

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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Sunday Schedule

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Chris Peterson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Mark Thacker

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



May 23, 2021

Get a Job Sam Dilbeck

It was September 1986 and a new voice appeared on the pop music scene. Bruce Hornsby and the Range exploded on to the Billboard charts with a couple of songs including one that highlighted social disparity called The Way It Is. Anyone alive in 1986 likely heard the song on the radio playing at the Piggly Wiggly and everywhere else. The song earned Hornsby Best New Artist of the Year in 1987.

In the song, Hornsby describes a sad scene of people standing in line waiting for a welfare check because they could not find a job in a roaring economy. Then “The man in the silk suit hurries by as he catches the poor old ladies' eyes, just for fun he says, ‘Get a job.’” It is a cal-loused response that showed the disconnect between the wealthy and the poor. However, that sentiment has continued to be repeated by parents of lazy teens.

Those words might be used in our present nation’s hour. Coming out of the COVID pandemic the sluggish economy needs more people working. The unemployment numbers are high, but unfilled jobs are also high. Why are businesses struggling to find workers while there are so many unemployed people? There are many factors that play into this dynamic, not the least of which are government benefits that exceed the wage of entry-level jobs. One national leader, trying to assuage the uneasiness of the situation opined, “Not having to work is the American Dream.”

The American Dream used to be working hard and paying your own way. It meant paying for necessities and saving up for luxuries.

It meant working your way out of poverty and through adversity by ingenuity and perseverance. It meant working through minor pains and discomforts to bring home the bacon. But the new American Dream is playing Call of Duty for 37 hours fueled by Snowballs and Twinkies while wearing pajamas and tweeting barbs against anyone trying to take away their benefits. Isaiah's words can be heard, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

But using one's ability to work is more than a national dream; it is a core Christian principle. When it comes to holiness, God calls Christians to work for their personal support. "But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8). Paul connects faithfulness with willingness to work to provide for our families. Of course some people are disabled and cannot work, and others have retired after working to provide for their future.

To those refusing to work God says, "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies" (2 Thes. 3:10-11). Here God connects our physical welfare to our industry. Some Christians in Thessalonica quit their jobs in anticipation of Christ's return. As a result they became parasites to society and their families. Industry, not idleness, is a mark of Christ.

Christians ought to work, but they also ought to be the best workers. Every organization seems plagued by slothful workers—a nurse that takes too long to chart because she doesn't want to make rounds again, an office manager that keeps his door closed, or a janitor that gives it a lick and a promise. These workers steal time and resources, and bring shame on themselves. Holiness means working hard. "Servants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart fearing the Lord" (Col. 3:22).

The so-called freedom from COVID stimulus is often a pathway to laze and sloth leaving a crippling burden of debt for future generations. Instead of looking at having a job as a burden, we ought to consider it a blessing of God's providence. It is not our economic policies that keep Christians working; it is our allegiance to God. Christians must work and provide for their own families and others in need. Their faithfulness, food, and salvation depend on it.

Announcements

Prayers

Remember Paula Nikolai as she recovers from her recent heart troubles.

Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordige, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie- breast cancer

Sam Sims- health problems

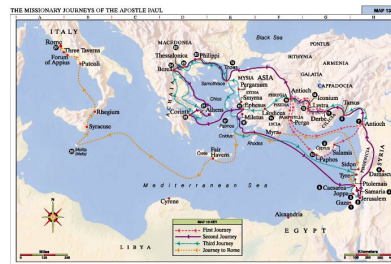
The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are currently studying the life of the Apostle Paul.



Guidelines

Face coverings will no longer be required

Social distancing will no longer be required

Capacity limits are eliminated

Dismissal by section is eliminated

Graduation Celebration!



Please join us for a come and go reception honoring our graduating High Schools seniors (Kaylee Derbigny, Dailey Reitmair, Chris Warner, and Levi Tucker) on Sunday, June 6th, from 4-6 pm at Brighton Park, Pavilion #4 (adjacent to the pond and volleyball sandpit). Light refreshments will be served. For any questions please see Jennifer Sandoval or Julie Dilbeck.

Kamp Koinonia 2021

Camp is scheduled for July 11-17 (one week only this year). Applications and additional information are available on the website: kampkoinonia.org. Space is limited to 100 campers and will be filled on a 1st come/1 served basis. We will be informed when it reaches capacity.

