

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 Morning Schedule

Greeters
 Welcome
 Song Leader
 Opening Prayer
 Communion Leader
 Communion Servers

Scripture Reading
 Isaiah 41:8-10
 Lesson
 Closing Prayer.....

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....
 Opening Prayer
 Communion
 Lesson
 Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader
 Adult Class.....

Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
 Afternoon Class 5:00 pm
 PM Worship 6:00 pm
 Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am
 Bible Study 6:30 pm



March 22, 2020

**Brighton Housekeeping
Sam Dilbeck**

Now that Spring has sprung, we look forward to warming weather, greener grass, and lifting of virus protocols. Until then, we just keep plugging along trusting in God.

Ernest Kite has been updating our membership directories. The directory is a snapshot of current members and their families. While we appreciate regular visitors and attenders, our policy is to only include members who work under the oversight of the elders here, and their immediate family. If you have been visiting with us for a while and want to put your workmanship under the oversight of the elders, we encourage you to speak with one of the elders and let them know of your desire.

We have canceled our Spring Gospel Meeting. Eric Lyons of Apologetics Press, was scheduled to be our speaker delivering lessons on the theme “Believe.” No doubt Eric would have done a phenomenal job, but with the health risks facing our world, the elders thought it best to cancel this meeting. Hopefully, the virus crisis will pass by November 8-11 when we will host Allen Webster for our Fall Meeting.

On the corona front, the Center for Disease Control has recommended assemblies be limited to 10 or fewer. While we appreciate the CDC for its recommendations, the elders have elected to continue Sunday morning worship. They encourage those who are at high risk for the corona virus to stay home. If you fear contacting the virus, stay home. If you are coughing or running a fever, stay home.

The elders have also made it possible to give your contribution through the website so the church can continue to meet its obligations. Simply go to brightonchurchofchrist.org and click on the “giving” tab then the donate button.

Jacob Rutledge recently posted these words on Facebook: One of the greatest failures of the Pharisees was the priority they placed on religious practice over the personal need of

their fellowman. So much so that Jesus told the story of a man beaten on the side of the road while the religious elite passed him by, and it hit true (Luke 10:29-37).

On another occasion Jesus had to address their condemnation of his disciples because they were plucking grain on the Sabbath due to their hunger. In this instance Jesus showed them that, in their judgment, they failed to understand the purpose of the Sabbath: it wasn't meant as a legalistic burden on the backs of God's people, but as a beneficial day of rest for humanity (Matt. 12:1-8). If people intentionally violated this day, there were severe consequences; but if necessity dictated, they violate the letter of the law (they technically were laboring by plucking the heads of grain) they weren't violating the spirit of the law. It wasn't the norm, but it certainly wasn't a violation of God's intention.

Jesus ended this discussion with this statement: "And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless" (Matt. 12:7). That is, if they genuinely would have understood the heart of God, His mercy and love for humanity, they wouldn't have condemned those who actually were guiltless before the Law.

Sadly, I have seen modern day Pharisees rise up once again, condemning fellow Christians for altering/canceling their assembly due to the modern pandemic. Just like the Pharisees of old, they twist the scriptures and justify their interpretation on a reading which fails to understand the heart of God and the spirit of the law. They fail to see how the command for the assembly of God's people isn't violated in such instances because they miss the heart of God and the intention of his law concerning the assembly. While churches can continue to assemble if they so choose, other churches may choose to suspend their services for the time being without any guilt whatsoever. They are not forsaking the assembly and they are not violating the law of Christ.

And for those who continue to say otherwise, the condemnation of our Lord stands just as true for you as it did for the Pharisees so long ago: you condemn the guiltless. Be vigilant and discerning, and make the best decision for your family at this time. Keep praying for this health crisis to pass as quickly and painlessly as possible.

Announcements

Prayer List

Tony Lell's wife, Dawn, had a successful surgery. She is home now but is not accepting visits for a while for safety reasons.

Jim Hazlet was in the hospital for a bit on Thursday and Friday. He is home now but keep him in prayer.

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

Neal Sandstede, Jennifer's father, in our prayer list as he had surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer).

KD's supervisor's wife is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry's aunt, **Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

The **Mendoza's** are currently on a cruise. So far so good but keep them in prayer.

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Sam Sims stroke recovery

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father –cancer

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

News and Notes

Information

We thought you would want to know that we, in your behalf, have sent \$3000 in relief funds to the tornado victims of the Cookeville, Tennessee congregation to assist them in getting their lives back to normal after losing several members and much property recently.

The Brighton Elders

Safety Measures

Due to the Coronavirus there will be no services held at the building until further notice. Sam Dilbeck will deliver a message Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. <https://www.brightonchurchofchrist.org/sermons-brighton-church-of-christ>



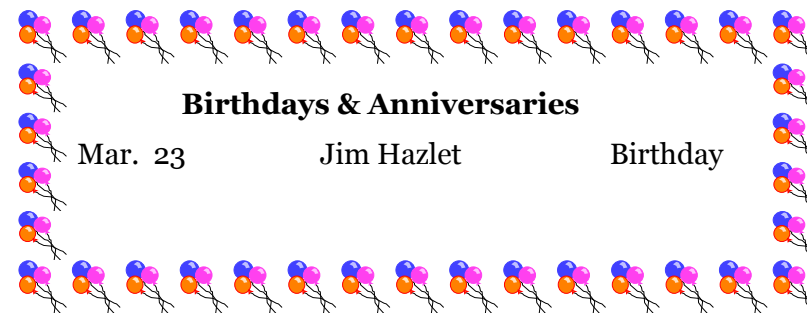
The Elders sent an email with detailed information last Thursday. If you did not get this email please let Naomi Thacker know and she will forward it to you. m.thacker@msn.com

In looking out for each other, if you are in need please let someone know. The Thacker's home phone is 303-655-1982. Jan Lorenzo's number is 720-934-3325



We are currently not meeting for services but we still can set aside items for the children's home and bring them to the building when

the safety restrictions are lifted.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 23

Jim Hazlet

Birthday