to all who helped with the service project yesterday. Events like these, show the love and support we have for our brothers and sisters.



Summerfest

We will be manning a booth again this year at the annual Brighton, Summerfest event. This is a perfect time to promote Vacation Bible School and share information about our congregation. Mark Thacker is organizing this event and if you can come to help out in the booth it would be most appreciated. Stay for a few hours or how ever long you can. Mark always brings drinks and snacks and Naomi will bring lunch for whoever is there manning the booth.

Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Carmichael Park (650 E. Southern Street) behind City Hall

Deacon

Several weeks ago, the Elders announced they’re considering Paul Nikolai as a deacon. Although Paul had intended to take on that role, upon further reflection, he has decided to withdraw from consideration. At the present time, he won’t be able to devote the time he believes is necessary to achieve the desired level of success. However, we’re grateful that he has also stated his commitment to still continue to actively participate in the work here. We appreciate his candid evaluation of the situation and certainly respect his decision.

Senior Graduate Celebration



The congregation is planning to celebrate Mackenzy and Kayden Sunday, June 4th following morning service. Food details are still being worked out but please mark your calendars to join in on this celebration.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
May 7	Jan Lorenzo	Birthday
May 8	Kaden Reitmair	Birthday
May 8	Keeley Reitmair	Birthday
May 13	Emma Nelson	Birthday