

## 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 Men to Serve

Welcome— Ron Jensen

Main Prayer— Frank DeShane

Song Leader— Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader—

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section— Coby Mendoza

## Service Time

Worship 10:30 am

## "Zoom" virtual classes:

4th thru 6th Grade Fridays @ 3:00 p.m.

7th thru 12th Grade Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.



**August 16, 2020**

### **How to Lose without Being a Loser** **Sam Dilbeck**

A cracked batting helmet. Wet golf clubs. A shattered tennis racquet. Each one points to a social flaw—the inability to lose. We have come a long way from “Winning isn’t everything,” to “Winning is the only thing.” From the Pee Wee Leagues to the Big Leagues, everyone expects to win. When that doesn’t happen, many players mope, curse, cry, and pout. Post-game tirades by players, coaches, and fans seem normal, but losing gracefully shines like a beacon in the night. We need to learn how to lose without being a Loser.

When did the first car race occur? It happened as soon as the second car was built...and we have been racing ever since. Humans by nature are competitive. We compete in athletics, academics, business, social standing, beauty, and more. Kids who don’t compete in organized sports still compare and compete with peers in other areas: who is the weirdest, who cares the least, who draws the best, or who makes better grades? Competition creates winners and losers. We can pretend that everybody is a winner, but in reality, some people win, and others lose.

Some try to protect children from the pain of losing by eliminating competition. But, in a world of competition, it is wiser to teach children how to lose, or more precisely, how to behave after losing. Consider God’s servant Job, quite possibly the biggest loser of all time. He lost his children, his wealth, his friends, and his health. Yet, his life can teach us how to handle defeat.

First, we need to learn to keep our perspective. Job lost something of real value—his children. Losing the high school state baseball championship may seem tragic, but it is only a game. What is a Lombardi trophy compared to family? Or a Little Dribblers’ Championship compared to personal health? Losing a game may be embarrassing or even heartbreaking, but it is nothing compared to losing freedom, justice, life or worst of all, our faith.

Second, we need to accept every loss as a learning experience. Job questioned why he suffered so much. Then God challenged Job’s knowledge and wisdom. Job learned humility, patience, and trust. A setback in business, a “C” on a report card, or a failed attempt to climb a mountain isn’t a time to whine and pout; it’s an opportunity to grow and learn from mistakes.

Third, we need to look to the future. Solomon tells us, “I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all” (Ecc. 9:11). The fastest runner does not always win. We may lose today but win tomorrow. Job was prosperous and had a great family. Then he lost everything he valued. In the end however, God restored his treasures. He lost one day but won the next.

Finally, we must demonstrate character in the face of defeat. Job never lost his character or moral fiber. Not when his children died. Not when his friends accused him of terrible sins. Not when his wife lost her confidence. Instead of lashing out in anger, Job accepted his fate, trusting that God had a purpose. He questioned what the purpose was, and even challenged God to a discussion, but through it all he maintained his integrity.

I hate watching a losing team leave the field without congratulating the winners, or hearing losers complain about officiating. I hate seeing coaches yell at little boys and girls because they lost. Character loses gracefully, owns up to mistakes, admires opponent’s skill, and thanks God for the opportunity to play.

Every parent must encourage their kids to excel at their endeavors. However, they must also teach their children how to lose. Whether it is an organized sport or basketball on the driveway, parents and children must work together learning how to lose without being a Loser.

## Prayers

Jennifer Kite and Terri Osnes are asking for prayers for Jennifer’s **Aunt Gloria**, mom’s sister-in-law, since she has covid-19. She has multiple health issues including diabetes and kidney problems requiring dialysis. She has been isolated in the hospital while her husband and grown daughter are now isolating at home in Georgia.

The Bible college and church meeting place in India has been sealed because a student contracted COVID. Prayers for all who are suffering right now.

## On Going Prayers

**Eleanor Jatko** recovery from a stroke

**Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter-** seizures.

**Shirley Adams** is battling cancer.

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

**Jane Hanavan** with her heart issues.

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

**Jim & Monte Hazlet’s-** health problems

**Dawn Lell–** health problems

**KD’s supervisor wife LaRae Siefert-**chemo nerve damage

**Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie-**breast cancer

**Sam Sims-**health problems

## News and Notes



### Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class is starting up again, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the fulfilled prophecies book by book.

## Governor’s Executive Order July 17 An update about how this Order affects our in-person worship.

1) Face masks must be worn when entering and exiting the building

This is now a requirement, not an option. This does not apply to those who are 10 years old or younger.

2) Face masks must be worn when moving within the building

Face masks will now be required whenever people above age 10 are moving within the building. This would include when someone is walking to and from a restroom, the podium, or the nursery.

3) Signs must be posted at the entrances

We are now required to post signs at the entrances stating that individuals have a legal obligation to wear face coverings.

4) Only attendees wearing masks will be allowed entrance

The Order specifies that we are now required to deny service to anyone who intends to enter the building without wearing a mask.

The Order does allow for people to remove their masks once they are seated. However, the elders are still asking people to wear their masks when they are singing in order to protect others from aerosols. There is a specific exemption from the mask mandate for the men when they are leading the service.

We trust that all those who participate in worship at the building will comply with these mandates. If you are unable to follow these requirements, we understand and ask that you worship at home with the aid of our live streaming. This Order is scheduled to expire after 30 days. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time, and we pray that this difficult situation improves soon.

Your Elders

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 20	Donna Jones	Birthday
Aug. 20	Rachel Peterson	Birthday