

## 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– KD Derbigny

Song Leader– Les Tucker

Lord's Supper Leader– Dale Bishop

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Ernest Kite

## 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 9, 2020**

### **Psalm 51:5 and the New International Version**

For thirty years the debate has raged over the quality of the New International Version (niv). Some in the church have tried to purge the niv, while others will use nothing else. While its, sometimes, loose translation style leaves something to be desired, it continues to be a popular translation.

Through the years, many have demonstrated its weaknesses and strengths. By selecting scholars from all religions, the publishers hoped to get a well-rounded, version that would be acceptable to all religions. Despite the various religions represented, the niv does favors Calvinism in a few places.

This lean toward Calvinism prompts some to question its accuracy. However, some of the criticisms of the niv are false, and should stop being used. Its opponents undermine their own credibility when they use these false arguments.

One such argument comes from Psalm 51:5 niv, “Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” John Calvin built his beliefs on the mistaken idea that all men are born with the original sin of Adam, and at first glance Psalm 51:5 niv seems to support the idea of inherited sin. Yet, in another place the Bible clearly contradicts the idea of inherited sin, “The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son” (Eze. 18:20 niv).

Some niv critics contend this translation of Psalm 51:5 is both Calvinistic and contradictory. Certainly, if it

corrupted the translation of this passage to conform to original sin, then this would be a mark against it. Additionally, if this verse teaches that humans are born as sinners, then it would contradict other Bible teaching—another strike. The real question is, “Is the Psalm 51:5 niv a corrupt translation?”

In Psalm 51:5, David admits being a sinner at birth, and sinful from conception. These statements certainly sound Calvinistic, but “Who’s sin was he born in?” His mother’s? The world’s? Adam’s? In the context of the psalm, David bewails his own sin. The niv is a proper translation of the original Hebrew of this passage. If the niv version of Psalm 51:5 is right, does that mean John Calvin is correct too? No. In fact, not only does this verse not teach total hereditary depravity—from the niv or any other translation—it teaches against it. According to the superscription of the Psalm, Nathan had confronted David about Bathsheba. David, in his brokenness, pleads for God’s mercy to wash him from his sins (vv. 1-2). Then he wails over his sin (vv. 3-5). The guilt of his sin stung his tender heart and separated him from his God.

David considered his sin to be so bad that it tainted his very existence. He committed adultery, corrupted a marriage, and contracted a murder. In his own eyes, David says, “My sin is so bad that it stains me to my birth and conception.” David knew children did not inherit the sins of their parents, but the pain of his sin prompted a poetic hyperbole.

If everyone is a sinner at birth, then David’s exaggeration means nothing. In an attempt to show the egregiousness of his sin, David claimed he...was like everyone else?!? Hardly. David lamented that he was worse than everyone else—a sinner from birth—something that he considered nobody else to be. He had in mind his own state, not humanity’s state.

Many critics continue to point out the niv’s Calvinistic leanings. In their vigor they have targeted Psalm 51:5 as a weakness of this modern English version. Perhaps it would be wise to take a new look at this criticism and admit Psalm 51:5 is a solidly and soundly translated by the niv.

## 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.

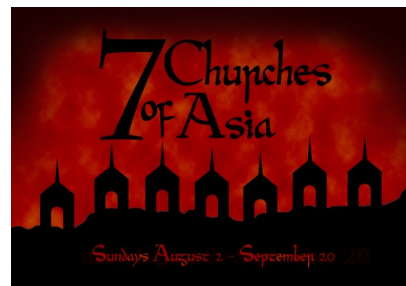
**Jim & Monte Hazlet's**- health problems

**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

### New Member

Jennifer Asper was baptized into our family after studying with Sam. What a blessing for Jennifer and her children, Hogan, Gracin, and Bryson! Her contact info:  
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## 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. 10	Paula Nikolai	Birthday
Aug. 10	Elmo & Ruth Wilson	Anniversary
Aug. 12	Sherry Derbigny	Birthday
Aug. 13	Kayden Derbigny	Birthday
Aug. 14	Paul Simpson	Birthday
Aug. 14	Sharla Tucker	Birthday