

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am –70
Sunday pm - 35
Wednesday - 24
Contribution-\$4,467.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Coby Mondoza
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
 AssistantSam Dunham
 Assistant.....
 Assistant.....Chris Jatko
 Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner
 Psalms 1:1-6

Lesson.....Steven Jaeger
Closing Prayer.....Tim Parker

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....James Slagle
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays:
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



October 8, 2023

“The Mark”

If one were to read the opening chapters of Ezekiel, they would notice a very grim reality that the nation of Israel was living in. The people rejected nearly every leader God gave them and even went as far as to refuse the very voice of God (Ez. 3:7). They were blessed but leveraged their blessing for sin, just like every other nation that surrounded them (Ez. 5:5,6). They no longer honored the temple of God and were comfortable offering their detestable worship (5:11). The tone of the opening pages of Ezekiel is bleak and harrowing.

Yet in the midst of a struggling people, God recognized there was a number of those who remained steadfast to Him. Even though the nation as a whole was insufferable to God, there were some who devoted themselves to abstain from the detestable abominations. Notice what God says concerning these select people; “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it” (Ez. 9:4). Those who had the mark were safe from the wrath of God. Perhaps a shadow of what took place at the Exodus and the Passover (12:7).

What is particularly fascinating about the Old Testament is how often it magnifies circumstances in the New Testament. Several hundred years later, the apostle John would pen the Revelation. In this incredibly vivid and awe-inspiring book (just like Ezekiel), the reader gains a knowledge of the exclusivity of being righteous in God’s eyes; that is, not everyone will escape His wrath nor experience His peace. In Revelation chapter 3, Jesus encourages the individuals who overcome this life that He will “write on them” a new name. Those who present themselves as righteous are given an inscription directly from God.



Moreover, there are similar references to God placing His mark on those who present themselves as righteous (Rev. 7:3; 9:4). Only those who have the mark of God are those who will escape judgment.

However, as one continues to read through the Revelation, there is another mark that is mentioned. This second mark does not come from God, but from the second “beast” who revels in worldly wickedness. The mark given by the second beast is one that is tempting for all who live in the world, for by having this mark, the people of the time were able to trade, buy, and sell – grow in their worldly gain and status (Rev. 13:15-17). This also meant impoverished lifestyles for those who had God’s mark, and not the mark of the beast. Those in the world will find themselves in the position of thinking they won. However, the text of Revelation 14 rings louder than the woeful arrogant battle cry of worldly victory. Those who have the mark of God are those that will:

Find themselves the presence of Jesus and the rest of His saints (14:1)

Bask in the glory of heavenly celebration (14:2,3)

Be seen for pure in conduct, and be remembered for their rescue from sin (14:4,5)

The life of a Christian is one of absolute devotion. It requires the individual to hate evil, groan over wickedness, and remain absent from sinful lifestyles (Ezekiel 9:4). The pursuit of Christianity perseveres even when faith is not convenient (Revelation 13:17). Ultimately, when one is committed to Jesus and His commands, the mark of God is placed upon the individual and they are no longer seen as the world’s, but God’s (Rev. 14:1, 4). Christians do not merely bear the name “Christian;” rather, they are accompanied with a mark that can only be given by the divine.

P.S. from Odie – Do not get caught up in the imagery and lose sight of the main point. We do not have to identify some mysterious symbol or mark. The main point is this: God knows who belongs to Him. As for a mark God sees, think about the blood of Christ. For one the world sees, think of the image of Christ stamped over my life.

Tyler King 05/14/23 - Bulletin Article

Announcements

Prayers

Arlo Samuelson (Alan's father) is having some heart issues-complications due to a bad heart valve. Please keep him in your prayers

Angie Olivas had a fall and hit her chest on her night stand and has been in a lot of pain. Continue to pray for her as she heals.

Bill and Ann Adams are thankful to everyone for the beautiful cards and all the prayers. They appreciate all of you!

Georgiana Savoie, sister of Rickie Bass, (former members of Thornton) will undergo major back surgery. Prayers please for a positive outcome.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Prayers for the work in **India**. Pray for the health and strength of the fellow Christian workers who spread the Gospel.

Continued Prayers

Ronn Eudaley-adjusting to the loss of his lower leg

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems & prayers for the family tending to her.

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

News and Notes

Social Studies Bible Study

This Friday, Oct 13th

6:00 pm pot luck, 7:00 pm Study

Dunham home 885 Rose Ct 80601

Pot luck theme: Mexican

All are welcome, child care provided.



Withdrawing Membership

The Nikolai family have decided to withdraw their membership from the Brighton congregation. Since they will be moving next year, they have been wanting to visit with brethren that they have built relationships with in the many other congregations around the state. They will still be in the area for some time, and plan on worshiping in Brighton now and then, but no longer on a consistent basis. We appreciate the work and support the Nikolai family gave the Brighton congregation and are sad to see them move on. We will look forward to them visiting us and wish them the best in their future service in the Lord’s Kingdom.



Mountain States Children’s Home Fall Food Drive

Today, Sunday Oct. 7th is the last day to bring items for this Fall’s food drive. Thank you to all who have already put items on their table.

Young Adult and Teen Fall Party

Saturday, October 28th, 5:00 pm

Dunham home: 885 Rose Ct 80601

Please bring an appetizer to share.

Games, Costume Contest, and Fellowship - friends are welcome!

