

## 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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### Minister

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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



**March 29, 2020**

## Meet the Need Sam Dilbeck

Mercy defined the Savior’s life and mission. From lepers to sinners he had compassion on those in need—even when they didn’t know their need. In his mercy, he offered health and life, and taught his disciples to do the same. Even now his gauntlet lays before us, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy” (Mat. 5:7).

Mercy? The Romans didn’t show it. Their philosophy of “no quarter” led to cruel measures to keep order in occupied Palestine. The Jewish leaders didn’t know mercy. They were proud, egotistical, and self-righteous. They demanded religious perfection. People who opposed their tyranny or simply questioned their power were punished harshly.

Nowhere was this seen more clearly than their treatment of Jesus. As Jesus went about doing good he demonstrated true compassion. He touched the untouchables and gave hope to the hopeless. He opened the ears of the deaf, and gave sight to the blind. He received those discarded by polite society and forgave the sins of the most hated. He was the perfect example of mercy and compassion, but in return the Jews crucified him.

So, when Jesus told his disciples to be merciful, there was very little example of mercy in their environment to emulate. But they had one shining example in Jesus.

We can learn mercy as the first disciples by watching Jesus. At its root, mercy ministers to the needs of others. The poor, the hurting, the lonely, and the proud all need us. Mercy isn't just having pity on a pathetic people. Mercy is the actions moved by that pity. Feeling sorry for someone and wishing them peace is useless (Jas. 2:15-16). Just as Jesus' mercy was lived and not felt, our mercy must be living and active.

Mercy sees a hungry man and feeds him. Mercy sees a lonely woman and befriends her. Mercy sees a naked man and clothes him. Mercy sees one begging for love and loves her. Mercy meets the need, not just feels it.

The second part of Jesus' promise doesn't mean that as people see our compassion, they will return that compassion. It certainly didn't work that way for Jesus. Rather, he means as we show mercy, we will receive mercy from God. He is our benefactor. Our merciful entrance into heaven will be affected by the mercy we show on earth.

Look around modernity for compassion. There are some pockets of mercy here and there, but for the most part, mercy is absent. It is banished by self-care, self-interest, and self-focus. Too many people are too busy to see the needs all around them. Others are wedded to violence and abuse. Others are shrouded by greed and blinded to their neighbors' needs. Like the first century, the mercy we Christians show today may be the only true mercy our modern world ever witnesses.

Determine today to meet the needs of someone else.

## 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.

**Jim Hazlet** was in the hospital for a bit on Thursday and Friday. He is home now but keep him in prayer.

**Eleanor Jatko** will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

**Neal Sandstede, Jennifer's father**, in our prayer list as he had surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer).

**KD's supervisor's wife** is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry's aunt, **Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

**PJ Kite's coworker** has tested positive for the virus. Keep him and his family in prayer.

### 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

## News and Notes

### Information

We thought you would want to know that we, in your behalf, have sent \$3000 in relief funds to the tornado victims of the Cookeville, Tennessee congregation to assist them in getting their lives back to normal after losing several members and much property recently.

The Brighton Elders

### 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://](https://www.brightonchurchofchrist.org/sermons-brighton-church-of-christ)

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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,

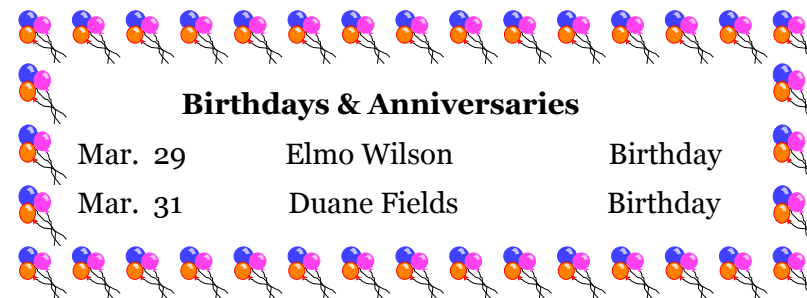
Due to current world events, we have decided to postpone the Spring Food Drive out a month. Because things seem to be changing daily we will get in touch with you at the end of April to set up a new pick up date.

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

Mar. 29 Elmo Wilson Birthday

Mar. 31 Duane Fields Birthday