

## 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 - 86  
Sunday pm - 38  
Wednesday - 31  
Contribution- \$3,644.05

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome ..... Ron Jensen  
Song Leader ..... Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Paul Nikolai  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Assistant.....Alan Samuelson  
Assistant .....Sam Dunham  
Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny  
Assistant.....Marcos Celaya  
Scripture Reading.....Tim Parker

James 1:16-17

Lesson..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Coby Mendoza

## Sunday Evening

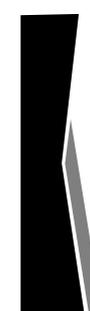
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Ernest Kite  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Oaks

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Sam Dilbeck

## Service Times

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



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**Be Prepared  
Sam Dilbeck**

“Be prepared” has been the Boy Scout motto since its inception in 1910. In application, scouts are to be prepared to assist those in need, to survive on their own, and to endure the zombie apocalypse. The ability to assist, survive, and endure is predicated upon having made the necessary preparations beforehand. This prepared mind set has caused scouts to render aid in the wake of many disasters and save countless lives.

Like the Scouts, the Christian’s motto should be, “Be prepared.” In fact, God exemplified preparedness. He prepared the earth and all that is in it (Gen 1:1). He prepared the man as a dresser for the earth (Gen 2:15). He prepared woman as the perfect complement to the man (Gen 2:18-24). He prepared the Law of Moses for the Israelites. He prepared Christ as the perfect sacrifice of all mankind. He has prepared it all for the salvation of mankind.

### The Warning to “Be Prepared”

God has sounded the warning for man to be prepared. “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Mat 24:44). “And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating” (Luke 12:47). The warning of preparation is based upon God’s promises.

God said sin reaps the wage of death and eternal damnation (Rom. 6:23). However, God promised people forgiveness of sins through the sacrifice of Jesus (1 John 2:2). This promise is made only to those who obey his commandments (Heb 5:9).

Thus, the warning is this: Prepare yourselves through obedience for the Judgment to come before it is too late. It is useless to prepare after the trumpets sound. It is futile to attempt preparation of the soul while standing before God’s throne. God warns us to prepare right now while we have life.



## The Application of “Be Prepared”

We must apply our preparation in our everyday lives. First, we must be prepared to endure every situa-

tion, unto the very end (Rev 2:10). What are we doing to prepare ourselves for the next temptation to sin? How are we planning for our continued endurance? Have we made the necessary arrangements for our ultimate spiritual success? Like the Boy Scouts, are we prepared to meet each situation with righteous fortitude?

Second, we must be prepared to assist others. “Remind them... to be ready for every good work” (Titus 3:1). Good works include benevolence and edification. Of course, the ultimate good work is evangelism. As Christians we must be prepared to teach others about the story of God’s love through Christ (1 Pet 3:15). Such preparation comes through our personal prayer and study.

Finally, we must be prepared to survive the ultimate survival test—Judgment Day. We need to be doing everything possible right now to prepare ourselves for that day. “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm” (Eph 6:13). Paul looked back over his own life and saw that he had “done all” to stand. This prompted him to write, “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come” (2 Tim 4:6). His preparation during this life made him ready to face death and Judgment.

## The Reward of “Be Prepared”

We must be prepared to endure, assist, and survive, like good spiritual scouts. Unlike the boy scout who may receive a badge or commendation, our preparation will reap eternal, spiritual rewards. At death or some incapacitating injury or disease, we will no longer be able to prepare for Judgment. The only time we are guaranteed to have for preparation is now, tomorrow may be too late. So, what are you doing to be prepared?

## Announcements

### Prayers

Jennifer Sandstede’s mother is having a hip replacement surgery on the 12th. Please pray for that to be successful. Also, her aunt is having serious issues with her kidney, which has failed and was replaced in the past. They will find out the week of the 12th if her new kidney has failed.

Carolyn Pierce is in need of prayer. She is dealing with neck pain and recently had COVID.

Sherry Derbigny’s friend **Daisy and family** were in a bad car accident. They are doing better but still are recovering. Prayers for them on this road to recovery.

Chris Jatko is asking for prayers for his **Uncle Ralph Holso**. Ralph has cancer and is undergoing chemo.

**Linda Buck**, a former member of Brighton, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Prayers as she walks the road to recovery.

### Continued Prayers

Paula Stewart— car accident recovery

Sherry Derbigny’s Uncle, Tommy Barber –health problems

Eleanor Jatko— health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Sam Sims— health problems

Brett Reitmair’s father, Bernie, heart attack.

David Bryant’s mother— stroke recovery

## News and Notes

### Bear Valley Bible Institute

The Brighton congregation will be supporting first year Bear Valley student Steven Jaeger.

### *Farewell Potluck*



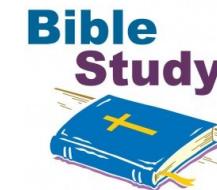
### Farewell Potluck

**Sunday, September 25th**, is a potluck right after morning service. Naomi Thacker is coordinating the potluck. Don’t miss this opportunity to wish the Dilbecks the best as they start their new adventure.



### Social Studies Bible Study

The next study is Friday, the 16th of September. It will be at the Thacker’s home, 9500 E. 159th Ave. Brighton, CO 80602. Don’t miss out on this time to study and fellowship with the brethren.



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
September 15	Jennifer Sanstede	Birthday
September 17	Stella Parker	Birthday