

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

Elders

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| Kevin Dunham | 303-807-5974 |
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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 95
Sunday pm - 36
Wednesday - 29
Contribution- \$2,396.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

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| Welcome | Ron Jensen |
| Song Leader | Ron Jensen |
| Opening Prayer..... | Paul Nikolai |
| Lord's Supper Leader..... | Tim Parker |
| Assistant..... | Jim Learned |
| Assistant | Marc Moran |
| Assistant..... | Sam Dunham |
| Assistant..... | Kayden Derbigny |
| Scripture Reading..... | Ronn Eudaley |

Hosea 3:1-5

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| Lesson..... | Sam Dilbeck |
| Closing Prayer & Dismissal..... | Chris Peterson |

Sunday Evening

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| Song Leader..... | Ron Jensen |
| Opening Prayer..... | Alan Samuelson |
| Lord's Supper Leader..... | Tim Parker |
| Lesson..... | Sam Dilbeck |
| Closing Prayer..... | Ivan Stewart |

Wednesday Evening Schedule

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| Class..... | Sam Dilbeck |
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Service Times

Sundays:

Morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



March 6, 2022

Spiritual but not Religious – pt. 2 Sam Dilbeck

[This is the second part of a series on the Spiritual but not Religious. Please review the first part in last week's bulletin.—sd]

As the spiritual-but-not-religious (SBNR) community grows numerically and cohesively, it becomes important for churches to understand this new theological worldview. Both to protect itself and save others.

SBNR adherents tend to drift toward one another and attach—loosely forming a community. The rhetoric flowing from the community sounds like the messages coming from the emergent church. Ian Lawton of sbnr.org revealed, “The clarity to the phrase SBNR is still emerging.” The currents of the two streams merge at many points. Both value personal spirituality over organized religion, but that spirituality is fuzzy, without clear definition. D.A. Carson identifies this as one of five correlatives of postmodernism, the worldview that resides at the heart of emergent philosophy, as well as spirituals. The other four correlatives also fit the SBNR crowd: syncretism (blending of religions), secularization (removing God from the world and locking him in a personal box), biblical illiteracy, and globalization (the shrinking world). Another common current is the disdain for definitive lines of identity. Emergents converse, ooze, and drift. Along the way they pick up some floating, wafting, conversing SBNRs. Together they reject perceived corruptions in the church.

An aversion toward organization unites many SBNRs. To them, organization stifles personal expression. They feel men have changed God's religion into an oligarchy, meaning a few powerful leaders have molded religion into their preferences. On some levels this assumption is justified. Sectarianism dominates many religious people with rituals, customs, and traditions originating with men. Much of what passes for formal liturgy is foreign to the Bible—burning candles and incense, mandatory prayer postures, holy water, and genuflecting. Once the scales of man-made practices fall away, a refreshingly pure and simple Christianity appears. However, it is organized by God. It has an organized plan for saving mankind (2 Thes. 1:7-8, 1 Cor. 15:1-4), an organized way of righteous living (John 14:6), an organized response to the world (Matt. 28:19-20), and an organized scheme of redemption (Heb. 9:11-14).

Most spirituals also reject the notion that truth can be known. Dr. Linda Mercadante summarized that many of her interviewees felt that churches claim exclusivity of the truth, "that they have a corner on the truth market." In the emerging postmodern society, many have embraced pluralism, a philosophy believing there are many different—even conflicting—truths. So, God is only one truth among an infinite many. Saying Jesus is a way is enlightened. Saying Jesus is the way is arrogant. Anyone cornering truth apart from the Word corners nothing. God speaks truth (John 17:17). All truth, absolute truth, unbreakable truth, is found in God's revealed Word. And Jesus assures us we can know it (John 8:32).

Another trend among SBNRs is that churches require personal, private belief be abdicated in favor of the corporate mentality. Their resentment of this idea stems from individualism and appeals to the humanistic philosophy of self-first. While the world preaches the glorification of self, God preaches the loss of self. We acquire the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5), the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29), and the desire of Christ (Rom. 12:1-2). Those who are spiritual but not religious selfishly hold on to their "rugged individualism" not allowing God to transform their lives. God uses individual, personal talents for church growth (hymn writers, class material authors, etc.). However, all who transform into the image of Christ, or walk in his footsteps will share a corporate mentality based upon God.

[Look for the conclusion of this series next week.—sd]

Announcements

Prayers

Althea Moran's nephew, Alan, died recently of cancer. Prayers for the family as they mourn his passing.

Linda Shelton's daughter, Angie, who had been in a serious car accident, is now recovering at home in Fort Morgan.

Joe Baker, Kristi Dunham's father, is in need of prayers for his health.

Elmo Wilson is at home on hospice care. Prayers for him and Ruth as they walk this difficult part of life together.

Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko—health problems

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan—heart issues

KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert—chemo nerve damage

Sam Sims—health problems

The Wiley family—baby son with health complications

News and Notes



Updated Address

Anna Hanavan, Sara, and Emma's new address is:

384 Wheatberry Drive

Brighton, CO 80601



Bible Classes

Since COVID, our Bible classes have suffered in attendance. However, classes have always been a tremendous benefit to the church. Classes are where subjects are explored on a deeper level and ideas are shared between Christians. With this in mind, we want to reintroduce everyone to this wonderful resource. On **April 3**, the Brighton Church of Christ will host a Family Bible Class Day. Everyone is encouraged to attend Bible classes that morning and experience their benefit. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, and yourself to class on that day. Then make it your new habit.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



March 11

Kevin Dunham

Birthday