

## 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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### Minister

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## Sunday Schedule

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Paul Nikolai
Lord's Supper Leader.....	KD Derbigny
Lesson .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Christopher Warner

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

## Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



June 20, 2021

### Building a Better Man Sam Dilbeck

After a horrible accident in an experimental plane, Steve lingered on the fringe of death. Most people would have given up on him. However, a special group of doctors, scientist and machinists were called in to save his life.

"Gentlemen, we can rebuild him. We have the technology. We have the capability to make the world's first bionic man. Steve Austin will be that man. Better than he was before. Better...stronger...faster." Steve not only walked again-he ran faster, grew stronger and saw further than any other man (add cheesy sound effects here).

Today we continue to work toward the vision of the character's creator, author Martin Caidin. We want to make better men-stronger, faster, and healthier. However, these qualities don't make men better. We don't need six million dollars and hours of research to build a better man. Better men come from God's word.

Mankind's most horrific problem isn't a mangled body lying on an operating table. It has nothing to do with the weakness of his muscles or the frailties of his flesh. Man's problem is sin. The virus of iniquity plagues his soul and steals his life. Thankfully, God call to the person ensnared in sin and offers to make his a better man (2 The. 2:13-14).

How is God's man better? First, God's man runs faster. Sin weighs man down and makes him slow. Clinging to sin, man cannot effectively race toward heaven. "Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). By allowing God to forgive him, he becomes a better man.

Second, a man reworked by God is better because he is stronger. Many people have a warped view of strength. They think strength comes from weight training, protein drinks and bionic implants. Yet these only affect the strength of the body, which is inherently weaker than spiritual strength. Paul explained, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor. 1:25). Through the power of God, man can have strength that excels beyond natural limitations (Phil. 4:13; Eph. 6:10).

Finally God's man is better because he sees further. While Steve Austin's right eye remained normal, his left eye was replaced with a cybernetic implant. It allowed him to see at distances up to 200 yards. Even with enhancements, his limitations were severe. The vision of God's man suffers no such limitations. Peter criticized those men of God who did not grow as being blind and nearsighted (2 Pet 1:9). He didn't mean that they had poor eyesight, but poor vision of the future. God affords his patients improved vision that allows them to see past the here and now. They see two eternal destinies; two roads that lead to them; and one map (the Bible) that gives directions to both places. Yet, God's man has the foresight to follow the path that leads to eternal life.

Colonel Steve Austin was a fictional character. Yet, even with his cartoonish abilities, he doesn't compare with the realities of God's better man. God said, "Gentlemen, we can rebuild him. We have the sacrifice and the capability to rework him in the image of Christ. Anyone can be that man. Better than he was before. Faster...stronger...a man of vision." Anyone can become better in the hands of God (bionic implants and six million dollars are not necessary).

# Announcements

## Prayers

Linda Shoen is receiving hospice care now. Prayers for all of the family, especially Roachelle, who is her main caregiver.

## Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

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

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie- breast cancer

Sam Sims- health problems

The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

Paula Nikolai—heart issues

## News and Notes

### Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are currently studying the life of the Apostle Paul.



### A Note from Reid Jones:

Although we love our brethren at Brighton, we have left to find a congregation with young families and children. At this stage of my life, I will worship with my grandchildren.

### Kamp Koinonia 2021

Camp is scheduled for July 11-17 (one week only this year).



Applications and additional information are available on the website: [kampkoinonia.org](http://kampkoinonia.org). Space is limited to 100 campers and will be filled on a 1st come/1 served basis. We will be informed when it reaches capacity.



We are so close to starting classes for everyone on Sunday mornings. If you have not yet let Mark or Naomi Thacker know if your children will be attending please let them know. If you are willing to teach please let them know.

### 4th of July BBQ

After evening service on the 4th there will be a barbecue here at the building. Drinks, Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. For those who wish to stay a bit longer we plan to watch the city's fireworks from the parking



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

June 20	Bill & Ann Adams	Anniversary
June 20	Mark & Naomi Thacker	Anniversary
June 20	Naomi Thacker	Birthday