

## 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– Reid Jones

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.



**Oct. 4, 2020**

**Inside Christianity  
Sam Dilbeck**

A warm fall day found two brothers walking in the sand along the beach, each burdened with shovels and pails. Sitting back-to-back they began building their dream castles. Soon the older brother noticed that his brother's castle didn't match his own vision. He stopped work on his own creation and dedicated his attention to his brother's castle.

After a while the boys were called home and they left the beach disgruntled and disappointed. The younger boy didn't get to build according to his plan, and the older brother didn't get to finish his castle because he spent too much time correcting his brother.

One day two preachers worked diligently with their respective congregations. Soon one noticed that the other used different techniques of evangelism. Immediately the first preacher ceased his work and began a religious paper dedicated to correcting all preachers who didn't use his evangelistic method. Eventually he noticed that others also didn't share his view on another matter. He dedicated the next issue of his paper to why everyone needed to share his particular point of view. Soon the church splintered, and Christ wept at the mutilation of his body.

Similar to the two brothers playing in the sand, a lack of forbearance left in its wake heartache, resentment and unfinished work.

Paul pled for Christians to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (Eph. 4:1). A Christian's walk is his lifestyle, and Paul asked for "worthy" living. What does it take for a Christian walk worthy?

First, disciples must pursue a worthy calling (Eph. 4:1). God called all Christians out of the world of darkness and sin

(1 Pet. 2:9). Once called, Christians dedicate themselves to a separated life devoted to God. When Christians look, talk, and act like the world, they cease being worthy of their calling.

Second, disciples must demonstrate worthy character (Eph. 4:2). Christian character, like a brilliant diamond, has many shining facets like humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance. Humility views itself with smallness before God and defers to others. Gentleness refuses to retaliate if others view him in a low estate. Patience suffers the infirmities, faults and shortcomings of others. Forbearance forgives others for their insults and slights. Everyone has character flaws that annoy and aggravate, but these four traits act as a cushion to reduce the friction caused by these annoyances.

In the church, patience and forbearance help maintain peace between Christians. Too many times forbearance is sacrificed on the altar of doctrine. The importance of doctrine can't be overstated, but character must not become a victim of doctrine. Even when exposing error, Christians must exhibit longsuffering and forbearance. For some, however, the length of their longsuffering is a hair's breadth. These seem to relish conflict over conversion; sarcasm over sincerity; and fighting over forgiveness.

Finally, walking worthily means disciples keep in mind the worthy cause—"the unity of the Spirit in a bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). The unity of the Spirit involves a unity based upon the directives of the Holy Spirit—the Word of God. In the following verses, Paul gives seven areas of doctrine that produce unity among believers. Additionally, these planks of unity cause separation from the world and other religious groups that don't accept the truth of these doctrines.

The bonds of peace rely on the Christian character. Peace in the church depends on saints showing love, patience and forbearance to one another. When Christians remove these buffers, they always find reason to be agitated with others—a supposed slight, tone of voice, facial expression—any number of things can ignite the fuse and decimate the bonds of peace.

Christians must be Christians from the inside-out, not just a whitewashed façade of Christianity. The unity Christ prayed for (John 17:20-21) and the peace that God offers (Phi. 4:7-9) begin with a Christian character that exhibits humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance.

How are your buffers holding up?

## Prayers

**Jennifer Kite** is recovering from her surgery at home.

**Terri Osnes** also has surgery coming up next month.

**Jerry Kite** will have knee surgery coming up soon.

## 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 Jackie**-breast cancer

**Sam Sims**-health problems

Continue to pray for the **work in India**.

## News and Notes

### Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the fulfilled prophecies book by book.



## India Work

Check your email for the latest information on the work in India. Much information about food donations, preaching, baptisms, the boarding school, the progress on the Joel and Heather home, and the recovery of the Bible college students. If you did not get this email please let an Elder know.



## Soup Supper & Game Night



The Thacker's are hosting a soup supper at their home, 9500 E. 159th Ave. Brighton, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th.

Please let Naomi know if you plan to attend so she can get an estimate of how much soup to make. Not necessary, but either bread or desserts would be appreciated. 303-655-1982 home 303-587-6330 cell

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Oct. 5	Paul & Terri Simpson	Anniversary
Oct. 7	Carolyn Pierce	Birthday
Oct. 7	Anthony & Jennifer Sandoval	Anniversary
Oct. 8	Naomi Picon	Birthday
Oct. 9	Reid Jones	Birthday
Oct. 10	Chris & Lara Jatko	Birthday