

## 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 Schedule

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Chris Peterson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	
Lesson .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Reid Jones

## 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



March 28, 2021

## Turn to Serve and Wait Jeremy Brown

Repentance is necessary for salvation. Jesus said, "Except you repent, you shall . . . perish" (Lk. 13:3). Truly, God now commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). Turning from the sinful ways of one's past is not only approved by God, it is commanded! Many were refused the privilege of baptism because of their failure to repent (Mt. 3:7-8).

But consider this: Mere abstinence from sin is not sufficient to keep one in a right relationship with God—we must couple our repentance from evil with a lifestyle of positive holiness. Just as "faith alone" is insufficient to put one into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27), so repentance alone is not enough to establish lasting peace with God. Undoubtedly the primary misconception of many who feel secure in the words, "I don't cuss," "I don't drink," or "I don't smoke" is the idea that abstinence from evil is the sum and substance of God's will for us. While it is certainly true that these qualities are essential to maintaining a pure relationship with a holy God, they represent only half of our duty.

Jesus told a story that clearly illustrated this truth. He said that when an unclean spirit goes out of a man, that spirit wanders in dry places and finds no rest. He eventually says, "I will return to my house from which I came." Our Lord then explained that the evil spirit then takes with him seven others more wicked than himself. Hence, the last state of that man is worse than the first (Mt. 12:43-45). Jesus here taught the importance of not only ceasing from sin, but replacing the void with righteousness. Certainly, there is virtue in sincere soul-searching and heart-felt repentance from sin, but following repentance man's soul represents something of a moral vacuum and needs to be filled with good works and busied with daily service to God. Otherwise, back into sin it will fall, with the result that the last state is now worse than the first (cf. 2 Pet. 2:20).

Notice some other passages that teach the necessity of filling the void following baptism with pure religion and practical service for God.

“But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of teaching to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness... But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life” (Rom. 6:17-18).

“...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come” (I Thess. 1:9).

Pure religion, and undefiled before God is not only remaining “unspotted from the world” but also actively participating in doing good (James 1:27). Thankfully, we have a great congregation with which to work, and that offers many ways to put our services to work in the church. Can you find something to do here? Instead of giving the devil an open door to fill our idle time, let’s busy ourselves in service to each other. As Paul says, “you have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Gal. 5:13).

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
March 29	Elmo Wilson	Birthday
March 31	Duane Fields	Birthday
April 1	Christopher Warner	Birthday
April 2	Sam Dunham	Birthday

# Announcements

## Continued Prayers

Ernest Kite's son Terry- recovering from a (non-COVID) virus.

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

Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery

The work in India

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

## News and Notes

No Ladies class this Wednesday. We will resume next week.

Check your email for updates on the work in India.

### Please **Welcome** our newest members:

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### **Reid Jone’s announcement last Sunday:**

I believe the scriptural qualification of an Elder is an ongoing process; that an elder not only must qualify at his initial appointment but hereafter. 1Timothy 3 says that an elder must, among other qualifications, be a one-woman man, sometimes translated as the husband of one wife. Some commentators make the point that this qualification is to meant to eliminate a person with more than one wife, given the relative commonality of polygamy at that time. However, to me, I find it is more reflective of God’s plan for mankind as described in Genesis 2:18-24 where God decided that “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” and created “a helper fit for him” and summarized “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Or that same plan that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 19:4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” God’s plan for an elder is clear. He is to be a family man with a supportive wife and believing children so the congregation can continually measure his ability to lead his church family by how he leads his home. It is clear to me from God’s plan that an elder and his wife make an inseparable unit, and my personal experience coupled with close observation as I grew up of my grandfather, uncle, and father, all elders in the Lord’s church, is that an elder lacking support and input from his wife will be inadequate to the task. I recognize that I am inadequate without Donna, and thus I resign from that good work and accountability. The past ten years have been challenging. The Bible clearly reflects that challenges should be a reasonable expectation of elders and that those challenges are, in fact, why we need elders. I thank Ivan and Ron for their service, support and dedication and ask you to continue to hold up their hands, as Aaron and Hur did for Moses, remembering that they are accountable for our souls. I love you all and thank you again for your many expressions of kindness and support during my time as your elder and also during our recent loss. The elders have asked me to continue to provide accounting services and minor maintenance to the building and however else I may continue to be of service to you. The future is bright for our congregation. While the pandemic has made it difficult for all of us to see the whole picture, the steady stream of new members here at Brighton combined with our returning members will find us a vibrant and active congregation of God’s people. May God bless each and every one of you.