

## 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



**April 12, 2020**

**Total Commitment  
Sam Dilbeck**

She was a lowly Gentile, but her declaration of faith rose above her Jewish contemporaries. Ruth’s testimony shone from the valleys of Moab to exemplify true faith. While many lessons can be gleaned from her life, her statement of faith challenges us to total commitment.

Too many people dabble in Christ. They inch to the edge to test his waters with their pinkie toe only to draw back in fear of total commitment. Yet, Christ said, “And he who does not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me” (Mat 10:38). Jesus desires total commitment from his followers.

### Statement of Faith

When the widowed Naomi decided to return to Judah, she called her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, and informed them of her decision to leave. Orpah stayed in Moab with her people, but Ruth’s heart pushed her in a different direction. She objected to Naomi’s request that she stay in Moab declaring, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you” (Ruth 1:16-17). Ruth touches on five articles of faith that are needed for total commitment to any cause.

### Dedication

Ruth made a great sacrifice, pledging to leave everything to go wherever Naomi went. This pledge was motivated by love. Anything that charmed Ruth to stay was overshadowed by her love for Naomi.

Commitment demands going wherever Jesus commands. Dedicated disciples go to the world to evangelize (Mat. 28:19-20). They go through fiery trials (Mat. 20:22-23). They go to worship (Heb. 10:25). They go searching for those in need (Jas. 1:27; Gal. 6:10). Christians surrendered to Christ declare, “Wherever you go, I will go.”

### Life

Ruth also pledged to live where Naomi lived. She trusted Naomi to lead her to a safe haven. She needed to stay with Naomi to receive these blessings, and that meant living however and wherever Naomi did.

Christians put their trust in the Prince of Peace to lead them to the safe haven. Just as David trusted, “He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters” (Psa. 23:2). The safety of life rests in the hand of God. Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him” (John 8:31). By following Jesus, we abide with God, pledging, “Wherever you lodge, I will lodge.”

### Fellowship

Ruth turned her back on her people and their ways. No longer would she live as a Moabite. She determined to live as a Jew with her Jewish mother, Naomi. Ruth desired to be one of God’s children and proclaimed allegiance to Naomi and her people.

Today, Christians are God’s chosen people. When one conforms to the image of Jesus, he is adopted by God into a new family—the family of the redeemed. God’s people become his people and fellowship reigns (1 John 1:1-4).

### Worship

Ruth witnessed Naomi’s dedication to God. In stating her willingness to commit to Naomi’s way of life, she pledges to accept Yahweh as her God. This means that she sought to worship the same God in the same way Naomi worshiped.

People seeking total commitment must make Yahweh their God. Worship him (John 4:24). Serve him (Mat. 4:10). Love must be demonstrated to glorify him as God (1 Cor. 16:14). They must declare that the eternal God is their God.

### Death

Ruth committed to dying with Naomi’s people. Naomi was older and naturally would have died before Ruth. But Ruth pledged to stay with the Jews even after Naomi’s death. She dedicated her whole life to Naomi.

Total commitment from Christians means that they dedicate their whole lives to Jesus. Jesus died in his commitment to God. Christians willingly lay down their lives for God too (Rev. 2:10), and die to self (Rom. 6:6-8). The Christian promises must be a lifetime commitment, “Where you die, I will die.”

### Conclusion

In every age God has desired total commitment from his followers. A half-hearted attempt to serve him has destroyed the souls of millions of people. To give total commitment, one must give his dedication, life, fellowship, service, and death to God.

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**Tony Lell’s wife, Dawn**, had a successful surgery. She is home now but is not accepting visits for a while for safety reasons.

**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** needs prayers for his health.

**Ransom Boone** recently moved to Granbury, TX to be with his daughter. Pray for his health.

### 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

**Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father** –cancer

**John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi-** cancer.

**Ransom Boone**-recovering from a fall

**Lorraine Spencer**- declining health

**Jim & Monte Hazlet’s-** health

## News and Notes

### Baptism

We celebrate the baptism of Payton Peterson into Christ on Wednesday. She has been studying with her parents and made the decision to obey the gospel. What wonderful news!



### Safety Measures

Due to the Coronavirus there will be no services held at the building until further notice. Sam Dilbeck will deliver a message Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. <https://www.brightonchurchofchrist.org/sermons-brighton-church-of-christ>



In looking out for each other, if you are in need please let someone know. The Thacker’s home phone is 303-655-1982. Jan Lorenzo’s number is 720-934-3325



Dear Denver Churches,

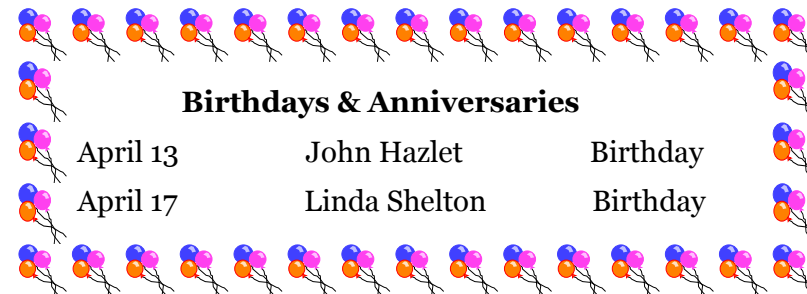
Due to current world events, we have decided to postpone the Spring Food Drive out a month. Because things seem to be changing daily we will get in touch with you at the end of April to set up a new pick up date.

We hope everyone in your congregation is staying safe and is well.

If you should have any questions please contact our office at 303-776-6841 or you can email us at [office@msch.org](mailto:office@msch.org)<<mailto:office@msch.org>>.

Sincerely,

Natasha Willis/Office Assistant



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 13	John Hazlet	Birthday
April 17	Linda Shelton	Birthday