

## 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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## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Kevin Dunham
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant .....	Kaden Dunham
Assistant.....	Marcos Celaya
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Scripture Reading.....	Jim Learned
	2 Peter 3:8-10
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Tim Parker

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ronn Eudaley
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Kevin Dunham
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Dale Bishop

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
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## Service Times

Sundays:

Morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



August 1, 2021

**Be a Dog, not a Cat**  
**Sam Dilbeck**

Dogs or cats? That debate may never be settled, but someone observed, "When you feed, shelter, and care for a dog, the dog thinks, 'Wow, this guy must be a god!' But when you feed, shelter, and care for a cat, the cat thinks, 'Wow, I must be a god.'"

Sometimes Christians think like cats. We experience God's salvation, see his providence, feel his protection, and bask in his blessings, and we think we deserve it. We lead communities, build portfolios, accumulate knowledge. We praise God. We assist the poor and oppressed. God must feel lucky to have us on his side.

The Corinthian church fell into the trappings of self-importance. They divided the church over miracles, status, power, and even who baptized whom. There were divisions over how the church should deal with sins (1 Cor. 5), whether Christians should eat meat (1 Cor. 8), and if Christians should marry (1 Cor. 7).

Prompted by this divisive spirit, Paul wrote 1 Corinthians to unite the church. Addressing their inflated self-worth, Paul wrote, "Consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth" (1 Cor. 1:26). It was time for a spiritual reality check.

Often one's calling is their duty or vocation. Paul used it in this sense in Ephesians 4:1, saying Christians were called to certain duties of Christian living. However, in 1 Corinthians 1:26, Paul uses the word to mean the circumstance out of which they were called. Who were they before God called them, and who did they become after they answered?



As Paul challenged those in Corinth, he challenges Christians today. Let us consider three things about our calling. First, Paul reminds us we were called out of nothing (1 Cor. 1:26). God did not look at the world and say, “She comes from good blood, I think I’ll call her,” or “He has a lot of money and influence, I think I’ll call him.” God

does not show respect to a person’s wealth, education, bloodline, or status, but to the heart (Rom. 2:11). Most Christians come from poor backgrounds and carry no influence, but God transforms these lowly unnotables into children of the King.

Second, we are called to glory in God (1 Cor. 1:27-29). By calling the despised God demonstrates his power not ours. God reveals his power in our weakness. When Paul wanted deliverance from his “thorn in the flesh,” God said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9). God shows his power to the cultural elite by choosing the foolish, weak, lowly, despised, and inconsequential to be saved. Thus, God brought to “nothing things that are”—power, pedigree, wealth, and education—showing they were powerless. Paul counted these same things as loss for Christ (Phil. 3:4-8). Since God saves us by his power, we have nothing to glory in except God himself.

Thirdly, we are called to salvation in Christ (1 Cor. 1:30-31). Despite our undesirable back story, God desired us. He is the source of life in Christ Jesus. Paul gives four attributes of Christ. He is our wisdom, the knowledge leading to salvation (Col. 2:3; 2 Tim. 3:15). He is our righteousness or justification, taking upon him the guilt of our sins (1 Pet. 2:24). He is our sanctification, separating us from the world by how we live (2 Cor. 6:17). He is our redemption, paying the price for our salvation that we could not pay (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Acts 20:28). Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption are some of the spiritual blessings reserved for us in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

Paul concludes with a challenge from Jeremiah 9:23-24, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord” (1 Cor. 1:31). There is nothing in us worth boasting about. Our boasting is despite our past. Our boasting is in God, not us.

When God loves us, feeds us, cares for us, and blesses us, and we ought to think less like the cat and more like the dog, and say, “Wow, He must be God.”

## Announcements

### Prayers

Prayers for the Shoen-DeShane family and the Samuelson family.

#### **Paul Renganathan in India:**

Continue to pray for the work in India. There are many who have been baptized and many who are still suffering from the effects of COVID-19.

### 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

Pray for our Brighton family as we try to share the Gospel .

Paula Nikolai—heart issues

## News and Notes

### Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the travels of the Apostle Paul.



### A Time to Mourn

We are sad to announce the passing of **Carol Samuelson, Alan’s mother**. She died early this morning. We express our condolences to Alan and his family.



We are sad to announce the passing of one of our members, **Linda Shoen**. She died Wednesday, July 28th. We express our condolences to the DeShane family.

### Going Away Party

A going away party will be held for the Kite family after Sunday evening service tonight. Sandwiches and cake will be provided. Please bring chips, snacks, or drinks. Thank you to those who made a donation to the money tree.



### New address and a note from Mary Green

370 Scrub Oak Circle

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"My Brighton Church friendships will always be in my heart."



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

<b>August 5</b>	<b>Carma Dunham</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Hanna Warner</b>	<b>Birthday</b>