

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am –65
Sunday pm - 31
Wednesday - 22
Contribution-\$3,227.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Jeff Oaks
 Assistant.....James Slagle
 AssistantChris Peterson
 Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny
 Assistant.....Nolan Peterson
 Scripture Reading.....Coby Mendoza

Matthew 5:13-16

Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....John Nason

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair
 Opening Prayer.....Ivan Stewart
 Lord’s Supper Leader.....Jeff Oaks
 Lesson.....Ron Jensen
 Closing Prayer.....Marc Moran

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

Service Times

Sundays:
 Morning classes 9:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Evening worship 6:00 pm
 Wednesdays:
 Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



October 29, 2023

The Weakness of Anger

“But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.” (James 1:20, NASB)

Anger is as old as Cain and Able. Cain was angry and killed his brother when, in reality, it was Cain’s lack of godliness that caused God to reject his offering. Since early in Genesis, anger has been one of the main banes of human existence. Anger fuels everything from family arguments to international wars.

Virtually everyone knows that anger is a negative, often destructive emotion, yet few ever obtain any degree of control over it. In fact, anger becomes the master of those who don’t struggle to overcome it.

Back to Genesis 4. When God rejected Cain’s offering “from the fruit of the ground” (it was supposed to be an animal sacrifice) “...Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.” God shows up to show the way (Genesis 4, 6, 7), “Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.’”



Right then and there, early in the first book of God’s word, He gives us one of life’s most important lessons in two parts, verses 6, 7:

If you do well (self-discipline) your countenance (literally “face” in Hebrew) will be

lifted up. (Think, self-image, happiness, satis-

faction, joy, etc.).

2. If you do not do well sin is crouching at the door and its desire is for you, but you must master it. (Lack of self-discipline increases the closeness of sin, and a critical battle between right and wrong ensues.)

So why is the sin of anger so ferociously hard to master? Specifically, because Satan can and does disguise anger so deceptively that it literally feels like power! Let’s be frank, we like power. We should like power. Properly used power is self-discipline in action!

Properly wielded, power builds character, strengthens resolve and even protects the innocent. Remember James 3:18? “The seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” Did you catch it? God expects His children to be able to make something - peace! We literally make it. We create something that was not there before. Improperly wielded, power creates anger and violence.

Self-discipline, in the list of the fruit of the spirit, lives in a precious place with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness and gentleness, Galatians 5:22,23. Outbursts of anger live in the bad company of verses 19 - 21. Let’s live in the right place.

-Ray Wallace

Pine Valley church of Christ

Announcements

Prayers

Arlo Samuelson (Alan's father) is doing well, he appreciates all the prayers! His heart valve replacement surgery is scheduled for November 1st.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Prayers for the work in **India**. Pray for the health and strength of the fellow Christian workers who spread the Gospel.

The **Thackers** are taking a trip to Texas and will not be here on the 29th. Prayers for safe travels.

Continued Prayers

Ronn Eudaley-adjusting to the loss of his lower leg

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems & prayers for the family tending to her.

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

Bill and Ann Adams-health complications

News and Notes

Time Change Sunday, Nov. 5



Soup Supper

Our annual Soup Supper is on **Saturday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m. here at the building**. A sign up sheet is posted in the foyer. Bring either a pot of soup, a side item to go with soup, or a dessert to share. This is always a great time to relax and share a meal and time with the brethren.

