

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.

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Attendance last week:

Sunday am –75
Sunday pm - 36
Wednesday - 28
Contribution-\$4,030.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Marcos Celaya
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Assistant.....Andrew Henry
 AssistantNolan Peterson
 Assistant.....Jim Learned
 Assistant.....Coby Mendoza
 Scripture Reading.....

Matthew 7:21-23

Lesson.....Cory Pierce
 Closing Prayer.....James Slagle

Sunday Evening

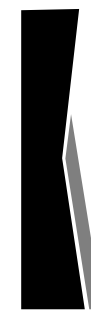
Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker
 Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

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



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God's Pattern

Patterns are an important part of our lives in many ways. When a contractor builds a house, he follows a pattern known as a blueprint. When a mother sews a dress for her daughter, she follows a pattern.

In each case there is a standard pattern to be followed to achieve the desired results. The pattern must be followed or the end product will not be faithful to the original and the results could be disastrous. The house not built to pattern may leak or worse, it may collapse; the dress not made by the pattern may look more like a clown outfit.

Many people who have the common sense to recognize the need to faithfully follow patterns in their everyday lives, fail to recognize the most important pattern of all the Bible. God has always provided a pattern for His people to serve as a guide to worship and service acceptable to Him.

In the Old Testament, God led the children of Israel out of the slavery of Egypt to Mt. Sinai. There God called Moses up the mountain and gave him a pattern of laws and a pattern for a place of worship. As God gave Moses this pattern, He also gave a warning: "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so ye shall make it" (Ex. 25:9). And He repeated this warning: "And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shown thee in the mount" (Ex. 25:40).

Following God's pattern, the Jews constructed the tabernacle and all the articles for worship to be placed within and without: the brazen altar, the laver, the golden candlestick, the table of shewbread, the altar of incense and the ark of the covenant.

Not all the Jews heeded God's warning to follow his pattern. Two priests determined to disregard God's pattern of worship and follow their own worship.

Nadab and Abihu "offered strange incense before the Lord, which he commanded then not" (Lev. 10:1). The consequences of violating God's divine order were immediate, "And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord" (Lev. 10:2). God's punishment of these two men was for our benefit to teach us to treat His pattern with respect.

When David became king he planned the build a permanent place of worship in Jerusalem. While David was not allowed by the Lord to build the temple, David did make all the plans and preparations for the construction of the temple which he passed on to his son, Solomon, to complete. As David commissioned Solomon to build the temple he explained, "All this the Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern" (1 Chron. 28:19). David urged Solomon to follow God's pattern in the commands of his Law as well as building His temple.

Despite God's warnings again the Jews failed to respect and keep God's pattern. Towards the end of his life Solomon drifted away from God. Following Solomon under the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, more Jewish kings were unfaithful to the Lord. Because of the apostasy of the Jews, God allowed them to be taken into captivity and the temple to be destroyed.

While in captivity in Babylon, God sent a special vision of the temple to the prophet Ezekiel. In the vision Ezekiel saw a man with a measuring rod measuring God's temple and all the articles in it. Why? What was the meaning of the vision? "Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern" (Ezk. 43:10).

Just as God gave the Jews a pattern through Moses and David, He has given us a pattern of work and worship. The Old Testament, the tabernacle and the temple were only "a copy and a shadow of heavenly things" that are now provided for us by Christ under the New Testament.

The pattern Christians have to follow is complete and sufficient. It is complete as it has "given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3). It is sufficient as it "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

As God warned the Jews not to violate or tamper with His pattern, He warns us also.

We must obey God's pattern. It is necessary to obey "that form (pattern) of doctrine which was first delivered to you" (Rom. 6:17). To fail to obey His pattern leads to sin and death (Rom. 6:18-23).

We must walk by God's pattern. The apostles, led by the Holy Spirit are an "ensample" or pattern for us to learn from, imitate and walk after (Phil. 3:17; 2 Thes. 3:9).

We must keep God's pattern. "Hold fast the form (pattern) of sound words, which thou hast heard of me" (2 Tim. 1:13).

We must make all things by God's pattern. As Moses was warned to follow the pattern of God in all things, so God warns us in the New Testament "for See, sayeth He, that thou make all things according to the pattern" (Heb. 8:5).

Will you heed the warning?

By Wayne Greeson The church of Christ in Zion, IL

Announcements

Prayers



Meredith Long had a Kyphoplasty procedure done on March 20 to repair another compressed fractured vertebrae. The surgery went well. Please continue prayers for recovery.

It is so nice to see **Sam Dunham** out as much as he is. Never the less, don't forget to keep the whole family in prayer as they deal with his cancer.

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

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

Upcoming Events

April 7th Potluck

April 12th Social Studies Bible Study

April 20 Youth Event

April 27th Men's Breakfast



Potluck

April 7th, right after morning service is a potluck. Please bring something to share and stay to visit with the brethren.

Kamp Koinonia

Camp is from July 7th to July 13th. Go to www.kampkoinonia.org to register. There is only one camp week this year so don't wait too long to register.



Spring Food Drive and Grocery Card Drive

It is time to start gathering items for the children's home again. This is the list of the items they really need:

Canned chicken	Corn bread mix
Granola, Kind, Cliff, Belvita Bars	Nutella
Chocolate milk syrup, powder	Toothpaste
Panty liners	Feminine tampons
Paper towels	Dishwasher detergent
Carpet shampoo	



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March