

## 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.....	Mark Thacker
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Lesson .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	KD Derbigny

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

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

## Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

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



May 16, 2021

### Where's The Fruit? by Wayne Greeson

Every few years a commercial comes along that is priceless. It strikes a chord with Americans everywhere. Soon, the jingle or slogan is heard not only from television but from the lips of senior citizens to babes—the commercial becomes a bit of true Americana.

One such commercial was Wendy's Hamburgers, "Where's the Beef?" commercial. Who hasn't entered a fast food place, ordered a hamburger, sat down to eat and, in the words of Wendy's commercial, wondered: "Where's the Beef?"

Many will chuckle as they dig through their hamburger bun in an attempt to find "the beef" in their 98 cent hamburger. Yet, how many will go through their lives looking for the insignificant beef in their hamburger and fail to ever search for the more weightier spiritual fruit in their lives? Instead of asking "Where's the Beef?" a person needs to examine himself and ask:

Where's The Fruit?

Just as a good hamburger contains plenty of beef, a person acceptable to God bears much fruit. To be "fruitful" means to be productive. A fruitful garden produces much fruit; a fruitful worker is a worker productive in his work. To produce fruit for God means one is working and serving God in the works God would have him do. Paul wrote that we must "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work..." (Col. 1:10). The fruit that God expects of men "consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph. 5:9).

## Relationship with Christ

The New Testament uses the phrase "in Christ" to describe those who have a spiritual relationship with Christ. To get "into Christ" one must first be obedient to Christ by being "baptized into Christ" (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27; Col. 2:12-13).

Those outside of Christ cannot bear fruit for Christ. It does not matter how pious, humble or sincere one becomes there is no producing for the Lord outside of the Lord. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me ... for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

## Relationship And Service

Christians must recognize that the Christian life does not mean "being" a Christian but rather doing what a Christian does. Jesus spoke of the vine and branches in John 15 to illustrate the Christian life as a relationship to Christ (abiding in Christ) and a service to Christ (bearing fruit). Jesus warned His followers, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away" (John 15:2). Those branches taken away are cast "into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). Jesus explained the twofold purpose of His disciples bearing fruit, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples" (John 15:8). This brings up once again a question every Christian must ask and examine their lives with, "Where's the Fruit?" The Christian life is to be one of labor not loafing, fruit not foliage. Is your life producing for the Lord or are you just putting off the Lord?

Christians who would walk out of a restaurant that cheats its customers of the meat in their hamburger, will short change the Lord's service. If you set out tomato plants in the Spring, you expect tomatoes come summer. If all you received was sucker vines, its doubtful you would leave those plants taking up space in your garden for the rest of the year.

Jesus cursed a fruitless fig tree. "And seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it 'No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you' and at once the fig tree withered" (Matt. 21:19). If Jesus would not tolerate a fruitless fig tree, will He tolerate a fruitless Christian?

# Announcements

## Prayers

### 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

## 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.



### Proctor's Report for April

Please check your email for the latest update on then Proctor's, the Bear Valley Bible students.



The Mountain States Children's Home is having a Sporting Clay Tournament on July 17, 2021. To find out more on how to be a part of this fund raising event, check out their website and click the events tab. [www.msch.org](http://www.msch.org)

### Kamp Koinonia 2021

Camp is scheduled for July 11-17 (one week only this year). Applications and additional information are available on the website: [kampkoinonia.org](http://kampkoinonia.org). Space is limited to 100 campers and will be filled on a 1st come/1 served basis. We will be informed when it reaches capacity.

