

## 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

### Elders

Kevin Dunham	303-807-5974
Ron Jensen	
Ivan Stewart	720-270-1057
Mark Thacker	303-655-1982

### Minister

Cory Pierce 931-306-8103

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am –83  
Sunday pm - 44  
Wednesday - 35  
Contribution-\$3,237.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham  
 Lord’s Supper Leader..... Marcos Celaya  
 Assistant.....Chris Jatko  
 Assistant .....Alan Samuelson  
 Assistant.....Kaden Reitmair  
 Assistant.....Chris Peterson  
 Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson

1 Thess. 5:1-11

Lesson.....Cory Pierce  
 Closing Prayer.....Marc Moran

## Sunday Evening

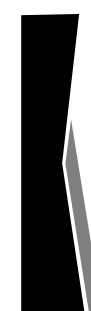
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
 Opening Prayer.....James Slagle  
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Marcos Celaya  
 Lesson.....Cory Pierce  
 Closing Prayer.....Ernest Kite

## 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



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## CONGREGATIONAL LOYALTY

I wonder if many churches think of the importance of CONGREGATIONAL LOYALTY. A long time ago I had the privilege and pleasure of working with a preacher who preached a lesson on this subject. It always stayed with me, and helped me greatly understand God's plan for the local congregation and how to work and grow together. The Scriptures reveal how God uses the word "church" in two separate ways; the UNIVERSAL CHURCH AND THE LOCAL CHURCH.

When we obey the Gospel of Christ we immediately become part of the UNIVERSAL CHURCH, or the Body of Christ. (Acts 2:47; Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18).

However, we find, revealed by the Apostles and New Testament writers there were churches established in many different localities--local churches as we call them. These were the LOCAL CHURCHES, established and functioning in the way God and His Son planned. Organized in a Scriptural way (elders, deacons, members, evangelists) they carried out the worship and work God designed the church to do. In such places as Jerusalem, Philippi, Corinth, and many other places we can read about this taking place., and recorded for our benefit in the New Testament..

So, why is CONGREGATIONAL LOYALTY so important? The word LOYAL means simply to be faithful or keep a pledge to a cause. In the case of our faith or pledge to the Lord's church, it displays how we exercise our faith and commitment to the Lord by doing our part in the work ,function of the local group. In worship and work He has given us to accomplish. By God's standard, when mature, the local church is organized with elders, deacons, and members.



Usually there is an established evangelist, or preacher of the Gospel working with the group. Scriptural worship, edification of the members, and support of the Truth, the Gospel of Christ, are all accomplished weekly. Certain parts of worship are designed for the First Day of the Week. (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2). At times benevolent aid is sent to other Christians as needed. This fulfills the work the Lord has authorized in the New Testament. All these are done in the LOCAL CHURCH.

So, I think any honest person can learn and follow the plan God has given us for the LOCAL CHURCH. Organized and functioning as He has authorized for it to do, when every member does his part, the church can grow and save as many souls as possible. Please let me direct you to a couple Scriptures that helps to make this point.

"Let us HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us CONSIDER HOW TO STIMULATE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, NOT FORSAKING OUR OWN ASSEMBLING TOGETHER, as is the habit of some but ENCOURAGEING ONE ANOTHER, and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called, "Today", lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if WE HOLD FAST THE BEGINNING OF OUR ASSURANCE FIRM UNTIL THE END." (Hebrews 3:13-14)

We find there was a pattern of worship when we follow the teaching of the Apostles to the churches in the early church. (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Jesus informed His Apostles at the last Passover with them to keep a memorial to remember each week His death until He comes again. (Matthew 26; Mark 14: Lule 22). When we examine the many letters and books given by Inspiration in the New Testament, we are able to worship and work exactly like they did in the First Century churches. I ask every Christian, are you doing your part? Are you there for every worship service you can be, and are you personally talking to folks about the Gospel and the Lord who gave His life for every one of us? Are you trying to get individual Bible classes to teach others?

Only if each of us does his part can the local church grow and function to its potential. WE all have been given talent and ability to use. Are we really using our time and talents for the Lord in the way He has chosen for us? These are things I would like each of us to give a bit of thought to. He is depending on His brothers and sisters today. (Ephesians 3: 9-12) Thanks, and may God be with us.

Ross Berry Hackman Road church of Christ 7-24

## Announcements

### Prayers



**Rick Bass** is dealing with health issues. Prayers are appreciated.

Jeff Oaks' mother, **Helena Oaks**, is home in hospice care. It would be appreciated if anyone would send an uplifting card to her. Her address is 28215 Alder Dr. Warren, MI 48088. Prayers are also greatly appreciated.

**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

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker- headaches from concussion

### News and Notes



#### Dairy Queen

On Wednesday nights after service a number of us go to Dairy Queen. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship if you are able.

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### Inglenook 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.

### **\*\*\*GROUP TICKETS TO DINNER THEATRE\*\*\***

Is there interest in attending a show as a group?

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you are interested. A minimum of 12 is needed to get the reduced group rate.

Candlelight Dinner Theatre in Johnstown

Scrooge! The Musical

Thursday, November 21st, 6pm

See Kristi Dunham if you have any questions.

### Social Studies Meeting and Ice Cream Social

**Friday, September 13th, at 6:00 p.m.**, there is a Social Studies meeting and an ice cream social potluck. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please mark your calendars.



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

September 7

Jeff Oaks

Birthday