

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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Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 81
Sunday pm - 33
Wednesday - 28
Contribution- \$3,200.00

Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Assistant.....	Marcos Celaya
Assistant	Chris Warner
Assistant.....	Kayden Derbigny
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Scripture Reading.....	Kaden Dunham

Heb 2:14-18

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Jim Learned

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Paul Nikolai

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Kevin Dunham
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Service Times

Sundays:
Morning classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening worship 6:00 pm
Wednesdays:
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



January 30, 2022

Invisible Doors
Sam Dilbeck

It signaled a seismic shift in world history, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation” (Gen. 12:1-2). With those words, God called his people—the children of Abraham—out of the world. The rest of the Old Testament chronicles the nation’s struggle for righteousness.

God’s chosen nation was called Israel and it faced many trials. It endured slavery, rebellion, listlessness, and starvation. But God sustained them. In time, the nation sinned against God by trusting in false gods, idols, and even their own strength. They ignored God’s plea, “Be holy, for I am holy” (Lev. 19:2).

After a time of discipline in foreign lands, God restored a fire-refined remnant back to Israel. They rebuilt their society, the temple, and their relationship with God. They cut off the false gods and idols, but many went too far. In an effort to be holy, they forgot to be a blessing.

By the first century, the Pharisaic subculture within the nation gained a strong foothold. The name, Pharisee, comes from parush meaning “separated ones,” and that captures their exclusive, self-righteous attitudes.

Once Simon, a Pharisee, invited Jesus to dinner (Luke 7:36-50). While they ate, a woman known in the city as a sinner wetted Jesus’ feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Then she anointed his feet with oil. Simon watched in horror and said within himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39).

How could a man identifying himself as a child of God demonstrate such contempt, prejudice, and indifference toward this broken woman? Jesus used the incident to show salvation is for everyone. The Pharisees thought salvation was for the Clean, the Perfect, the Smooth, and the Popular. But Jesus called those as well as the Dirty, Imperfect, Rough, and Unpopular. As Paul exclaimed, “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders desperately needed to learn this lesson, and some Christians need to learn it today.

In churches throughout the world, invisible doors separate the members from the undesirables. The front doors are always open and greeters smile as they welcome visitors with a hand shake. But members often hide behind invisible doors and wait to see if the visitors or new members are worthy to be welcomed into the inner sanctum.

For the Jews, the invisible doors kept the Gentiles and foreigners at bay. In the church, the invisible doors keep out tattoos, stale cigarette odors, shabby clothes, yellow teeth, and oily hair. James said, “You pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing...while you say to the poor man, ‘Stand over there’” (Jas. 2:1-3).

But when Jesus built his church, there were no invisible doors. He welcomed everyone from the choicest of society to the discarded and ignored. The simple fact is everyone needs Jesus, and the church ought to work hard to make everyone knows they are wanted and welcome.

As the world continues to divide and splinter over prejudice and hate, the church must shatter the invisible doors and unite everyone under the banner of Christ.

Announcements

Prayers

Linda Shelton’s daughter, Angie, who had been in a serious car accident, has been transferred to Craig Rehabilitation in Englewood . Angie’s blood pressure issues were caused by the injury to her spinal cord. The brain is having issues getting messages through the injured part of the spinal cord.

For the moment there are restrictions on who can visit so no visitors for now.

Please continue to pray for her recovery.

David Bryant fell from a ladder and broke his pelvis in three places. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Sam Sims’ son, Jared, fell down the stairs last week and hit his head. He went to Good Samaritan Hospital and is expected to go home sometime this weekend. Prayers for a complete recovery.

Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordige, the Austin’s friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

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

News and Notes

Sam Sims– health problems

Elmo Wilson– recovery from a stroke

The work in India

2022 Brighton church of Christ Calendar

We are getting a late start on preparing a calendar of events for 2022 but the work must begin. If you are interested in helping in an event, such as VBS, please let Naomi Thacker know. We’ll try to come up with dates that fit best.



Tax Documents

The 2021 contribution tax documents are prepared and ready to pick up this morning. Please see Mark Thacker to get yours.

Baby Wiley Gift

Cody & Abigail Wiley, the young couple who have been visiting with us on Sunday nights, are expecting a baby very soon. They've been visiting us for a few months.



We're planning to give them a baby Bible signed from members of the church. Julie Dilbeck has it, if you want to sign it. Also, if anyone wants to give a few dollars as a gift, see Julie.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



January 30	Julie Dilbeck	Birthday
January 31	Kaden Dunham	Birthday
February 2	Sam Dilbeck	Birthday