

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 Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Chris Peterson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	Les Tucker
Assistant	Kaden Dunham
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Assistant.....	Chris Warner
Scripture Reading.....	Ronn Eudaley
	Luke 20:23-26

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	KD Derbigny

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	Les Tucker
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Tim Parker

Wednesday Evening Schedule

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: Ladies Class 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



October 17, 2021

The Qualifying Round Sam Dilbeck

It's the smell of oil, octane, and a bit of sweat from the pit crew. It's NASCAR. Adrenaline, thunder and steel mixed together in a southern casserole, served hot and steamy. For many people the appeal of racing escapes them. For race fans, it's a natural as breathing, eating, or drinking. Seven hundred fifty horses of raw metallic power pounding the asphalt through four wheels, bumping, blocking, and crashing. The sport enlivens the spirit of competition, invigorating and intoxicating racers, crews, and spectators. I think my neck is blushing.

The concept is simple. Drive hard. Drive fast. Turn left. History salutes those who do it well. Names like Petty, Earnhardt, Childress, and Gordon are revered for their domination and seemingly permanent residence in the victory lane. Yet, each one of them had to qualify and run the race before they found victory. Christianity is a lot like NASCAR—to be victorious we must qualify and run the race with a simple, spiritual purpose. Like qualifying at Daytona, each of us must qualify for the heavenward race. The requirements to enter are found in the Bible—Heaven's Rule Book. We must obey the gospel or forfeit the reward (2 The. 1:7-9).



Obedying the gospel means submitting one's life to God as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2); trusting him to lead (Psa. 23:1-6); believing in him to save (John 8:24); repenting of sins (Luke 13:3); confessing Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:9-10); and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). These are the initial qualifying rounds. Rejecting or neglecting these relegates us to spectators, never qualifying for heaven.

However, just as a good qualifying round does not win the race, obeying the gospel does not get us to heaven. Life goes on. Paul continued his observations in 2 Thessalonians 1 by saying that we must know God. To know God is to become intimately acquainted with him by keeping his commandments. This is how we demonstrate love for God (John 14:15). God admonished Israel when they stopped obeying, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children" (Hos. 4:6). The people stopped obeying and severed their relationship with God. Moses understood the connection between knowing God and keeping his commandments, "Show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight" (Exo. 33:13). Knowing God relates to how we run the race and achieve victory.

Many Christians destroy their opportunity of victory by spin-outs, crashes, and disqualification when they embrace sin instead of the Savior. Saints try to drive from the bleachers so they can be part of the world and part of the church jeopardize victory. Others start the race and stall, or they quit the race to go run another track by joining a denomination. Paul wrote, "But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27). We must stay in the race to win.

Life, like NASCAR, has something for everyone—bleachers for those who don't want heaven, a track for those who do, and victory lane for those who endure according to the rules. So, where are you? Are you behind the wheel of a faith-fueled, Christ-powered machine careening toward the checkered flag? Or are you sitting in the stands without hope for victory? You cannot show up on Judgment Day and demand a place in heaven anymore than we can show up on race day in Talladega and demand the winner's trophy. But you can qualify today, and run the race tomorrow.

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
- Sam Sims- health problems
- Elmo Wilson- recovery from a stroke
- Becca' Manzanares' niece's husband, Steven Pointer-COVID
- Ruth Wilson's grandson- COVID

News and Notes

Colton and Kayla Bishop's new baby, Barron Lee Bishop, was born Saturday, October 2nd at 1:03 pm. He was 3.13 lbs. at birth and both baby and mom are doing well. Barron will be in NICU for a while to insure he keeps on doing well.

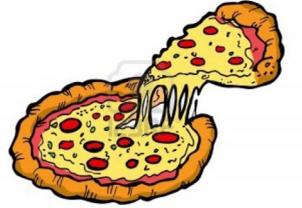


Mindy and Ricky Fox were baptized into Christ Saturday, October 2nd. If you did not get a chance to welcome them please make sure and greet them today.

Luke 15:10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Teen/Young Adult Fall Get Together

Come join us for food, games, prizes and more!
Saturday, October 30th,
6:30-9:00 p.m. at the church building.



Pizza will be provided. Girls bring a side or drink. Boys bring a dessert. **Dress up in a costume to be entered into the costume contest.** Friends are welcome!



Sunday, November 7th



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Oct. 18	JoAnn Koenig	Birthday
Oct. 20	Mark Thacker	Birthday
Oct. 21	Tim Parker	Birthday
Oct. 23	Chris Jatko	Birthday
Oct. 23	Michael Jatko	Birthday