

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 Morning Schedule

Greeters
Welcome
Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Communion Leader
Communion Servers
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Scripture Reading.....

Lesson
Closing Prayer.....

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....
Opening Prayer
Communion
Lesson
Closing Prayer.....

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader
Adult Class.....

Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
Afternoon Class 5:00 pm
PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am
Bible Study 6:30 pm



May 17, 2020

Time Is On My Side

When your beloved leaves, don't worry because time is on your side. At least that is what Jerry Ragovoy would have us believe in his ballad made famous by the Rolling Stones. Mick Jagger convinces us that if we wait long enough she will come back because time is on his side. But, is time really on man's side? Could Mick be wrong?

The Bible clearly teaches that time is not on our side. It marches on relentlessly and stops abruptly. It is reported to be evil. Having a healthy understanding of time is essential to Christian living. Once God did make time stand still. In Joshua 10, when the armies of the Amorites threatened Gibeon and Israel, God promised victory and caused the sun to stand still. Other than that, time has always moved forward despite Superman's lament at Lois Lane's first death. Time is hot lava slowly crawling down the mountain consumes everything in its path, unstoppable, uncaring and uncontrollable. As the seconds tick away the world ages and eternity draws nearer. Time is not on our side.

Solomon wrote about the effects of time on our bodies in Ecclesiastes 12. Time erases beauty, wrinkles the skin, and causes the hair to turn grey (or turn loose as it does on some). The teeth fall out and our strength fails. Paul said, "our outer self is wasting away" (2 Cor. 4:16). This doesn't even include the jaded spirit after years of disappointment and fading memories. Time is not on our side.

James then has the audacity to remind us that our time on this earth is short. He compares it to steam rising from a boiling kettle, "you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (Jas. 4:14). After the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, I got to see sketches of proposals for the memorial. One sketch in particular touched me. It had concentric circles of granite posts,

each post representing a life. The posts were finished on all four sides, but the tops were left rough and jagged to represent a life broken off before it was finished. The poignancy was further expressed by the height of the posts, the shorter the post, the young the life. Even without tragedy, life is short. Time is not on our side. Then to top it all off, Paul says that time is evil. “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16). Paul was talking about the temptations a debased world impresses upon Christians. The longer we live, the more temptations we must endure—the greater chance we have of leaving the Christian life. Humans don’t do well at waiting.

It’s like walking into a crowded post office. At first, you are all business thinking you will get your stamps and get out. You are focused on that goal. After a few minutes you check your watch and compare it to the sterile institutional looking clocks on the post office walls. Not long after that you are holding your cell phone hoping someone will call or text. Before you know it, you are settling into a nice cross stitch of a gory postal scene. As you thread that needle with a dark red thread, your number is called and you snap back to reality. Except now you’re not ready, you have to put away your phone, stitching hoop, and Gatorade and look for your letters to mail which takes more time and caused the person behind you to stitch one more victim into their canvas. We are not good at waiting, that’s why the days are evil. Time is not on our side. However, God is on our side, and he tells us how to use time. We must use it for the good of our souls, looking forward to the day when we will have nothing but time. And, even then, time will only be on our side if we used it wisely while on earth.

Announcements

Prayer List

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

KD’s supervisor’s wife is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry’s aunt, Jackie, has started chemo for breast cancer.

Natalie Willemn’s dad passed away. Prayers for the family.

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen’s dad, is dealing with cancer again. Pray for him and his family as they tackle treatments again.

Please pray for **Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter**. She had multiple seizures. Doctors are working on how to best treat her.

Carma Dunham fell while mowing the lawn on Thursday and broke her hip. She is in St. Anthony North and only Sam can visit her. Hopefully when her surgery is done she can go home shortly afterward.

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Sam Sims stroke recovery

John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi- cancer.

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

Jim & Monte Hazlet’s- health

Dawn Lell– surgery recovery

News and Notes



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 22 Andrew & Janette Williams Anniversary

India Report

This is part of a letter sent to our congregation. The remainder of the letter and many pictures are in an email sent to our members. If you did not get this email please let one of the Elders know.

Chennai, May 12, 2020

Dear partners in the preaching of the gospel. The world has changed a lot. Trust you are safe and it is our prayers.

The almost two month’s lockdown time taught many things. It gave me more time to spend in prayer and study of the word of God. Certain scriptures became more meaningful. I though the work of the church will slowdown including evangelism efforts. When Apostle Paul was imprisoned that might have been the immediate thought. But he wrote “The things that happened to me have turned out for the furtherance of the gospel” (Philippians 1:12).

The government has banned all religious gatherings. But every Christian’s home became church meeting place. Worship at multiple thousand places. Here is what Bro. Moses from Chetpet said. As they were worshiping in their home on the Lord’s Day two neighbouring families joined them in worship. Now they come every week. As this is happening in many places evangelism efforts multiplied.

Manohar and his wife have a daughter and a son. Both married and they have their own children. They live in a three story building (each family occupy one floor each. The three families worship together on Sundays. Their son Joel is now preaching for them. This reminds me of Acts. 8:4. everyone preaching the word.

Chirag’s father passed away a few years ago of HIV positive. His mother Sangeetha works for the government. So there was less time for her to teach him the word of God. Now Chirag is so happy that mummy has more time to teach him the word of God.

Multiple thousands of daily workers including church members have no work and starving. The state of multiple thousands of migrant workers from other state is much verse. During this pandemic time and starvation many of our brethren are involved in helping with food, clothes and medicines. The recipients are very thankful and open to listen to the word of God.