

## 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— Marc Moran

Song Leader— Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader—

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section— Dale Bishop

## 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 30, 2020**

## **Can We All Get Along? Sam Dilbeck**

Need answers? Where do you turn when you have religious questions? The pope? The Dalai Lama? A Crusade? Elders? Preachers? Professors? Theologians and scholars fill the world hoping to answer the deepest needs of man. However, none of these qualify as authoritative sources. No, not one. Pilate challenged Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). Blinded by his relative ethics, Pilate could not see that truth is absolute, available, and knowable (John 8:32). However, a corollary to Pilate's inquiry might be, "Where is truth?" The world denies absolute truth, rather it accepts a deified devil's forgery of truth. God's truth takes a back seat—a far back seat—to man's pluralism that finds truth in tolerance and ignorance.

### The Plague of Pluralism

Pluralism is the modern push for harmony between all people based upon an acceptance and tolerance of all religious beliefs...regardless of God's concerns. Thus, the Dalai Lama speaks as much truth as Jesus. When the apostle Paul and Billy Graham conflict, no problem—both can be right. Religious disagreement is treated like a preschool-playground tiff. The argument gets broken up and both parties are forced to apologize in a no-fault settlement. In a pluralistic society, sin means nothing. All actions are accepted as reasonable and worthy in someone's eyes. Truth becomes a kernel of popcorn that appears big and fluffy, but dissolves to nothing but a shell when accepted.

### The Key to Pluralism

The key to pluralism is not agreement. Pluralism declares the Muslim is as right as the Christian, despite their

disagreements. The key is not found in friendship or power. No amount of education brings all ideas into harmony, so education is not the key. The key is not even love. The key that unlocks the plague of pluralism is tolerance. No matter how different a religious belief is, it must be accepted and tolerated. One group can believe that Jesus died to save the world, while another believes that Jesus was the devil incarnated, trying to deceive souls into following him. While logically both cannot be right, pluralistically they are both correct and worthy to be accepted.

**The Product of Pluralism**

In the end, pluralism produces fake unity. Unity founded upon ignoring differences instead of settling differences is not unity at all. If all faiths are to be accepted by all other faiths, why did God command evangelism? If one church is as good as another, what is the point of trying to convert someone? Pluralism kills God’s command for evangelism. Pluralism also plays the death knell for heaven and hell. Not all religious systems believe in heaven and hell. Therefore, in order to accept all faith systems, we are forced to kill heaven and hell.

**The Death of Pluralism**

God did not create confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). Rather he created unity in a singular mind. Jesus prayed that true unity would prevail (John 17:20-21). So how can all people be unified? The answer is simple, yet difficult. First, it is simple because true unity is based upon the word of God. Teaching it delivers the planks of unity (Eph. 4:3-6). Preachers and teachers speaking the same thing everywhere in every church procure unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 4:17). Second, unity is difficult because people hate this kind of unity. Trying to make everyone believe the same thing is hateful, backward, unloving, arrogant and intolerant. Regardless of what names are attached on unifying efforts, God desires this kind of unity. It’s not a fake unity based on ignorance, but Godly unity based upon his word. So where is truth? In the word of God (John 17:17). The pope doesn’t create it; elders and preachers don’t make it up; Benny Hinn and T.D. Jakes don’t determine it. Truth is absolute and doesn’t change with world opinion. It is readily available in the Bible—a book known throughout the world. Truth is knowable to any who will study it—no Papa, Lama, or Imam needed.

**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.

**On Going Prayers**

- Eleanor Jatko** recovery from a stroke
- Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter**- seizures.
- 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**

**Ladies Bible Class**

Ladies Bible Class will start up again Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the fulfilled prophecies book by book.



**7 Churches of Asia**

These lesson on the 7 Churches of Asia in Revelation have been informative. The lessons in those lessons are very applicable to the church today.

**Dillon & Marisa Proctor Monthly Newsletter**

Check your e-mail for the newsletter from the Proctor’s, the couple at Bear Valley Bible Institute that we are supporting.

**Special Delivery**

The Williams Family is expecting a very special package to arrive March 2021. Not sure if it will be blue or pink.



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Aug. 30	Wayne & Becca Manzanares	Anniversary
Sept. 3	Bill & Johanna Bohannon	Anniversary