

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

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Sunday Morning Schedule

GreetersNeal
 Welcome Ron Jensen
 Song LeaderAnthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer..... KD Derbigny
 Communion LeaderDon Ball
 Communion ServersKaden Dunham
Sam Dunham, Kevin Dunham, Raymond Long

Scripture ReadingChris Jatko
Phil. 4:8-9

LessonSam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer..... Mark Thacker

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....Anthony Sandoval
 Opening Prayer Tim Paker
 CommunionDon Ball, Kaden Dunham
 LessonSam Dilbeck
 Closing Prayer..... Ernest Kite

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song LeaderAnthony Sandoval
 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 15, 2019

In the fall of 1944, the German military advanced against a thinning, bulging American battle line in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium. The multi-pronged attack by the Germans threatened to destroy Allied resistance and change the world forever. Like the Germans, the devil uses a multi-pronged attack to destroy godly homes through adultery, fornication, homosexuality, immorality, and divorce.

Divorce leads Satan’s attack on the home. About one in eight American marriages end in divorce, disrupting lives, devastating children, and hurting the church. Society has become comfortably numb to divorce, but the church cannot accept it.

In Matthew 19 Jesus’ opponents challenged him with the issue of divorce. His definitive answer revealed heaven’s stance on divorce and remarriage, “And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery” (19:9).

In light of our culture’s permissiveness, many churches have been rethinking their approach to divorce and remarriage. Jesus called remarriage adultery. He gave one cause to scripturally divorce and remarry—sexual activity outside the marriage. Remarriage without a scriptural divorce is adultery. Repentance requires the termination of the cause of the adultery—the unlawful marriage union.

Most balk at the idea of dissolving adulterous marriages. One writer says it is “cruel” and a “grave injustice.” Some employ a lot of ingenuity to accommodate the world and sidestep the dissolution of adulterous marriages. Dan Billingsly tried to circumvent Jesus’ teaching in Matthew by claiming Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are all part of the Old Testament.

While Jesus lived and died under the Old Law, his teachings were in preparation for the New Law, “You have heard that it was said...But I say unto you” (Mat. 5:21-22, 27-28, et al.).

James Bales tried explaining away Matthew 19 by saying it was part of the Law of Christ, and non-Christians were not amenable to follow it. Not until after people are baptized, he argued, did the restrictions of Matthew 19 apply to them. This allowed remarried couples to enter the church, however, it failed to explain what law governs sinners if not the Law of Christ. Sin is the transgression of the law (1 Jno. 3:4)—Christ’s law.

Jonathan Edwards and Olan Hicks redefine adultery as “covenant breaking,” making the adultery of the remarriage the signing of the divorce decree from the first marriage. Metaphorically adultery can mean breaking a covenant because it literally means having sex with someone outside one’s marriage—thus breaking the covenant. In fact, in Matthew 19 Jesus condemned the entirety of the remarriage as “adultery,” not just the initial divorce that led to the new relationship. “Adultery” refers to the sexual acts of the marriage as a synecdoche to condemn the whole union.

Some say repenting of an adulterous marriage means saying, “I’m sorry,” without changing. But sorrow and repentance are two separate actions (2 Cor. 7:10). Pointing to the Day of Pentecost, some say there is no record of dissolving adulterous marriages so it must not be required. By that same reasoning, nobody was required to repent of lying, greed, murder, hatred, etc. Others claim baptism sanctifies the unlawful union, forgetting that baptism does not sanctify the sin, but the sinner. One preacher said Jesus’ teaching scandalizes the church in the eyes of the world. Another said adulterous marriages should be maintained because the first husband may not want the old wife back!

In the end, none of these opinions have changed Jesus’ words. His teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage is not hard to understand. It is hard to employ, and that’s why so many want to change it.

These challenges to the truth have affected the church. Thousands of people have been led to feel secure by remove hard things. Sometimes the gospel is hard (Jno. 6:60). Sometimes doing the right thing is heart wrenching (Ezra 10:2-3, 18-19). But no matter how difficult it may seem at the moment, the way of sin is much harder (Pro. 13:15).

In 1945 the German forces nearly broke the bulging American line. But with grit, determination, and a well-devised plan, the Allied forces held strong. With determination to follow God’s plan, the family too can hold strong against the devil’s attacks.

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

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

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

Holiday Schedule Changes

God’s Girls, Pew Packers, and Junior Disciples will not meet on 12/29. Happy Holidays!

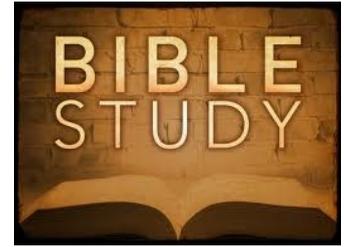


2020

The new year is only weeks away. There are many ways to serve here in our family, whether it is teaching, cleaning, or helping to bring food to those who need it in hard times. Please pray about how you can be of service in His kingdom.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class is taking a holiday break. We will resume January 8th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you to all the ladies who attend so faithfully and help keep us all in His Word.



Brighton church of Christ Congregational Calendar

In an effort to spread out events and not have conflicts Naomi Thacker puts together a yearly calendar. If you are in charge of an event please look into what dates work best and let Naomi know. If there is a conflict it will be easier to correct it earlier than later. Thank you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 15	John Picon	Birthday
December 18	Tim & Stella Parker	Anniversary
December 20	Beverly Neal	Birthday