

## 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

### Elders

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### Minister

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am –73  
Sunday pm - 31  
Wednesday - 21  
Contribution-\$4,897.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
 Opening Prayer.....Alan Samuelson  
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Marc Moran  
 Assistant.....James Slagle  
 Assistant .....Marcos Celaya  
 Assistant.....Jim Learned  
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham  
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson

Matthew 6:30-34

Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
 Closing Prayer.....John Nason

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
 Opening Prayer.....  
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Marc Moran  
 Lesson.....Jeff Oaks  
 Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....

## Service Times

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



**February 18, 2024**

### Faithful Brethren

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:1-2)

The church at Colosse had a long list of saints who excelled in their service to Christ. Paul addresses the people of God as faithful brethren as being individuals who could be trusted for their pattern of faith and love of truth. Not only were they obedient servants of the Lord, but their lives also reflected an allegiance to the cause of the kingdom and the work of the church. Paul includes in his letter commendations for Epaphras who he called a fellow servant and a faithful minister of Christ. This was a man the church could depend on for his commitment to the work of the church in Colosse. As a faithful brother, Epaphras was a man who showed by his love of the truth that whenever there was a need to be met in the vineyard of God, he would stand ready to help.

There were many other people Paul commended for their service to the work of the Lord. Tychicus was a faithful minister and was very useful for Paul to keep the church in Colosse informed both on their work and the efforts of Paul. Onesimus was a slave that had run away from his master, Philemon. In a providential act of kindness, the slave came in contact with Paul and obeyed the gospel. The apostle wrote a letter to Philemon exhorting him to receive his slave back as a fellow citizen of the kingdom and now commends Onesimus as a faithful and beloved brother. At one time the slave was undependable. Now he is one whose name is preserved through the ages as a man who could be depended upon in the work of God.

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Paul lists others who were helpful to him: Aristarchus, John Mark, Jesus who is called Justus, Luke, Demas, the brethren in Laodicea and Nymphas, and the church that was in his house. These were faithful brethren who by their diligent efforts were blessings to the church at Colosse because of their willingness to be counted ready to serve.

The local congregation is much like an orchestra. In every orchestra, many parts make up the symphony of instruments. Imagine a conductor trying to create music when many of the individuals of the orchestra cannot be relied upon to come to practice, bring their instruments, or be a part of the symphony. It would be extremely difficult for the music to be harmonious when the brass section fails to show up. If the string section does not bring their instruments it would be of little use for them to be there. Great music is made when everyone is doing their part. Successful orchestras come from individuals committed to the work of the symphony and the music. What the church needs today are faithful brethren committed to the work of the church. The church at Colosse had some great people who were dedicated to the work of the kingdom. They were men and women who could be depended upon.

Faithful brethren are saints who can be relied on to be involved in the church. Their attendance is not a sporadic event that only happens if something else does not come in the way. In the world of pleasure-seeking, so many things can take the mind away from the cause of Christ. The local church will have a difficult time growing when its members cannot be relied upon to show up. Often if they do show up they come late causing disruption. Bible class teachers cannot come to class on time. Company coming over or visits by family members keep people from coming to church. Shopping excursions go late on Sunday and services are missed. A real plague in the church is the misguided notion that a job excuses one from assembling with the saints. There are plenty of excuses given why the brethren cannot be depended upon. It comes down to a matter of allegiance. What is first in the heart of the saint is what is seen in the life of the Christian.

The church at Colosse was blessed with men and women who were committed to the cause of Christ in a world that was not accepting them. They were faithful – not only because they were saints – but they could be depended upon to be involved in the work of the church. Homes were places of hospitality, conversations led to talking about the gospel, invitations were extended from hands that were working in the kingdom, and hearts were guided by their deep love for God. What the church needs today are more faithful brethren who are willing to work – not play.

Bryan Matthew Dockens  
08/15/20 - Weekly Bulletin

Clermont church of Christ Clermont, FL

## Announcements



### Prayers

**Cynthia Nickels** is scheduled for surgery on June 26th. She is asking for prayers that her surgery will be moved to a sooner date.

**Sam Dunham** started his cancer treatments. He is home from the rehab center. Prayers that his treatments will go as smooth as possible.

Prayer request for **Raymond and Meredith Long**. Meredith had the surgery on her vertebrae. Pray that her recovery will bring lasting relief.

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

**Nona Barton** is a member of the Golden church of Christ and is fighting stage 4 lung cancer. Prayers for the best possible outcome.

### Continued Prayers

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

Bill and Ann Adams-health complications

## News and Notes

### God's Girls Scrapbook

On the credenza, in the back of the auditorium, there is a scrapbook. It has wonderful pictures of the women and young ladies that made up the God's Girls class.

Please take the time to look it over and enjoy a walk down memory lane.



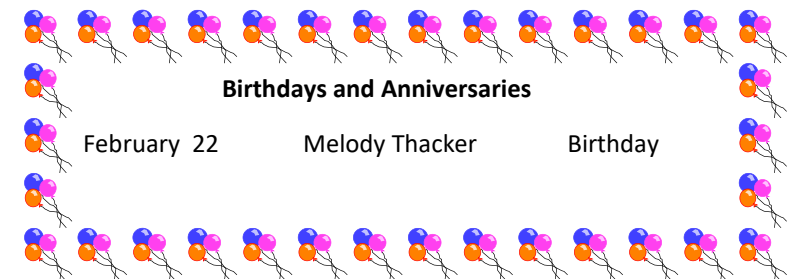
### New Members

Andrew & Sarah Henry placed membership. Please take the time to welcome this pleasant couple to the family.

### Upcoming Events

March 8th Social Studies Bible Study

March 16th Youth Event



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 22 Melody Thacker Birthday