### 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              | Ron Jensen    |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Song Leader          | Ron Jensen    |  |  |
| Opening Prayer       | Kevin Warner  |  |  |
| Lord's Supper Leader | Les Tucker    |  |  |
| Assistant            | Marcos Celaya |  |  |
| Assistant            | Coby Mendoza  |  |  |
| Assistant            | Sam Dunham    |  |  |
| Assistant            | Kaden Dunham  |  |  |
| Scripture Reading    | Jim Learned   |  |  |
| Eph. 3:17-19         |               |  |  |

| Lesson                     | Allen Webster |
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| Closing Prayer & Dismissal | Marc Moran    |

# Sunday Evening

| Song Leader          | Ron Jensen    |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Opening Prayer       | Ernest Kite   |
| Lord's Supper Leader | Les Tucker    |
| Assistant            | Mark Thacker  |
| Lesson               | Allen Webster |
| Closing Prayer       | Ivan Stewart  |
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# Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class...... Allen Webster

## **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



October 3, 2021

# The Purpose Of Preaching by David Padfield

Many great sermons are recorded in the Bible, such as the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5, 6 & 7), Stephen's history of the Jewish nation (Acts 7), Paul's address on Mars' Hill (Acts 17), and Peter's first sermon under the new covenant (Acts 2). Men today have very little respect for preaching—maybe it's because they don't know the purpose of preaching. Why do we preach?

#### **To Explain The Scriptures**

This sounds so simple, yet it is often forgotten by men today. In Acts 7, one-third of Stephen's sermon was from the Old Testament. His audience knew what the verses said, but he had to explain what they meant and how it applied to them.

When Philip preached in Acts 8, he explained Isaiah 53. The eunuch wanted to know "of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" (Acts 8:34).

After Artaxerxes released the Israelites, Ezra, a scribe and priest of God, read the "Book of the Law of Moses" to the people. With aid from the Levites, Ezra "helped the people to understand the law" (Neh. 8:7). "So they read distinctly from the book, in the law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" (Neh. 9:8).

#### **Hold Up The Scriptures As Light**

In Apostolic sermons no appeal was ever made to modern theological thought. Men of God simply proclaimed God's word. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

The apostles never claimed an emotional experience as the basis for salvation. They presented God as having revealed His will to man (1 Corinthians 2:6-13). This revealed will was placed into written form, "by which, when you read, you may understand" (Ephesians 3:4).

#### **Disturb People In Error**

Peter did not soft peddle the truth in Acts 2. He accused his audience of killing the Son of God. As a result, these people were "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37). Cutting a man to the heart is not a task to be relished—it is the end result of freedom, joy and salvation for which we seek.

The way some men preach today, a lost man might never know his condition. Sinners will never cry out "What must I do to be saved?" while listening to the "positive preaching" done by some today.

#### **Present Christ As The Only Hope Of The World**

The first thing Paul did in every city he visited was to lift up Christ and set Him before men as their only hope. Paul told the Corinthians he "determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Salvation does not come by the preaching of politics or moral platitudes—our hope is in heaven, not Washington, D.C.

#### **Tell About The Church**

Some today tell us to "preach the man not the plan." But we can not preach the King without His kingdom, nor the Groom without His bride. When the gospel was preached in Acts 2, men were added to the church (Acts 2:47). This is the church Jesus promised to build (Matt. 16:18), and the only one which He will save (Eph. 5:23).

Let us not put our trust in denominations built by men, for they will be uprooted (Matt. 15:13). "The kingdoms of earth pass away one by one, but the kingdom of heaven remains."

# **Announcements**

## **Prayers**

Kayla Bishop went to the hospital and was induced Friday night. It is a bit early for the baby to arrive; prayers for mom and baby are appreciated.

## **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.



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. After the potluck, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a memorial service in the auditorium. All are encouraged to stay to support the family.



Due to the Gospel Meeting there will not be classes this morning or Wednesday evening so that all our teachers may attend.

Today 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 |                      |             |
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| Oct. 3                      | Levi Tucker          | Birthday    |
| Oct. 5                      | Paul & Terri Simpson | Anniversary |
| Oct. 7                      | Carolyn Pierce       | Birthday    |
| Oct. 8                      | Naomi Picon          | Birthday    |