

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 Dunham, S
 Welcome Ron Jensen
 Song Leader Anthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer Kevin Dunham
 Communion Leader Andrew Williams
 Communion Servers Tim Parker
 Ernest Kite, Chris Jatko, Michael Jatko

Scripture Reading Kaden Dunham
Phil. 3:12-16

Lesson Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer KD Derbigny

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader Anthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer Marc Moran
 Communion Andrew Williams, Tim Parker
 Lesson Sam Dilbeck
 Closing Prayer Marcos Celaya

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader Andrew Williams
 Adult Class Marc Moran

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



December 1, 2019

Game Day Sam Dilbeck

Stepping on the field, the tender grass yields under your feet. Breathing deeply, the intoxicating scent of freshly cut grass works its way to you, in you...through you. It is forty minutes to game time and the bleachers sit quietly, ready to witness your heart. They long to see your moves, hear your groans, and taste your victory. Finally, the opening whistle blows as the Friday night lights wake the monster within, enticing him to play one more game.

Game Day rewards a week's worth of preparation. On a Saturday you lick the wounds suffered the night before. You spend Sunday afternoon with coaches and teammates reviewing the film—analyzing errors and praising successes. Monday brings drills and conditioning; Tuesday offense and conditioning; Wednesday defense and conditioning. Thursday is live execution of the week's game plan and conditioning. All the practice, mental focus, physical conditioning, and sacrifice converge on Friday, making it all worth the effort.

We wouldn't think of playing the game without practice. From tee ball to the big leagues, practice is an essential part of the preparation for Game Day. Practice includes drills, focus, meditation, repetition, walk-throughs, and live action all as an effort to be ready for the game.

We know the importance of preparation for something as fleeting and temporary as baseball, hockey, and football. Why do we forget its importance when it comes to Christianity? Certainly, Christ is more important than soccer and the church is more important than football. When we assemble on the Lord's Day, the Christian's "Game Day" begins. The lights come on and the feeling of awe permeates the room. A reverent hush falls over the assembly as we step into God's spotlight. Our spirits ache for eternity and

heaven. Sadly, too many Christians prepare for this moment about as much as they prepare for a snake bite.

Preparing and practicing for worship includes daily engagement in spiritual activities such as prayer, singing, study, and meditation. Good worship comes from good preparation just like good game comes from good practice. Only fools show up for game day expecting to be better in the absence of practice. Likewise, foolishness betrays Christians who showing up for worship having done nothing since the last assembly.

What can we do to prepare? Praying is the perfect beginning to any endeavor, including worship. Pray for a focused mind and a changed heart for every assembly. Pray for a lively spirit that is ready to engage the word. Pray for awareness of God’s Spirit and the proper reverence in his presence.

We should sing often. James said, “Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise” (5:13). Our heart-joy ought to express itself in outbursts of praise. Singing strikes every emotional chord in our hearts, enhancing our worship.

We can prepare with personal Bible study. One of the ways God strengthens us is through study. We learn about the human condition. We gain insights to righteous living. We see what pleases and displeases God. We understand God by studying his Word.

Another good discipline to get in the habit of is meditation. “His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:2). If God’s word delights our hearts, we ought to spend time in contemplation of it. This spiritual discipline develops our focus on God during worship.

Football, basketball, tee ball, and soccer are fun, but in the big picture, they are trivial compared to worshipping the Almighty. However, these minor things offer a major lesson on the importance of preparation and practice. Let us see the need for daily preparation and practice when it comes to serving God

Announcements

Prayer List

Pray for **Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father** who has stage 4 esophageal cancer.

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

The heavy travel season is upon us. Pray for all of us who will be on the roads or in the air.

Ongoing prayers:

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

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

Baxter Sowell, Becca’s dad, is fighting cancer.

Rochelle DeShane’s health problems.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

Margie Stewart recovery from her recent fall

Sam Sims stroke recovery

Jim & Monte Hazlet, health issues

News and Notes

Brighton Youth Group Holiday Party

Date: December the 7th

Location: Brighton church of Christ

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

Food: Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert! Pizza will be provided.

Activities planned: Ugly Sweater Contest, Games ,

Holiday Lights Scavenger Hunt

Please let Anthoney Sandoval know if your child plans on attending! Friends are encouraged to come!



Mountain States Children’s Home Holiday Food Drive



Every month the food donations are need but especially at the holiday season. If we all will pick up just one item each time we shop by **December 8th** they will have a pick up worthy of the holiday spirit! See their table to find the list of items needed.

Congregational Holiday Party



The Congregational Holiday Party on Friday, **December 13th**. Everyone is invited to share a potluck style meal. For those who wish to participate there is a gift exchange.

Each person who wants to participate will need to bring a gift, (under \$20.00 please). Adults bring adult gifts and kids bring a kid gifts. Each person pulls a number and gets to pick a gift off of the table. But, each gift is subject to being taken from someone up to three times. Everyone always has a good time.

For Our Senior Servants

Come for milk & cookies ... and more!
Saturday, December 7th
1-3pm in the Fellowship Room

Birthdays & Anniversaries		
December 1	Sophie Sandoval	Birthday
December 3	Don Rehor	Birthday
Decembrr 7	Kaylee Derbigny	Birthday
December 7	Jennifer Sandoval	Birthday
December 7	Ethan & Natalie Wilemon	Anniversary