

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

Song Leader

Opening Prayer.....Tim Parker

Lord's Supper Leader.....Ivan Stewart

Assistant.....KD Derbigny

Assistant

Assistant.....Kevin Dunham

Assistant.....Kaden Dunham

Assistant.....Jim Learned

Scripture Reading.....Dale Bishop

Luke 19:37-40

Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Coby Mendoza

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....

Opening Prayer.....Jon Picon

Lord's Supper Leader.....Ivan Stewart

Assistant.....KD Derbigny

Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer.....Ernest Kite

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class..... Sam Dilbeck

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



September 26, 2021

It happened... 2 brethren killed during worship by Clint Brown

It happened. A local congregation's worst nightmare. An armed man comes into the assembly of the saints and murders worshipers in cold blood. The December 30, 2019 shooting at the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, Texas was a horrific act of evil perpetrated against God's people.

But what should be the primary response from the Lord's church on occasions like this? In short, it is summed up by Jesus' own words from the cross as he was being unjustly attacked by evil people: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do" (Lk. 23:34). An attitude of mercy and forgiveness was at the forefront of Jesus' mind at the height of his suffering. This should also be the basic attitude of Christians.

First, our primary message should not be about politics. Though Bible believers naturally gravitate to American political conservatism, and we seriously seek to expose the lies and hypocrisy of political and social progressivism, we must remember our Lord's primary response. While on the cross Jesus didn't call for legal and social reform. He called for love and forgiveness. While his entire teaching ministry serves as the basis of true social justice and legal reform, he considered the call for forgiveness to be the only true power to convert the human heart. Proper laws and social structures are essential to a healthy society but only the love of Christ can truly change a human soul forever.

Secondly, our primary message should not be about patriotism. As Christians we accept the Christian duty to protect our neighbors and loved ones from gratuitous evil, and we fight for our Second Amendment right to bear arms. We believe the command to love your neighbor can include the need for a citizen to kill a violent criminal in the act of murder or other violent crime, and that the government bears the sword to punish an evildoer—even, if necessary, to the point of death (Rom. 13:1-4). But again, we must consider the example of Jesus. At the height of his unjust suffering, Jesus didn't call for justice, but for mercy. There should be no question that Jesus is for justice to finally be done on evil, but he used the circumstances of his own experience of injustice as an opportunity for God's love to be displayed to the world. As followers of Christ, we must respond to an evil tragedy first as Christians and only secondly as Americans.

Our primary message should be God's compassion and forgiveness. Our message should reverberate with the gospel of Christ. The gospel was certainly on display in one of our brothers at West Freeway following that tragedy. Brother John Richardson is a long-time member of the church where two of his brothers were killed. In an interview shortly after the shooting he said concerning the murderer, "We have to understand that this poor man... and I don't know what his mental state was... but my heart goes out to his family because they have to live with this. And we have to remember that he is a creature of God just like we are. It was a sad thing that he had to come into the assembly and hurt people, and it was a sad thing that we had to hurt him. But I don't have any hate for this person. ...We can't have any hate for anybody that has hate for us. ...We have to live life for Christ and to teach and preach and be an example of his on earth to every person we meet. ...We have to love everybody with the love of Christ..."

Brother Richardson's words were clearly prompted by the gospel of Christ. This is Jesus' own emphasis. This attitude is completely unexpected by those of the world. But when God's people respond in this unexpected way with grace and mercy it makes a huge impact on the people of the world. It truly shows the love of Christ in our hearts. And isn't that what living the Christian life is all about?

Announcements

Prayers

Pray for Bert Thomas as he mourns the loss of Pat.

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

Pat Thomas

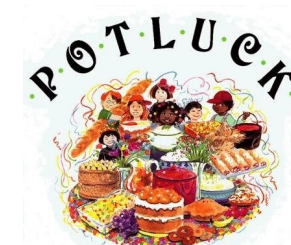
It is with great sadness that we announce that, following an earlier heart attack, Pat Thomas passed away Tuesday, September 21st.



In keeping with her wishes, there will not be a memorial service for Pat. However, **the Brighton congregation will be hosting a potluck lunch in the common room on October 10th following our morning worship, and many of Pat and Bert's family members will be attending.** This is the Sunday following our Gospel Meeting (the date was changed after it was announced). Please plan to participate in this fellowship meal.

GOSPEL MEETING

Mark October 3rd-6th on your calendar. Allen Webster is coming to speak. Allen has been preaching the Gospel since 1984. He teaches in the Memphis School of Preaching and the Georgia School of Preaching. He also is the editor of House to House/Heart to Heart paper and he is a staff writer for the Spiritual Sword. In addition, he is a director of Polishing the Pulpit Conference. This will be an event not to miss.



Sunday October 3rd, following morning worship, there will be a potluck in the common room. Please plan on attending and enjoy a meal with the brethren.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Sept. 29th	Payton Peterson	Birthday