

## 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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### Deacons

Kevin Dunham	303-807-5974
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### Minister

Sam Dilbeck	903-229-8415
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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 73  
Sunday pm - 39  
Wednesday - 37  
Contribution- \$4,825.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Dale Bishop
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Mark Thacker
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Assistant .....	Les Tucker
Assistant.....	Jeff Oaks
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Scripture Reading.....	Chris Warner

Acts 17:24-25

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Tim Parker

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Kaden Dunham
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Alan Samuelson

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Kevin Dunham
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## Service Times

Sundays:

Morning classes 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



January 16, 2022

### The Righteous Sufferer Sam Dilbeck

Attributed to King David, Psalm 31 is the prayer of the righteous sufferer. In the psalm, the worshiper pledges to trust in the Lord and find refuge in him (vv. 1-5). Then he gives thanks to the Lord for delivering him from the hand of the enemy (vv. 6-8). He admits his distress is a result of his sin, but trusts in the graciousness of God to overcome his iniquity (vv. 9-10). The oppression of his neighbors weighs heavily on him (vv. 11-13), but the Lord lightens the load (vv. 14-20). Finally, the worshiper blesses God for delivering him (vv. 21-22), and cries out, "Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful...be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!" (Psa 31:23-24).

It is a beautiful psalm of trust, reliance, and faith. The worshiper is suffering persecution from a community at odds with righteousness but finds his deliverance in God.

In the dramatic crucifixion scene of Luke, the evangelist records the final words of Jesus. On the road to Calvary, Jesus told the following women, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children" (Luke 23:28-31). His concern was for the welfare of the nation under such unscrupulous leaders. When he was raised on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Again, his concern was for the welfare of others, not himself. When one of the criminals crucified with him sought Jesus' grace, Jesus replied, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Around noon, the region went dark for about three hours because “the sun’s light failed.” Judgement fell on the land as the curtain of the temple was ripped in two. The height of man’s sin—killing the son of God—reached its fruition as Jesus uttered his final words before death, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” (Luke 23:46). In his other sayings, Jesus showed concern for others, but in the final moment he showed concern for himself too.

This final statement is from Psalm 31, the prayer of the righteous sufferer, and it is fitting since Jesus is the righteous sufferer par excellence. Never before nor since has one so righteous and undeserving of punishment been so cruelly treated. Jesus’ community convinced themselves their only hope was to destroy Jesus. In contrast, Jesus’ hope was God (Psa 31:5).

However, don’t mistake Jesus’ concern for himself as a moment of selfishness. It isn’t. In fact, his final words reveal a deep concern for others over himself. In the original psalm, the sufferer entrusted his spirit to God for his care. When Jesus uttered the same words, he was entrusting his spirit to God to allow God to do with him whatever he willed. Jesus had made that determination in the garden, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done” (Luke 22:42). Committing his spirit to God was an extension of this same desire to do God’s will over his own.

What plan did God have for Jesus? He was to be the perfect sacrifice so humanity could have hope for salvation. By committing his spirit to God, Jesus hoped for his resurrection as the firstborn from the dead. He expected God to use his sacrifice for the welfare of humanity. Jesus wasn’t asking God to take care of his spirit. He was asking God to take care of humanity through his death and resurrection.

We look to and serve a God who has been eternally mindful of our spiritual welfare. We trust in Jesus who willingly laid down his life so we could be saved. Jesus is the righteous sufferer who endured hate, abuse, and death to save sinners like us.

# Announcements

## Prayers

Linda Shelton’s daughter, Angie, was in a serious car accident and broke her neck recently. She is struggling with her blood pressure also. Prayers that she will recover fully and as quickly as possible.

David Bryant has been visiting for a few weeks. He unfortunately had a fall from a ladder and broke his pelvis in three places. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

## Continued Prayers

- Eleanor Jatko– recovery from a stroke
- Bill Woloridge, the Austin’s friend—cancer
- Jane Hanavan-heart issues
- KD’s supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage
- Sam Sims– health problems
- Elmo Wilson– recovery from a stroke
- The work in India

## News and Notes

### 2022 Brighton church of Christ Calendar

We are getting a late start on preparing a calendar of events for 2022 but the work must begin. If you are interested in helping in an event, such as VBS, please let Naomi Thacker know. We’ll try to come up with dates that fit best.



### Church Directory


The updated directory has been completed thanks to Ernest Kite. If you need one emailed to you see Naomi Thacker, or you can get a hard copy in the desk in the rear of the auditorium.

### Service Opportunities

This is the start of a new year. New opportunities to be of service to the family here in Brighton. If you are able to teach classes please let Mark Thacker know. He is always on the look out for people, especially men, who are willing to teach Sundays and Wednesdays.



If you are able to help with the maintenance of the outside of the building property, please let Mark know.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
January 18	Sam Sims	Birthday 
January 20	Keith Sanchez	Birthday
January 22	Kara Dunham	Birthday