

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 PrayerDale Bishop
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Coby Mendoza
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Paul Nikolai

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

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



February 7, 2021

On Infant Baptism Sam Dilbeck

One of the most divisive issues in church history has been the practice of infant baptism, also known as pedobaptism or christening. The practice emerged in the church by the third century and was practiced almost without conflict until the Reformation period beginning in the 14th century. It became a strong point of contention during the 18th century and into the Restoration period in America.

Today there are some people in the church seeking to adopt this practice from denominations. However, there is no reason to reintroduce this tradition to the restored church.

Advocates of pedobaptism usually appeal to the “household” baptism passages. When Paul arrived in Philippi, he encountered Lydia who believed the gospel and “was baptized, and her household as well” (Acts 16:15). Similar statements are spoken about the Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:33) and Stephanus (1 Cor. 1:16). In order for these passages to teach infant baptism, one must first assume there was babies in the household. One must also assume those assumed babies were baptized. These assumptions are the very points which must be proven. There is no proof in these passages for infant baptism.

Some pedobaptists appeal to Jesus’s statements about children. Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them” (Luke 18:16; cf. Matt. 18:1-6). Some say denying infant baptism hinders them from coming to Jesus. However, the full context shows this is not Jesus’s point. In fact, is the opposite of what Jesus means. In Matthew 18, he tells the adults to take on the innocence of children in order to be saved. He says kingdom of God belongs to the children. Jesus sees in little children and babies innocence, not depravity.

People who defend infant baptism see an urgent need to baptize babies because they are born with “original sin,” meaning they inherited the guilt of Adam’s sin in the Garden of Eden. Since baptism washes away sins, the proper thing to do is baptize infants to wash away that original sin.

This urgency is based on a lie—the lie of original sin. In Romans it says, “Just as sin came into the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12). People who believe in original sin appeal to this verse, but a closer reading says Adam was the first to sin and many tragic consequences, including death, enter the world because of his choice. However, the plague of death spread to all “because all sinned.” People are judged for their own sin, not Adam’s. The bible says, “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son” (Eze. 18:20). Without original sin, there is no need to baptize infants who have not sinned yet.

Strip away all the history, assumptions, and conjectures, and what remains is baptism. A study of the baptism passages reveals one common thread—faith. Those on Pentecost heard the preaching and were “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37). The Samaritans “believed Philip as he preached the good news” (Acts 8:12). Lydia’s heart was opened (Acts 16:14-15). The Jailer was told to “believe...and you will be saved” (Acts 16:30-33). They all showed faith—something infants and small children cannot do.

Baptism is for the remission of sins, something babies do not have (Acts 2:38; 22:16). What sin has an eight-day-old child committed? Lying? Impure thoughts? Murder? Infants do not have the cognizance to sin or to believe, and therefore do not need baptism.

The practice of infant baptism is simply not supported in Scripture. Infants are born innocent, without sins to be washed away in baptism. Infants cannot “confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord” (Rom. 10:9-10). Nor can they believe in their hearts. There is no example of babies being baptized in the bible. There is no need for babies to be baptized. Christening is nothing but a man-made tradition that has no place in the New Testament church.

Announcements

Prayer List

From Bobbe Woodington: Prayer for my sister-in-law she has terminal cancer. Has about a week to live. **Lisa Kauffman**

The **Jatko** ladies are traveling this weekend. Prayers for a safe trip.

Continued Prayers

Ernest Kite's son Terry- recovering from a (non-COVID) virus.

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

Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie– breast cancer

Sam Sims– health problems

Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery

Carlos Tario – COVID-19 recovery

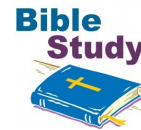
The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.



New Directory

Time is running out. Please check to see if your information is accurate; if not please let Ernest Kite know. kiteer88@comcast.net



Dillon and Marissa Proctor

Check your email for the latest newsletter from the Bear Valley Bible Institute students we support.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 12

Kristin Jatko

Birthday