

## 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 - 94  
Sunday pm - 41  
Wednesday - VBS  
Contribution- \$2,684.73

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome ..... Ron Jensen  
Song Leader ..... Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....KD Derbigny  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Ivan Stewart  
Assistant.....Alan Samuelson  
Assistant .....Jeff Oaks  
Assistant.....Chris Jatko  
Assistant.....Kayden Derbigny  
Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner

Eph 1:20-23

Lesson..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Brett Reitmair

## Sunday Evening

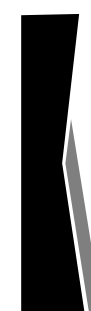
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....  
Lord's Supper Leader.....Ivan Stewart  
Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer.....Chris Peterson

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Denny Petrillo

## 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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## Where are the People? Sam Dilbeck

Not so long ago, a person's neighbor lived next door. Porches served as meeting places for friends. And fences were shorter, allowing neighbors to share news from one backyard to the next. At that time whole neighborhoods came together for barbecues and yard sales, and any parent on the block could scold any child who misbehaved. But those days have gone the way of duck tails and poodle skirts. Today, a person's closest friends may live a hundred miles away, and climate-controlled homes have moved families off the porch and onto the couch. Fences have grown to eight feet tall, and we share news from one computer to the next. Many people lament the loss of the old ways and wonder why they went away. There are many causes for the more impersonal ways of modernity. More people are working, and working more. Travel is more reliable and easier to procure. Computers are replacing telephones as the chosen mode of distance communication, and telephones are no longer tethered to the wall. Society is mobile. Communities are bigger. And, the world is smaller. How does the church fit into a world of changing communication and relationships? We must understand that communication within communities has always changed with technologies. For example, Moses spoke to the masses from the side of a mountain, creating a natural amphitheater. However, most congregations today use public address systems. During Paul's day, human messengers hand carried letters. Today, we send messages through texts, emails, social media, and FedEx. The advent of radio, television, computers, and the internet have created a cornucopia of communication modes. Within the framework of technology, the church has been tasked with taking the gospel into all the world.



At one time, the church and/or religion was at the forefront of developing communication avenues. Art once dominated communication. Religion dominated art. Johannes Gutenberg invented the removable type printing press, then he began printing Bibles. However, when the electronic age began, the church left the cutting edge, and tied itself to a leash

to be dragged behind advancing technologies. Part budgetary, part prudence, and part sentimentality, the reasons for falling behind the technological curve vary, but the church no longer leads the way in communication.

Face to face communication is still the best, clearest, and most direct form of communication. The vast majority of interpersonal communication is nonverbal. The words and meaning of words only make up a fraction of what we say to one another. How we carry our body, facial expressions, and voice fluctuations communicate more than our actual words. Therefore, when it comes to taking the gospel into all the world, the best, most effective way is through personal interaction with other people.

Besides direct interaction, God also used prophets, visions, stones, trees, and books to convey his will to mankind. While direct interpersonal relationships are best, we are not limited to them. Like God, we can utilize modern technologies. For years, the church has been using film strips, written correspondence courses, and gospel meetings as ways to “get the word out.” Many Christians today owe their conversion to these forms of evangelism. But, there are new ways, too.

The church must embrace modern evangelism or risk nullifying the timely message with outdated and stale tactics. Many churches are reluctant to accept electronic evangelism (online study courses, email correspondence, web presence, etc.). They feel they have been effective without the computer. Sadly for many congregations, their heyday for effectiveness passed with the last Roosevelt administration. Churches that accept newer methods often exhibit better communication, and therefore greater effectiveness in evangelism. Put simply—we must go where people are, not where they used to be.

People use social media. People hang out in internet cafés and coffee shops. People drive along the highways. People dine out. People watch television, read magazines, listen to radio, and view internet videos. These places are where churches need to make their presence known.

The gospel, like Jesus, is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. The message of Jesus is still the power of God unto salvation. It still claims hearts and minds. It still stirs the soul to action before God. What changes is how we deliver that message to those who need to hear it. If we cannot get people to stop for the gospel or chat over the backyard fence, let’s give it to them on the go.

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Elmo Wilson** peacefully passed away at 5:10 am Saturday, July 16th. There are many who are mourning his passing and prayers of comfort are appreciate.

**David Bryant’s mother** had a stroke and is in the hospital. Her speech is slurred and she is weak. Please pray for her.

**Wayne Manzanares** has 16 broken ribs and was admitted into St. Anthony’s Denver to make sure there isn’t too much pressure on his lungs. Prayers for recovery.

**Sherry Derbigny’s Uncle Tommy Barber** is dealing with multiple health problems. Prayers that they can be sorted out.

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. Also her daughter, **Paula**, is having shoulder surgery on the 21st. Prayers for both.

### Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

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

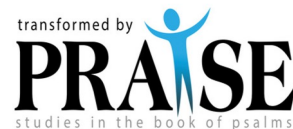
Sam Sims– health problems

The Wiley family– baby son with health complications

Brett Reitmair’s father, Bernie, heart attack.

Tim Parker-recovery from car accident and prayer for his daughter who has long term effects from COVID

### News and Notes



#### Brighton Summer Series

This Wednesday Denny Petrillo will present a lesson on the 34th Psalm. Be sure to make the effort to be with the brethren and enjoy this special summer series on the Psalms.

## Bible Study



**SOCIAL STUDIES** - potluck, study and fellowship

All ages are welcome to join in these monthly gatherings. The first one will be Friday, July 22nd at the home of Kevin and Kristi

Dunham, 885 Rose Court, Brighton. An Italian themed potluck will begin at 6:00 pm with the study starting at 7:00pm. Child Care will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you'd like to host future studies at your home or at the church building.

### ICE BLOCKING

Saturday, July 30th at 6pm at the Community park near the Thornton City Pool at 2141 E 95th Ave. Thornton, CO 80229.

Please bring a chair and your own food - there will not be a potluck.

If you plan to slide down the hill, bring an old towel and an ice block (found at most King Soopers)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** TEEN/YOUNG ADULT GATHERING COMING 8/16 More information to come.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
July 18	Joe & Christine Martinez	Anniversary
July 22	KD & Sherry Derbigny	Anniversary