

## 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

### Elders

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 75  
Sunday pm - 41  
Wednesday - 27  
Contribution-\$3,632.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer.....Coby Mendoza  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Marcos Celaya  
Assistant.....Chris Peterson  
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Psalms 119:25-32

Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
Closing Prayer.....Ernest Kite

## Sunday Evening

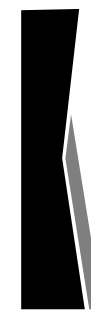
Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer.....  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Lesson.....Jeff Oaks  
Closing Prayer.....Marc Moran

## 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



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### The Four Gospels

Continued from last week:

### The Gospel Of Mark

The gospel of Mark was written to a Roman audience. If one verse could reflect the message of the book, it would be this: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In the book of Mark Christ is presented as the ideal servant. Unlike Matthew, Mark does not give us the genealogy of Christ, for the genealogy of a servant is not important.

Since Mark was not writing to a Jewish audience, he had to explain Jewish customs and settings to his readers. Matthew tells us of the question the scribes and Pharisees had over the fact the disciples of Jesus did "not wash their hands when they eat bread" (Matt. 15:1-11). When Mark tells the same story he has to explain the washing of hands was a ceremonial cleansing, not the washing of dirt off the body. "For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches." (Mark 7:3-4).

When Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple, Mark tells us that Jesus "sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple" (Mark 13:3). Every Jew knew the Mount of Olives was "opposite the temple," but Roman readers would have had no idea as to its location.

Mark also has to explain the day of Unleavened Bread was "when they killed the Passover lamb," something every Jew would have known since birth, but about which a Roman would have been unfamiliar.

## The Gospel Of Luke

Luke has the distinction of being the only Gentile writer in the Bible. He is referred to by Paul as "Luke the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14). It has been observed that preachers usually see men at their best, lawyers see men at their worst, and doctors see men as they really are. Luke sets forth the humanity of the Son of Man and presents in chronological order the life of Christ. As a physician, he is more exacting in his use of language. When he refers to a leper he uses the exact medical term to describe the condition, i.e., "full of leprosy" (Luke 5:12). In Mark 3:1 we read of the man with the withered hand whom Jesus healed on the Sabbath—Luke adds it was his right hand which was withered, something a physician would note (Luke 6:6). It is also the physician who notes that in the Garden our Lord's "sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

"An example of Luke's care is the way in which he dates the emergence of John the Baptist. He does so by no fewer than six contemporary datings. 'In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (1), Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea (2), Herod being tetrarch of Galilee (3), and his brother Philip being tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis (4), and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene (5) in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas (6), the word of God came to John' (Luke 3:1, 2). Here is a man who is writing with care and who will be as accurate as it is possible for him to be." (William Barclay, The Gospel Of Luke, p. 3).

## The Gospel Of John

Unlike the other gospel writers, John clearly states the purpose of his book. After describing the appearance of Christ to Thomas and the rest of the apostles, John writes: "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:30-31).

The whole purpose of the gospel of John was to prove the Deity of Jesus Christ. Instead of giving the genealogy of Christ, John goes back into eternity to tell us that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-4).

"The humanity of Jesus Christ is genuine, as John makes clear, but it is not an ordinary human life that John discloses. It is that of one who before His incarnation existed with God, as very God (Jo. 1:1, 14, 18), and who came to earth to reveal the Father to men ... If we wish to know God, look at Jesus Who has revealed Him in personal bodily form, in human personality, the actual combination or union of God with man." (Robertson, Epochs in the Life of the Apostle John, pp. 167, 172).

I have always been impressed with the descriptive terms John uses for Christ in the first chapter of his book. Not only was He "the Word" Who "became flesh" (John 1:14), but He is "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). He is further described as "the Son of God," "the Messiah" and "Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:29, 34, 45). Nathaniel refers to Him as "Rabbi," "the Son of God" and "the King of Israel" (John 1:49). Jesus ends the chapter by referring to Himself as "the Son of Man" (John 1:51).

The four gospels truly give us a marvelous glimpse into the life of the Son of God who died for us!

By: David Padfield

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Diana Oaks' friend's daughter, Danielle**, is very young, yet going through long-term illness. She almost lost her life on several occasions. Prayers for her situation are appreciated.

Please be praying for **Chris Welsby**, as his myopathy is flaring up, causing a great deal of leg pain.

**Ronn Eudaley** Pray that his blood clots will dissolve and he can be back to normal.

**Jennifer Sandstede's Aunt JoAnn Berdahl's** kidney is failing and the future is unclear. Prayers for her and her family are requested.

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.

### Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko— health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

Tim Parker— headaches from concussion

### News and Notes

#### Senior Graduate Celebration

The congregation is planning to celebrate Mackenzy Fox and Kayden Derbigny **next** Sunday, June 4th following morning service. Sandwiches, two salads, a fruit platter, and a vegetable platter will be provided. If you want to help with the food please let Naomi know.



### Summerfest

We will be manning a booth again this year at the annual Brighton, Summerfest event. This is a perfect time to promote Vacation Bible School and share information about our congregation. Mark Thacker is organizing this event and if you can come to help out in the booth it would be most appreciated. Stay for a few hours or how ever long you can. Mark always brings drinks and snacks and Naomi will bring lunch for who ever is there manning the booth.

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



### Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is on Wednesday, August 2nd—Friday, August 4th. It seems like a ways away but it will come up quick. If you are able to help Mark out with this effort, please let him know. There are different positions available to fill.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
May 30	Raymond & Meredith Long	Anniversary
June 3	Nolan Peterson	Birthday