

## 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– Tim Parker

Song Leader– Les Tucker

Lord's Supper Leader– Coby Mendoza

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Jon Picon

## 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.



**July 12, 2020**

### **Three Shocking Truths** **Sam Dilbeck**

There are three things God wants everyone to know: God loves you; God wants you; but God doesn't accept you the way you are. On the other hand, the devil has been trying to convince people God doesn't love them, doesn't want them, and that he accepts them the way they are. Most people believe his lies.

In studies, I often hear people say, "I don't think God could love someone like me," and it cuts me every single time. I realize this comes from a misunderstanding because they think God is only looking for good people. In fact, God is looking for all people.

God loves the whole world, evidenced by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus (John 3:16). John further explained, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Jesus died because I sinned. His blood covered my sins so I could stand in God's presence. Without the blood, I stand condemned by my sins.

My sins properly make me feel inadequate and unworthy to come before God. My lack of self-worth may cause me to buy into the devil's lie that God couldn't possibly love me. But he can and does, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Recently, I talked to a 26-year-old man, who hated his life. He had been in prison, homeless, forgotten. He had five kids with three women, and two more on the way with two other women. He felt like God didn't want him. I told him

God did want him to be a father and a Christian. Nobody ever told him God wanted him.

The devil lies, “God doesn’t want you.” This lie is similar to the idea that God cannot love someone like me. However, it is amplified by the idea that God has no concern for me because I’m insignificant or too wicked. God cannot possibly have time for me in my sinful, worthless condition.

Before the creation God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen. 1:26). God didn’t need people; he wanted people. All people. Even knowing I would sin and bring guilt upon myself, God still wanted me. He devised the scheme of redemption to save me when I fell because he wanted me. Peter assures me, “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9). God wants me.

The third truth is difficult for most people to believe. It is easier to believe the devil’s lie that God “accepts them for who they are.” A lot of people conflate love and acceptance, thinking if you love someone you accept them. However, acceptance isn’t indicative of love, and love does not necessitate acceptance.

God loves me, but he does not accept me in my sins. Often, people say, “This is just who I am, accept me or walk away.” But God doesn’t accept me for who I am, he accepts me for what I become under his control.

God sent Jesus to save me from myself. David understood this, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psa. 51:17). I don’t come to God demanding he accept me as I am. I’m messed up by sin. I come humiliated by sin, seeking the grace of his re-creation in me. I beg him to turn me into something he can accept. And because he loves me, he gives the grace I need.

God loves me. God wants me. God cannot accept me for who I am, but for who I can be. These create my hope.

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**KD’s supervisor wife LaRae Siefert** has chemo related nerve damage and is in need of prayer.

**Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie** has breast cancer and has started chemo.

May I ask to have a prayer request for my father **Jim Learned** (member) placed in the bulletin please? His brother David passed away last weekend and he is traveling to New Orleans to take care of his affairs. Thank you! JoAnn Koenig

### On Going Prayers

Continue to pray for the work in India. There are so many souls to reach there and here.

**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.

**Sam Sims** stroke recovery

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

**Lorraine Spencer**- declining health

**Jim & Monte Hazlet’s**- health

**Dawn Lell**– surgery recovery

## News and Notes

### Those Traveling

Even with the current pandemic this is the time of year when people travel. Prayers for the Celaya’s who are on the road to Florida and to the Kites who are also traveling.



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Subject: Senior Companion and Housekeeping Opportunity Monte and Jim Hazlet

Please contact her if you are interested in the position.

### LADIES' DAY 2020

Our annual Ladies' Day has been cancelled for this year.

### Ice Blocking

Saturday, August 8th is the annual Ice Blocking event. This will be the first event on the calendar that we will get to do! Meet at Community Park, 2251 Eppinger Blvd, Thornton, CO 80229 at 5:00 p.m. Bring an ice block and a towel for each person who wants to slide.

Usually we have a potluck style dinner but this year please bring your own food and we will eat together. Also, bring a chair or towel to sit on.



### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

July 12

Chris & Rachel Peterson

Anniversary