

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am –64
Sunday pm - 29
Wednesday - 24
Contribution-\$3,128.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Marcos Celaya
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
 AssistantJim Learned
 Assistant.....Alan Samuelson
 Assistant.....Mark Thacker
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson

Matthew 5:33-37

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....John Nason

Sunday Evening

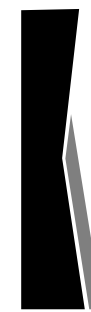
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Chris Peterson
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
 Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
 Closing Prayer.....Ivan Stewart

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



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Prayer for Boldness

Acts chapters 2 and 3 are the triumphal chapters of the church that Christ built. The apostles, emboldened by the message and the Holy Spirit, preached Christ through the Old Testament. Massive amounts of converts were being added to the church by the Lord. The church had built a community that was loving, encouraging, and caring for each other.

Sometimes, we over-idealize things that are in the past. We look back on 30 years ago or even pre-COVID and, in our minds, create an idealized community. I don't think Luke, the inspired writer, is guilty of doing the same thing. I cannot imagine what the early church community looked like, but I know I want to be part of it. As the saying goes, however, all good things must come to an end. After a short period of tremendous growth and peace, the early church was about to face its first challenge.

In Acts 4, the text says that the Sadducees came upon them while Peter and John were speaking and arrested them. This was the first sign of hardship in the church. I cannot imagine what the early church thought as they watched these influential preachers carried off by the Jewish leaders. A tragic turn of events suddenly confused what was a perfect situation. So, what do you do when trouble comes up? You pray.



After Peter and John were released, they returned to the disciples. They reported all that had happened with the chief priests and scribes, and then the disciples prayed. I can't help but think how their prayer sounds very different than one I would have prayed. If it was in this century, I think we

would have said things like, "heal their wounds" or "Lord take away the persecution we are facing." Instead, the new Christians leaned heavily on the Old Testament and emphasized God's sovereignty.

First, they addressed God as the creator. They then went to their inspired songbook and referenced Psalm 2. This psalm is directly applicable because it starts out talking about people who would try to oppose God's plan. What is interesting is that they leave out the main point of the psalm.

"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psalm 2 is a messianic psalm directly referencing the lordship of Jesus. Instead of a prayer for deliverance or healing, the prayer is a praise and request for boldness. This account makes me question what I am taking to God in prayer. Much like the early disciples, we can see where the world is (seemingly) becoming more antagonistic to the truth. So, do I ask God to remove my persecution? Or do I say, "I know you are in charge, help me be bold as I carry out your mission!"

Brian Ketchem
Mount Carmel church of Christ
11/26/23 - Bulletin Article

Announcements

Prayers

Vera Baker will be moving to Kentucky soon. Prayers for a safe move.

Prayer request for **Raymond and Meredith Long**. Meredith had the surgery on her vertebrae. Pray that her recovery will bring lasting relief.

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

Ron Eudaley - He is in New Mexico but there still is a lot to accomplish before he can get into his own place. Prayers that all goes smoothly.

Nona Barton is a member of the Golden church of Christ and is fighting stage 4 lung cancer. Prayers for the best possible outcome.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko- health problems & prayers for the family tending to her.

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker- headaches from concussion

Bill and Ann Adams-health complications

News and Notes

No Sunday evening service on December 24th

This day is very special to many of our members, especially with family visiting, some from far off. We don't want to make members choose between visiting with their family or attending evening service. Be assured that we feel all worship and meeting times are important and we do not expect to cancel for any other events except for safety concerns. (e.g. dangerous snow events)

Upcoming Event

Congregational Holiday Party, Saturday, December 16th., 5:00 p.m.



The annual holiday party is almost here! It is a potluck style meal at 5:00 p.m. followed by an optional gift exchange. It is always a lot of fun. Even if you do not participate in the gift exchange come and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions see Mark or Naomi Thacker for answers.



The winter food drive pick up date is **Today, Sunday, December 10th.** These are the things they really need:

Instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, cookies, tortilla chips, canned chicken, refried beans, pasta sauce, cold medicine, no foam paper plates, paper towels, 16 oz. plastic drinking cups, 42 gallon heavy duty trash bags.

