

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 –65
Sunday pm - 34
Wednesday - 23
Contribution-\$3,324.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Assistant.....Coby Mendoza
 AssistantSam Dunham
 Assistant.....Kevin Dunham
 Assistant.....Kaden Dunham
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson
 Matthew 5:31-32
 Lesson.....Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen
 Opening Prayer..... James Slagle
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....
 Lesson.....Jeff Oaks
 Closing Prayer..... Ernest Kite

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

Service Times

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



December 3, 2023

Time to Run

We humans face temptations daily as part of the human experience. Sin rears its ugly head attempting to throw us off course in our pursuit of holiness. When that happens, we are all faced with a key decision on what to do. We can either face it head on or flee from it. At first glance, most would probably advocate for standing strong. After all, that’s the stuff heroes are made of, right? They dig down deep inside and find the strength to stand tall and fight off temptation. To flee is to show cowardice. Only the weak run! The problem with such an outlook is that it is rarely successful. You see, as a general rule, sin is stronger, but not faster. Consider the mighty man, Samson (Judges 13-16). As a called judge of God’s people, Samson had a unique relationship with the LORD, being endowed with super strength as he maintained his Nazirite vow. Yet, the Bible makes clear Samson also struggled with sexual purity. The book of Judges records multiple relationships outside of wedlock, the most famous of which is with Delilah. How is it that such a man of God was so prone to this sin? I would suggest it stemmed from Samson’s desire to face temptation head-on instead of running from it.



How many times do you suppose he said, “I’ll just go hang out with Delilah tonight. If things get ‘spicy’ then I’ll just leave”? Yet, time and again he found himself in her bed, having lost the arm-wrestling match with temptation. Sin was stronger than Samson.

Now, consider a separate figure who faced a sexual temptation. In Genesis 39, the young man Joseph found himself propositioned by his boss’s wife over and over, yet without giving in. This seduction came to a head when, alone in the house, she tried to force herself upon him. Yet, Joseph’s response was very different from that of Samson’s. Instead of staying put and trying to fight off the temptation, Joseph ran, leaving his outer cloak behind. Even with false imprisonment, this choice to flee temptation was the winning action on Joseph’s part. His integrity was eventually rewarded by God. He understood that sin was not faster than he could run.

Hopefully, the applications are easy to see. Many times, we find ourselves succumbing to sin because we have too much faith in our own strength to say no. We purposefully put ourselves in situations we know will result in temptations (often recurring ones), which we justify by saying, “THIS TIME I’ll be stronger.” Giving in once more, we think, “Well, I wasn’t strong enough this time. But next time...” How much wiser would it be if, instead of arm-wrestling sin, we decided to get in a foot race! The best way to avoid temptation is to go the opposite direction, especially when you know it will be there. We want our faith to be strong. We want to be heroic in our spiritual endurance. However, we must never forget that, in head-to-head matches with temptation, sin is usually stronger, but not faster.

Cory Waddell
10/29/23
Mt. Carmel church of Christ

Announcements

Prayers

Vera Baker will be moving to Kentucky soon. Prayers for a safe move.

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.

Ron Eudaley - He is in New Mexico but there still is a lot to accomplish before he can get into his own place. Prayers that all goes smoothly.

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



Young Ladies Gift Preparation

Calling all young ladies 10 and up. It is time to make our holiday gifts for our senior members.

Please bring a treat (cookies, cuties, crackers, candy) enough for 35 gifts.

Mark your calendars for **December 9, at 1 p.m.**, in the church common room down stairs.

Any question, contact Lara Jatko Hope to see you there.

Upcoming Event

Congregational Holiday Party, Saturday, December 16th., 5:00 p.m.



The annual holiday party is almost here! It is a potluck style meal at 5:00 p.m. followed by an optional gift exchange. It is always a lot of fun. Even if you do not participate in the gift exchange come and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions see Mark or Naomi Thacker for answers.

Potluck Today

Today is the first Sunday potluck right after morning service. Bring a dish to share and stay to enjoy the fellowship of the family.



The winter food drive pick up date is **next week, Sunday, December 10th.** These are the things they really need:

Instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, cookies, tortilla chips, canned chicken, refried beans, pasta sauce, cold medicine, no foam paper plates, paper towels, 16 oz. plastic drinking cups, 42 gallon heavy duty trash bags.

