

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 - 77
Sunday pm - 29
Wednesday - 27
Contribution- \$3,035.27

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome.....Ron Jensen
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
AssistantSteven Jaeger
Assistant.....Jim Learned
Assistant.....Chris Warner
Scripture Reading.....James Slagle
Jeremiah 31:31-33

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Marcos Celaya

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
Lord's Supper Leader.....Kevin Dunham
Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....Paul Nikolai

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Marc Moran

Service Times

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



December 18 , 2022

**Christmas and Christians /Adapted
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Mt. Carmel church of Christ**

Christmas is an incredible time of the year for a number of different reasons. Family, food, presents, cheezy Hallmark movies, presents, friends, and friends with presents. For me, Christmas is not a day but it's more like a season. Realistically you have summer, fall, Christmas, and then winter.

Unfortunately, "Christianity and Christmas" is a combination that often makes people feel a bit uncomfortable. The religious tension is enough to make people stay far away from the subject in totality. My goal isn't to extinguish the fiery division in the manner of a short article, but I'd love to offer some Biblical references for the occasion.

First, we need to understand the holiday. Maybe it has not always been the case that Christmas celebrated the birth of Christ, but that's what a lot of people view it as today. In the grand scheme of reality, it doesn't matter which day He was born on (otherwise it would have been revealed in scripture). What matters is that He was born. Those who hold the view of Christmas being the day of Christ's birth don't have the liberty to bind that on anyone else, but it also not an act worthy of condemnation (Romans 14:1-6).



Second, calibrate your view of those who enter into the assembly on Christmas weekend. The church is called the "body of Christ" for a reason (1 Corinthians 12:13ff; Ephesians 4:12; Romans 12:5). I cannot find a single instance in Scripture where Jesus rejected people on the sole basis of it being the wrong day. There was no wrong day to come to Christ. However,

there will be a day when it is too late to come to Christ (Matthew 25:31f). People may feel more inclined to attend worship on Christmas Sunday, but it's not our job to condemn them. Rather than being the cold-shoulder of the body, let's be the open arms in embracing them.

Third, just appreciate the season. This is a time of the year where there is an amplified focus on Christ. Are you really going to be the one to stand up and condemn people for doing so? As Christians, it is hard to live in a culture that is very much self-based. Even if it's only for a couple months, I'll take whatever I can get for a higher interest level in Christ. Talk of religion is seldom in the everyday world; except for this time of the season. Seize that opportunity. Questions like "where are you going to worship for Sunday" is more accepted now than any other time of the year. That little spark might just ignite the fire for someone's conviction and lead to great things.

I guess my overall objective for this article is to encourage people to curb the legalistic pessimism for a moment, and observe the incredible opportunities that present themselves. Also, don't be afraid to sit down and really take time to consider the true significance that came from the birth of Christ (remember, it doesn't matter what day you do this). There's a reason why Mary was moved to a song of praise (Luke 1:46-56). Christmas is a great time of the year for a variety of reasons. One of the reasons I believe it to be, is because it's likely the annual climax of people's interest in Christ. The presents are cool too (and the LIGHTS).

--Adapted

Announcements

Prayers

Prayers for safe travels for the number of members who will be traveling this holiday season.

Linda Sanchez's son Nick has cancer. Please pray for the best possible outcome as he begins the treatments.

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

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko- health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Sam Sims- health problems

Brett Reitmair's father, Bernie, heart attack.

David Bryant's mother- stroke recovery

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

There will be no Sunday evening service on December 25th.

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)

Mountain States Children's Home



Thank you to those that contributed to the Winter Food Drive! I spoke to the person who picks up the donations and he said that he will make sure we have the new list for the various food drives earlier than they have been given to us. This gives us more time to gather items.



Click Family Move

Last week Kyle Click preached on Sunday morning. He announced that he and his family are moving to Alaska to start preaching there now that he has completed his Bear Valley School of Preaching program. The Elders wanted the congregation to know that we gave

the Click family some financial assistance in their move. We wish the best as Kyle and family embark on their new work.

Birthdays and Anniversaries			
December 18	Tim & Stella Parker	Anniversary	
December 18	Kevin Warner	Birthday	
December 20	Ricky Fox	Birthday	
December 20	Paula Stewart	Birthday	