

## 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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### Deacons

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### Minister

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## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ronn Eudaley
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Assistant.....	Jim Learned
Assistant .....	Chris Jatko
Assistant.....	Kaden Dunham
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Scripture Reading.....	Marcos Celaya

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal .....	Ernest Kite

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Mark Thacker
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Assistant.....	Jim Learned
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Dale Bishop

## Service Times

Sundays:

Morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



July 18, 2021

### What the Expert Says Sam Dilbeck

“It looks like early Americana. Where did you get it?” A common question on what could arguably have been my favorite television program—The Antiques Roadshow. I loved how people arrived with trinkets, stood in line for hours, and left with treasures. A tea kettle purchased at a garage sale turns out to be the very kettle George Washington used the night before his attack on Trenton. A \$5 investment turns into a \$5,000 heirloom. In recent years the History channel has produced Pawn Stars, or as I like to call it The Antiques Sideshow. Similar in intrigue, people come to the Las Vegas pawn shop with a button and find it is worth thousands of dollars. Or, more often, people arrive with their treasure and learn it is trash. What they thought was authentic turns out to be a forgery, fake, or replica.

It is amazing how people react when they find the true value of their possessions. Joy. Anger. Frustration. Sadness. The worst are those who deny their item is worthless and question the experts. What do the experts know anyway? There is no way a shifty salesman in Cozumel would have lied to them, a tourist, about the value of their carved elephant tusk totem. The ivory art expert is obviously wrong because their possession is worth more than they paid for it.

Possessions. We all have them. Even in the most oppressive, socialist countries in the history of the world, people have had cherished possessions. Some had intrinsic value like a gold ring or a diamond brooch. Others only had sentimental value like a bottle cap or a wad of string. Possessions are an integral part of life, but few people know the real value of what they have.

The greatest, most valuable, and most precious possession is our soul. No asset or accessory compares with it. Jesus asked, “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36). For the soul, the universe is not enough. Nothing is worth a soul.

Imagine standing in line all day, waiting for the expert to examine your soul. He asks, “It looks very ethereal. Where did you get it?” In the art and artifact world this is known as the provenance. It is the story behind the item. Who created it? What history has it seen? How did you end up with it? Genesis 2:7 records the provenance of the soul, “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.” God created that soul with reason, personality, and holiness after his own likeness (Gen. 1:26-27).

Since then, God has used natural conception to perpetuate life. And he continues to partner that life with a soul—each as individual and unique as a fingerprint. We get our soul from God at our conception.

Evaluating experts often ask people what they think their item is worth. The soul is valuable because it is eternal (2 Pet. 3:9-10). The soul is valuable because it animates the body. God, the expert, knows the soul’s value, but often people don’t.

Often on the Roadshow a participant will hear the appraisal, and with a shock and surprise will say something like, “Wow, I have been keeping it in a cupboard in the kitchen.” Not knowing the value, they have been treating it like a common, replaceable trinket. Had they known the value, they would have showcased it and protected it more. Souls are treated the same way. Many people do not know what they have. They drag their souls around like a rag doll, dropping them in the dirt, leaving them behind, and eventually growing out of them. Then on the Judgment Day, the Expert will tell ask them, “Why didn’t you take care of your soul?” Many will react with shock to learn that it is the only thing they have of lasting value.

Have you evaluated your soul? Do you cherish it above all else? Job? Family? Money? House? Jesus’s question rings true today, “For what can a man give in return for his soul?” (Mark 8:37). Too many people sell themselves for beans—but not the magical kinds. The Expert says it is worth more than you will ever know. Don’t throw it away for a few earthly fancies.

## Announcements

### Prayers

If anyone would like to visit with Linda Shoen, please call Roachelle first, 303-472-8736. Visits should be 15-20 minutes because Linda tires easily. 451 Roacha Way Brighton CO 80603

#### **A note from Paul Renganathan in India:**

It has been such a blessing to have your fellowship.

Appreciate prayers and support for the work here.

The virus spread is contained a great deal.

Still it’s not fully eradicated.

One of our coworkers Lazar passed away this week.

Your prayers appreciated for his family.

### Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD’s supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny’s Aunt Jackie– breast cancer

Sam Sims– health problems

The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

Paula Nikolai—heart issues

### News and Notes

#### **Ladies Bible Class**

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the travels of the Apostle Paul.



**Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening**

**Classes/ Sunday Evening Service**

Getting back into the habit of getting ready a bit earlier to attend Sunday morning classes is very much worth the effort. Also attending Wednesdays and Sunday evenings is a time of learning and fellowship with the brethren. Hope to see you there.

#### **Going Away Party**

A going away party will be held for the Kite family after Sunday evening services on August 1st. Sandwiches and cake will be served. If you'd like to donate to a money tree for the Kite family please give funds to Julie Dilbeck or Mechelle Bishop.



#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

<b>July 22</b>	<b>KD and Sherry Derbigny</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>Althea Moran</b>	<b>Birthday</b>