

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 - 91
Sunday pm - 28
Wednesday - 25
Contribution- \$2,794.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Marcos Celaya
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
Assistant.....KD Derbigny
AssistantSam Dunham
Assistant.....Jim Learned
Assistant.....Chris Jatko
Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner
James 1:2-4
Lesson.....Steven Jaeger
Closing Prayer.....Kaden Dunham

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....Ivan Stewart
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson
Lesson.....Ron Jensen
Closing Prayer.....Ronn Eudaley

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class..... Marc Moran

Service Times

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



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**Never Give Up
Church of Christ Articles
Bible Based Articles for the
Edification of All Creation.**

Dating all the way back to elementary school, I have loved sports and competition. The mind set has always been “We can win this!”, regardless of who the opponent was. The score may have been lopsided, but my motto was “Never Give Up!” My brain always told me that there was some key or action that would counteract anything the other team could do. The issue was figuring out what that key was and working together to win. To win may mean doing something completely out of character, position, tradition, orthodoxy, etc. To accomplish this meant communication, trust, resilience, and despite the belief that a win could be had, humility. We have not seen the final victory of God over this world. God has communicated that it will happen. “Death is swallowed up in victory”. He has throughout the Old Testament demonstrated His power to deliver and conquer despite seemingly overwhelming odds from a human point of view. God provides a clear path in scripture of how to overcome the world and by the hands of angels, judges, prophets, Jesus, and apostles communicated this frequently. God never fails those whose ears and heart are open to His direction. A statement like this implies that the recipient of communication trusts the giver of the message and engages in the course of action provided. Someone who simply says, “I believe” or “I have faith” or “I trust” and does nothing, really did not have trust. This is the sentiment provided in the second chapter of the book of James. Do you trust God? Then engage in His plan for victory.



There are times in scripture, where God has tested the faithful. They did not see victory instantly. They lost battles. They were scattered. They failed momentarily. They were allowed to engage in the foolishness of sin. Yet, in resilience, Israel finally marched away from Egypt, the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, and the people of AI fell to

Israel. Of the men of Judah in the days of Nehemiah as they tried to rebuild the city wall it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.” Yet, they continued and finished the wall despite harm threatening from all sides. David in his foolishness, committed adultery and was guilty of the murder of Bathsheba’s husband Uriah. Upon the confrontation of his sin through Nathan, David could have given up. Yet, David was resilient in repentance. He did not give up. He acknowledged his failure, and continued His walk with God.

Communication, trust, resilience, all of these are fine attributes to have within a team and a relationship with God. However, these falter if not joined with humility. The Pharisees had put themselves in the seat of Moses. They saw themselves as guides to the blind. They shared the communication of God with the people. There was an appearance of trust in the many works that they observed and commanded. Truly, there was resilience in holding to the commandments of the Old Law even when the teachings and signs of Jesus and the apostles confronted them. A blameless Pharisee zealous for the Law of God named Saul persecuted the Christians vigorously. Did He know the communication of God? Yes. Did he trust God? Yes. Was he a resilient man? Yes! Yet, until Saul humbled himself before God, there was nothing he could have done to see the victory over this world. It is the poor in spirit to whom belongs the kingdom of God.

There is a similarity in the book of Esther to scriptures in Revelation. The Jews of Esther’s time were subject to an edict initiated by Haman an official of the king of the Persian Empire. The Persians controlled most of the known world and the edict called for the elimination of all the Jews in the kingdom. Why not give up and renounce God? It appeared the end of the people of God was at hand. Similarly, in Revelation 20, Satan and the nations of the world emerge immanently positioned to destroy the Church of God. In Esther, the Jews are given victory by the hand of God. The same occurs in Revelation 20 despite what appeared to be overwhelming forces. The world menaces wickedly as a Goliath in comparison to the small shepherd boy of the faithful, yet, for those that hear the Word of God, trust in it, endure in their obedient faith, and submit themselves to the Almighty God, the band of believers which compose the Church will be victorious.

Announcements

Prayers

Linda Sanchez’s son Nick has cancer. Please pray for the best possible outcome as he begins the treatments.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Chris Jatko’s Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

News and Notes

Sunday Potluck

Sunday, February 5th, right after morning service is a Sunday Potluck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with the brethren.



2023 Calendar

We are nearly done with the calendar. Just waiting on a few more dates to confirm. If you want to inquire about event dates or want to volunteer for an event please see Mark Thacker.

Kamp Koinonia 2023

When: July 2nd–July 8th

Where: Table in the Wilderness (just outside Centennial, WY)

Theme: “Excel Still More” (1 Thessalonians 4:1)

Cost: \$300.00 per camper

www.kampkoinonia.org



The website has a wealth of information: directions, what to bring, what not to bring, registration forms, etc. It is not too early to start planning.

