

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.

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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 74
Sunday pm - 33
Wednesday - 28
Contribution- \$4,935.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson
Lord’s Supper Leader.....KD Derbigny
Assistant.....Steven Jaeger
Assistant James Slagle
Assistant.....Chris Jatko
Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny
Scripture Reading.....Marcos Celaya

Hosea 11:1-4

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Dunham

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
Lord’s Supper Leader.....
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



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Light and Love
Doy Moyer
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Christians are to be lights in the darkness, “blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life...” (Phil 2:15-16). What Jesus said ought to ring in our ears continually:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matt 5:14-16)

How, then, are we lights in the world? The essential answer lies in our following after the example of Jesus and the holiness of God.

Peter shows both in his writings. For example:

“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Pet 1:14-16)

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps...” (1 Pet 2:21; read through the context).

God is the model of our behavior, and what the Lord teaches in terms of how we should act ought always to be before us. Let’s consider being lights particularly in the area of how we are to treat other people, especially when they need mercy and kindness the most. God is the God of justice, and this never changes. Doing justice and righteousness would, at least, mean that we are acting according to the character of God toward others who are made in God’s image. This is a pattern that we see throughout Scripture, both Old and New Testaments.



Jesus carries these principles forward and tells us how we are to act, which, in turn, serves to shine the light of God's grace into a world desperately in need of it:

1. "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt 7:12). This principle is the essence of what it means to act right

toward others. If we ask ourselves, "How would I like to be treated under these circumstances?" we can better gauge how we should act toward others.

2. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:39, the second great commandment). The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) shows the need to love neighbor as self and identifies what it means to be that neighbor. "Go and do likewise," Jesus said.

3. Jesus shows the need to be merciful and compassionate: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matt 5:7). He also points to the need to love even enemies (Matt 5:43-48).

The NT writers carry the thoughts forward as well. For example, re-read what Paul says in Romans 12:14-21 and 13:8-10. Re-read what James has to say in James 1:27-2:17. These passages show what it means to love others, show mercy, and to act without prejudice.

How we treat others is basic to our relationship with God. If we fail to love others, we cannot properly love God: "By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother" (1 John 3:10). "We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4:19-21)

We should want all to be saved, just as God does (1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9). Being lights in the world leads people to God, but we cannot be the lights we are called to be if we do not act properly. Peter put it this way: "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Pet 2:12). This echoes Matthew 5:14-16.

This is about God's character. We see Him acting with love and compassion, and so ought we to do the same. This is also about humans made in God's image. We need to treat God's image-bearers with the appropriate respect. Since our behavior toward others is tied to our love of God and also tied to bringing others to God, then let us be mindful of how important it is to treat others with love, honor, and mercy, knowing that we will, too, be judged with the same measure by which we judge others (Matt 7:1-6).

Announcements

Prayers

Jennifer Sandstede's Aunt JoAnn Berdahl's kidney is failing and the future is unclear. Her strength is waning. Prayers for her and her family are requested.

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

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

Sunday Potluck

Sunday, February 5th, right after morning service is a Sunday Potluck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with the brethren.



Meeting Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, January 22nd, right after morning service there will be a congregational meeting. A brief review of our finances, a look at where we have been, and where we want to go will be discussed.

Events and Social Studies Bible Studies

Very soon the dates for the various events and for the Social Studies Bible Studies will be completed. Keep an eye out for the calendar which will be posted in the foyer.



Kamp Koinonia 2023

When: July 2nd—July 8th

Where: Table in the Wilderness (just outside Centennial, WY)

Theme: "Excel Still More" (1 Thessalonians 4:1)

Cost: \$300.00 per camper

www.kampkoinonia.org



The website has a wealth of information: directions, what to bring, what not to bring, registration forms, etc. It is not too early to start planning.

