

## 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

Ron Jensen 303-655-8498  
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Mark Thacker 303-655-1982

### Deacons

Kevin Dunham 303-807-5974

### Minister

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 74  
Sunday pm - 30  
Wednesday - 33  
Contribution-\$4,283.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer.....  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson  
Assistant.....Coby Mendoza  
Assistant .....  
Assistant.....Chris Warner  
Assistant.....  
Scripture Reading.....Nolan Peterson  
Psalms 119:65-72

Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
Closing Prayer.....Chris Welsby

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Brett Reitmair  
Opening Prayer.....Paul Nikolai  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Chris Peterson  
Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
Closing Prayer.....Marcos Celaya

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

## Service Times

Sundays:  
Morning classes 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Evening worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays:  
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



July 2, 2023

### Independence Day

The date July 4th holds special significance to our nation. It marks the date, in 1776, on which the founding fathers signed the Declaration Of Independence, declaring our independence from England and our determination to be a free and sovereign nation. Accordingly, we celebrate July 4th as Independence Day.

The United States of America have stood as a symbol of freedom to oppressed peoples around the globe for well over two hundred years. We have repeatedly defended our freedom and independence and that of other nations from oppressors.

But I’m afraid that we’ve taken our freedom for granted for so long, that many of our own citizens do not realize what a precious blessing it is. We would do well to remember that our nation was not always free, that winning our independence was costly and that we could, more easily than we might realize, find ourselves once again under the rule of another. We are truly blessed to live in this land in freedom.



There is a far more important Independence Day, however, than that celebrated each year on July 4th. When a person learns the truth of the gospel of Christ, and in obedience turns to Him as his Lord and Savior, he is set free from the guilt and condemnation of his sin (John 8:32). As he repents of his

sins and is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3), the blood shed by our Lord on the cross cleanses that soul of the guilt of his sins (Acts 22:16). He is literally set free!

A person set free from sin “is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17), a Christian. In becoming a Christian, that person is “delivered...from the power of darkness and conveyed...into the kingdom of the Son of His love” (Colossians 1:13), in other words, the kingdom of God. The Revised Standard Version translates “the power of darkness” as “the dominion of darkness.” The devil is the ruler of that dominion (2 Peter 2:4).

A person who lives in sin is a slave of the devil (Romans 6:16). But when a person is baptized into Christ, he is set free from the slavery of sin (Romans 6:6-7). In Being set free, he has gained his independence from the most cruel, ruthless, bloodthirsty tyrant there is. He no longer lives under sin’s curse. As long as he stays faithful to God, he can look forward with assurance to eternal salvation (Romans 6:22; Revelation 2:10).

The most incredible Independence Day is the day a person is baptized for the remission of his sins (Acts 2:38), the day he enters into salvation in Christ (Romans 8:1), the day he is set free from sin, the day he comes out from under the tyrannical rule of the devil. Oh, what an Independence Day! Have you experienced that independence day in your life???

7/1/2012 Gary L. Hutchens

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Ronn Eudaley** is home and still recovering and adjusting.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

Prayers for the work in **India**. Pray for the health and strength of the fellow Christian workers who spread the Gospel.

### Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny’s Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Tim Parker– headaches from concussion

Chris Welsby– Moving

Diana Oaks’ friend’s daughter, Danielle– long term illness

Jennifer Sandstede’s Aunt JoAnn Berdahl– kidney failure

### News and Notes

#### Bio of Kevin Dunham

Kevin Dunham was born and raised in the Brighton area and has been married to Kristi for 23 years. They have two children, Kara and Kaden. Kevin makes a living as a Structural Engineer. He has been a member of the Brighton Church of Christ for approximately 30 years, a Deacon for nearly 20 years, and has enjoyed serving wherever needed. He has been blessed to be a part of Pew Packers, Junior Disciples, Family Matters, Vacation Bible School, Social Studies, and Youth and Adult Classes over the years. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, fishing, watching football and hockey and spending time with family and friends.

#### Elder Appointment

The elders have recognized the years of dedicated service to the Lord’s church of Kevin Dunham. With this in mind, the elders are considering installing Kevin Dunham as an elder to serve the Brighton congregation. Should you have a scriptural objection to Kevin being installed, please give it, in writing, to one of the elders by today.

### Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is on **Wednesday, August 2nd—Friday, August 4th**. It seems like a ways away but it will come up quick. If you are able to help Mark out with this effort, please let him know. There are different positions available to fill.



### VBS Decoration and Craft Prep

Sunday, July 23rd 3:00 pm  
Church Building

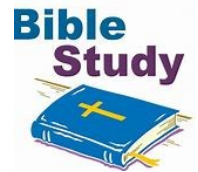


### Ice Blocking and Fellowship

Saturday, July 22nd  
6:00 pm  
Thornton Community Park  
Near Vine and Thornton Parkway  
Bring an Ice Block and old towel if you plan to participate.  
Please bring your own food, drink and chair.

### Social Studies Bible Study

Friday, July 14th  
6:00 pm Pot Luck  
7:00 pm Study  
Sam and Carma Dunham Home  
14582 Cherry St, Brighton 80602  
Child Care Provided



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
July 3	Lara Jatko	Birthday
July 4	Cynthia Nickels	Birthday
July 4	Chris Welsby	Birthday
July 6	Dale & Mechelle Bishop	Anniversary
July 7	Kevin & Kristi Dunham	Anniversary