

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am -67
Sunday pm - 38
Wednesday - 23
Contribution-\$3,186.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Carlos Tario
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Marcos Celaya
Assistant.....Marc Moran
AssistantMichael Jatko
Assistant.....Jim Learned
Assistant.....Chris Jatko
Scripture Reading.....Alan Samuelson

Colossians 1:19-23

Lesson.....Cory Pierce
Closing Prayer.....Andrew Henry

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
Opening Prayer.....Kaden Dunham
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Marcos Celaya
Lesson.....Cory Pierce
Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Cory Pierce

Service Times

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



November 17, 2024

Gratitude

It has been said, “Thankfulness is a thread that can bind together all the patchwork squares of our lives.” Life is filled with a variety of seasons and emotions. There are times of happiness and sadness. There are times of frustration and relaxation. There are times of sickness and health. Yet, through it all, we can find reasons to be thankful.

The life of Jesus is a wonderful example of this. Did Jesus have a life free of trouble? Absolutely not. Think of all the things about which Jesus could have complained. He lived in a sinful world and suffered in the ways that we suffer. He wept. He was hungry. He was thirsty. Ultimately, he died the horrendous death on a cross.

The Lord’s Supper provides a glimpse of Jesus’ gratitude. “And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19). Notice Jesus gives thanks for the bread which is intended to signify His body which will be hung on the cross. Certainly, Jesus could have been resentful. But, instead, we see gratitude throughout his life.



Although life is certainly filled with difficulties, the Christian perspective provides a unique lens through which to understand life. This is why Paul writes, “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14). The cross and resurrection provide a different view of the world. We do not grieve as those who have no hope. Rather, we realize that God is “making all things new” (Revelation 21:5). We live as those who are “a new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Gratitude is about our focus. When we focus on the ways in which we are blessed, we are appreciative. On the other hand, when we focus on the ways in which we perceive that we are lacking, we will live with ingratitude. Every day provides an about to be grateful or ingrateful.

Here are a few things that might help us lean toward a life of gratitude:

- *Consider taking time every day to note the many things that are worthy of your appreciation. You might even want to write them down.
- *Tell someone why you appreciate him or her.
- *Think about a current hardship in life. Even within the hardship, reflect on something for which you can be thankful.

We have so many reasons to be filled with gratitude. We just need to slow down to notice them. When we do, we can't help but be overwhelmed with thankfulness.

Bryan Nash
12/12/21 - Sunday Bulletin
Eastview church of Christ Salem, IN

Announcements

Prayers



Tim Parker– Recovery from a heart attack.

Prayers for **Naomi Thacker's brother and sister-in-law** who are dealing with all the final details with the passing of Naomi's Mom.

Randall Jatko, family of Chris Jatko, needs a liver transplant. Asking for prayers.

Pray for the work in **India** that it can continue to train people to spread the Good News.

Continued Prayers

Adams'-health challenges
Jane Hanavan-heart issues

News and Notes

Upcoming Events

November 21st Scrooge! The Musical
December 7th Holiday Party



Inglenook Bible Study

Bible Study



A Bible study at 6:30 pm, on Mondays at the Inglenook Senior Living facility have begun. All are welcome to come and support this effort, but we are looking for men who are willing to lead prayers and devotionals.



Membership List

The elders are finalizing a list of the current members

of the Brighton congregation. They have posted a draft membership list on the bulletin board. If you are a baptized believer, please review the list AND check the box by your name indicating it's been reviewed. If you consider yourself to be a member here and your name is not on the list, or if you believe your name is included in error, please contact Ron Jensen.



Winter Food Drive

It is time to start gathering items for the children's home. The list of items needed is extensive. Here are just some of the items they need:

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| Baking cocoa | Belvita Breakfast Biscuits | Brown sugar |
| Capri Sun juice boxes | Chili powder | Cumin |
| Gluten free flour | Parchment paper | Powdered sugar |
| Protein bars/powder | Pure maple syrup | vanilla |
| Salsa Verde | | |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November