

## 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– Reid Jones

Song Leader– Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader– Marc Moran

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Ivan Stewart

## 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.



**July 5, 2020**

### **The Power of One Sam Dilbeck**

The day warmed as I looked down the hill to the looming prison walls capped by manned guard tower. For 17 years the stone and concrete separated Justin Taylor from the free world. But today, those doors would open, and he would walk into the arms of freedom. Six of us gathered on that summer day in 2015 in matching purple shirts to welcome him to his new life. Joy, anticipation, and anxiety gripped our group as we prayed and imagined what it would be like when he emerged.

At 25 Justin was unfocused and salty. He got arrested and accepted a deal for twenty years with the possibility of parole after ten. While in the Johnson County Detention Center he received a Bible correspondence course and from the depths of his self-loathing filled out the first lesson. He studied the passages, answered the questions, and asked a few of his own. In a few weeks he had received all the lessons and returned the last one with a note stating his desire for baptism.

Charlene Lowrance, a member of the LaPoynor Church of Christ in LaRue, Texas, opened the last lesson from Justin and delighted in his desire to be baptized. She found an address for the Granbury Street Church of Christ in Cleburne, Texas and asked if someone would go to the jail and baptize Justin. Tyler Young, the preacher, answered the call and met Justin. They studied and quickly became friends. Then Justin was baptized.

When Justin was transferred into prison, Tyler continued to write and visit him as Justin grew spiritually. When Tyler

moved to Mississippi, he told Ken Upchurch, one of the elders, about Justin. Ken began writing and visiting Justin.

Everywhere Tyler went he introduced people to Justin, his "prison" brother. He made new contacts for Justin, like the Savages from Roanoke, Texas, the Krugs from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and the Provins from Weatherford, Texas. Christians everywhere began writing to encourage Justin. That is how I met him.

When his first parole was denied, many were saddened, but they kept encouraging. In an attempt to keep Justin's spirits high, Tyler lamented the parole denial, but thought it would be granted soon. He even began ending his letters with the words, "Soon, brother. Soon." For the next seven years the hope of parole came and went.

In February of 2015, Justin's parole was approved. Ken Upchurch had been working on the release for years. Ken's sister, Sherry, and her husband agreed to allow Justin to parole to their home in Weatherford. Ken bought him a truck. Tyler raised some seed money to help him start his new life. As our group gathered in purple shirts emblazoned with "Soon is Now," I realized the small parts that so many played in getting us to that moment. That's the power of one. For Charlene Lowrance, it was the act of licking one stamp that led to Justin's salvation. She took the time to follow up with a prisoner nobody cared about.

When they announced the release, we moved to the closest point of the family waiting area and watched 139 parolees walk away from the stony walls and to families and friends. Tears watered the trees in the midst of the reunions. Then Justin stepped from the crowd of former prisoners and into the waiting arms of his brothers and sisters. His body was as free as his spirit.

Each of us has the opportunity to be a Charlene. A single deed, a kind word, or an honest prayer can change someone's eternity. Let none of us deny our power—the power God gives us—but rather use it forever.

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert** has chemo related nerve damage and is in need of prayer.

**Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie** has breast cancer and has started chemo.

### On Going Prayers

Continue to pray for the work in India. There are so many souls to reach there and here.

**Eleanor Jatko** recovery from a stroke.

**Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter-** seizures.

**Carma Dunham**— recovery from a broken hip

**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

**John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi-** cancer.

**Lorraine Spencer-** declining health

**Jim & Monte Hazlet's-** health

**Dawn Lell**— surgery recovery

## News and Notes

### Resurfacing of Parking Lot

The resurfacing of the church parking lot will take place Monday July 6 thru Thursday July 9 (weather permitting).



The lot will be "taped" off at the entrance, so please plan on parking elsewhere during this time.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

July 6	Dale & Mechelle Bishop	Anniversary
July 7	Kevin & Kristi Dunham	Anniversary
July 11	Les Tucker	Birthday



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Please contact her if you are interested in the position.

### India Report

India is still under lockdown for another month but Dr. Paul has been studying with individuals and had another baptism yesterday. His associate (a graduate in Nepal) also had a baptism this week. All the other outreaches are producing good results. Please continue to pray for this good work!



### Ice Blocking

Saturday, August 8th is the annual Ice Blocking event. This will be the first event on the calendar that we will get to do! Meet at Community Park, 2251 Eppinger Blvd, Thornton, CO 80229 at 5:00 p.m. Bring an ice block and a towel for each person who wants to slide.



Usually we have a potluck style dinner but this year please bring your own food and we will eat together. Also, bring a chair or towel to sit on.

### Welcome Our New Member

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