

## 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 Schedule

Greeters .....  
 Welcome .....  
 Song Leader .....  
 Opening Prayer .....  
 Communion Leader .....  
 Communion Servers .....  
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Scripture Reading .....  
 Lesson .....  
 Closing Prayer.....

## Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....  
 Opening Prayer .....  
 Communion .....  
 Lesson .....  
 Closing Prayer.....

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader .....  
 Adult Class.....

## Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am    Worship 10:30 am  
 Afternoon Class 5:00 pm  
 PM Worship 6:00 pm  
 Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am  
 Bible Study 6:30 pm



**May 3, 2020**

## Staying Together Sam Dilbeck

It has been said, “The family that prays together, stays together.” The truth remains that families that do regular activities together function better as a family. This includes prayer but is certainly not limited to it. The family that reads its Bible, studies the scriptures, attends worship, and recreates together will also build stronger ties that bind them together.

This applies to the spiritual family too. The church is the house or family of God (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:21). As members of the local body, our faith, zeal, and patience grow when we spend time together. Of course, we worship God every Lord’s Day. The elders also provide many other opportunities to be together—Sunday evenings, Sunday morning Bible classes, Wednesday studies, ladies Bible classes, fellowship meals, gospel meetings, and social activities.

Through these activities, our spiritual family spends valuable time together strengthening the ties that help keep us faithful. The formation of these relational ropes is vital not just to making the church strong, but keeping individual members connected to the body of Christ. Christians who get involved with the church and participate in as many “extra-worship” events will be stronger and much more difficult for the Devil to pull away.

We all have seen devout Christians fall. Many people express shock in how someone who once taught Bible class and was at every service could fall away. In truth, there are very few Christians that fall from such a high pedestal. Those once entrenched in the church usually left the trenches before they left the church. They first quit teaching Bible classes. Then they quit attending Bible classes. They ceased to serve in the worship assembly or other areas. They stopped coming to worship on Sunday evenings. And then they quietly slipped away. Everyone remembers how they used to be so

involved, but they often forget how slow and methodical their descent was.

They cite all kinds of reasons. The church didn't care about them. They didn't need all the extra things the church offered—they were spiritual enough. The Bible doesn't command Sunday evening services. Nobody from the church checked on them. The church is about more than the building. We have heard them all. The wayward feel slighted, and sometimes rightfully so. They feel they have grown beyond other Christians in their spirituality, and that may be true. They have come out from under the cloud that confuses church attendance with faithfulness, good for them. They have grown past feeling they have to go to church, hopefully we have all grown past that. Yet in all their growth, turmoil, offense, and enlightenment, they have failed to reach God's call. The call that pulls their hearts to the church.

This is where true spiritual enlightenment leads—we don't have to go to church, we get to go. While God doesn't mandate the traditional services past meeting once on Sunday, he is glorified by them. He enjoys them. He blesses them. He builds through them. He strengthens through them. The freedom of enlightenment isn't "not having to go to services," it's finally getting to go with a fresh, willing heart of love.

You can call it plugged in, engaged, invested, steeped, connected, or whatever you want, but the truth remains, "The church that gets together stays together."

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**Eleanor Jatko** will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

**KD's supervisor's wife** is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

**Sherry's aunt, Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

**Natalie Willemn's dad** passed away. Prayers for the family.

**Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's dad**, is dealing with cancer again. Pray for him and his family as they tackle treatments again.

Please pray for **Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter**. She had multiple seizures on Tuesday and has been hospitalized and put into an induced coma at North Surburban Hospital in Thornton while they try to diagnose the situation.

### Ongoing prayers:

**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

## Dr. Paul's School of Preaching



Work continues on the construction of Dr. Paul's second school of preaching near Raipur in central India about 700 miles northwest of the school of preaching in Chennai that he started in 1985. In addition to our monthly support, BcC is contributing \$10,000 toward the completion of this construction anticipated this summer so that the first class may begin in the fall. Pray that God may bless this new school of preaching as He continues to bless Dr. Paul's good work with the Chennai school.

When we resume worship at the building, look for the Raipur, India bulletin board and follow the work!

To our church family,

As we continue to deal with the current pandemic, in many ways the situation is especially difficult for people in the Lord's church - people who have great love for one another, long to worship together, and cherish Christian fellowship. We know that the current situation is challenging for our members, and we all miss being with one another.

The Elders are continually monitoring the changes that are taking place. Unfortunately, as we move into the new Safer-at-Home phase of Governor Polis' plan, we see very little positive changes for the Brighton congregation. As we intend to follow the government's directives as much as possible, a careful review of the plan's language reveals that it does not provide a reasonable opportunity to resume in-person worship in our facility during this phase. Even if we operated as a critical business, the need to maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, provide effective disinfection, and comply with other measures to ensure everyone's safety, would make worshipping at the building unrealistic.

Given the available technology, we will continue to engage in home worship using our live stream capability through Facebook and YouTube. This is far from ideal, but we believe this the best option in the current environment. We pray that, through God's providence, the need for these virtual gatherings will end soon and we can resume our normal worship together.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can serve you in any way. God bless you and keep you safe!

Your Elders

## News and Notes



Birthdays & Anniversaries		
May 3	Kaylyn Jatko	Birthday
May 6	Kristi Dunham	Birthday
May 7	Jan Lorenzo	Birthday