

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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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Reid Jones
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Kevin Dunham
Lesson	Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Wayne Manzanares

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....	Ron Jensen

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

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



May 30, 2021

Portrait of two women Sam Dilbeck

Nearby two women live light-years apart. Their homes, their philosophies, even their clothes separate them. Their worldviews rise like the Great Wall of China between them, but they are both looking for a mate.

Solomon tells how they conduct their lives. He names one woman Wisdom and the other Folly. In Proverbs 9, he reveals their conflicting natures and admonishes his readers to choose Wisdom, the responsible, caring, stable woman who challenges others to rise above foolishness and mediocrity. Sadly, Solomon knows man will be seduced by Folly and her instant gratification lifestyle.

Solomon begins by contrasting their work ethic. Wisdom builds a spacious house supported by seven pillars (Prov. 9:1). She raises livestock and vineyards and harvests their fruits to feed her household and neighbors (v. 2). But Folly sits on the front porch like Otis Redding at the dock of the bay. She watches for people to come her way as the hours slip away (v. 13-14). Instead of working for her food, she relies on "stolen water" and "bread eaten in secret," which refer to pilfered food (v. 17).

To be a companion of Wisdom, we must show industry. The Christian life is not a life of ease and relaxation, but one of service and work—a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2). We serve one another (Gal. 5:13). We serve outsiders (Col. 4:5). We serve God (Heb. 9:14). Christians work to bear fruit for God's glory (John 15:7). Christians work out their own salvation (Phil. 2:12). Paul described the industrious life, "Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need" (Eph. 4:28).

Next, the wise king contrasts their generosity. Wisdom offers her food and wine (Prov. 9:5). She sends her invitation throughout the city (vv. 3-4). Meanwhile, Folly offers the food of other people's labors. She takes more than she gives.

To embrace Wisdom, Christians must be generous with their resources. The first century church often shared their wealth with the church and one another (Acts 4:32-37). But they also showed generosity with unsaved people (Gal. 6:10). One of the hallmarks of Christianity is its emphasis on benevolence.

Then Solomon turned his gaze upon the intentions of Wisdom and Folly. Wisdom desires to help people improve their situation. She says to the simple, "Leave your simple ways...walk in the way of insight" (Prov. 9:6). On the other hand, Folly calls out to the simple and burdens them. She interrupts their journey (v. 15) and entices them to steal (v. 17).

Christians likewise seek to help and not harm (Mat. 10:16). They carry burdens instead of become burdens (Gal. 6:2). Their intentions are to help, not hinder (Mat. 18:6).

Another point of contrast is the women's introspection—how they see themselves. Wisdom is humble. She sends her invitation to the high places in town. These are the area where business and government are conducted. She invited important people to her home, hoping they would accept the invitation (Prov. 9:3). Folly feels important so she "takes a seat on the highest places of the town" (9:14).

Humility and deference characterize Christians. They know their debt of sin and are compelled to honor God and consider others ahead of themselves—two traits of humility. Paul described it, "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Rom. 12:3).

Finally, the difference between Wisdom and Folly is their destination. As Wisdom beckons to the simple, she offers them life, "Leave your simple ways and live" (Prov. 9:6), and "For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life" (9:11). While Wisdom adds life, Folly removes it, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here...but he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol" (9:16-18).

For the Christian, wisdom brings life—especially the wisdom of salvation (2 Tim. 3:15). People who embrace foolishness often find their life cut short and eternal life filled with suffering. Wisdom means knowing God, his will, and what glorifies him. Wisdom identifies sin and its consequences and avoids it.

Right now two women are vying for our attention and affection. Wisdom calls from the heights of heaven, begging us to join her in eternal bliss. Folly calls from the perishing depths of hell, enticing us to join her in her eternal misery. Each of us will answer one of these women.

Announcements

Prayers

Remember Paula Nikolai as she recovers from her recent heart troubles.

Linda Shoen went home from Platte Valley Hospital yesterday and is doing better.

Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordige, 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

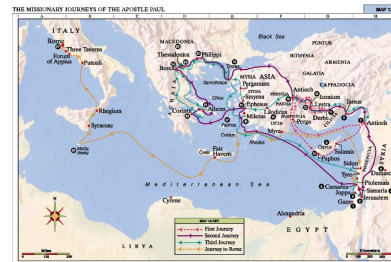
The work in India

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.



Guidelines

Face coverings will no longer be required

Social distancing will no longer be required

Capacity limits are eliminated

Dismissal by section is eliminated

Graduation Celebration!



Please join us for a come and go reception honoring our graduating High Schools seniors (Kaylee Derbigny, Dailey Reitmair, Chris Warner, and Levi Tucker) on Sunday, June 6th, from 4-6 pm at Brighton Park, Pavilion #4 (adjacent to the pond and volleyball sandpit). Light refreshments will be served. For any questions please see Jennifer Sandoval or Julie Dilbeck.

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. 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
May 30	Raymond & Meredith Long	Anniversary
June 1	Sam & Julie Dilbeck	Anniversary
June 3	Nolan Peterson	Birthday
June 5	Jennifer Asper	Birthday