

## 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.....	Paul Nikolai
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	
Assistant .....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Scripture Reading.....	Les Tucker
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Chris Welsby

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ernest Kite
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	

## 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 8, 2021

### The Blessings Of Prayer by Gene Taylor

One of the greatest blessings a child of God has is prayer, the right to communicate with God. Anyone who is striving to do the will of the Lord will have an active prayer life.

#### Give Yourself to Prayer

In several New Testament passages the Christian is urged to give time, to prayer. In Luke 18, Jesus taught a parable to demonstrate that people "always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The apostle Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:8, encouraged men in every place to pray. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Christians are commanded to "Pray without ceasing."

To "pray without ceasing" is not to have some incessant babbling on your lips but to have the attitude of mind to regularly and frequently pray. It means to have a willingness to talk to God—to share burdens, to confess sins and to pray for strength and courage.

#### Many Neglect to Pray

Even though many commands and encouragements to pray are contained in Scripture, sometimes children of God neglect this glorious privilege. It is only at worship assemblies or in times of trouble, sickness or need that some who claim to be Christians even give thought to prayer. Why the neglect?

Many reasons could be given which are too lengthy and varied to explore in this short article, so instead we will just consider one. Neglect of prayer usually indicates neglect in other phases of one's life as a child of God. The mind of such a person is often on worldly things. Prayer, which can so easily be put off, is postponed then forgotten.

A hymn often sung asks, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" Did you? Or were other things on your mind? If you did not think to pray, you let a great opportunity escape which can never be recovered. You should have at least thanked God for the new day and the breath of life that is in your body that enables you to experience and enjoy it.

### Things for Which to Pray

Some may be hesitant to pray as often as they should because they do not know the things for which they should pray. If they were to properly study the Bible, they would know those things for which they should pray because it reveals them.

According to Scripture, included in those things for which the Christian should pray are:

Those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)

The Lord's will to be done (Matthew 6:10)

Daily bread (Matthew 6:11)

Forgiveness of sin (Matthew 6:12)

Kings and all who are in high places (I Timothy 2:2)

All men (1 Timothy 2:1)

That you enter not into temptation (Matthew 26:41)

If you are suffering (James 5:13)

The sick (James 5:14-15)

Why the Emphasis on Prayer?

Why emphasize prayer? James 5:16 gives the answer: "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." It works! 1 Peter 3:11-12 states that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." He hears and answers in accordance with His will if the Christian prays in faith (James 1:6).

### Conclusion

Make your life a life of prayer. If you are going to be truly like Jesus, it will be. Jesus was a man of prayer. He recognized its vital role. Often in His life on earth, He prayed. John 17 contains His prayer for His disciples. Matthew 26 has His prayer in the garden prior to His capture. He also spent time teaching His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-15). Be a faithful Christian. Be Christ-like. Be a prayerful person.

## Announcements

### Prayers

Dale Bishop has COVID and pneumonia and they are admitting him for observation for a day or two.

Prayers for the Shoen-DeShane family and the Samuelson family as they mourn their loved ones.

### Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordidge, 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

**GOSPEL MEETING** Keep October 3rd through 6th open for a Gospel Meeting. More information to follow next week.

### Ladies Bible Class

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

### Linda Shoen's Memorial Service

Saturday, September 4th at 4:00 p.m. there will be a memorial service for Linda Shoen, here at the building. If you are able to bring food for a potluck meal after please let Roachelle know. 303-472-8736



### ICE BLOCKING:

It's that time of year again to go ice blocking!! All are welcome to participate or just come and enjoy watching. Saturday, August 21st at

6 pm -at the community park near the Thornton City Pool at 2141 E 95th Ave. Thornton,

CO 80229.

If you plan to participate, please bring an ice block and an old towel. Most King Soopers have ice blocks. Please bring your

### Teen/Young Adult Devo:

There will be a devotional Sunday, August 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church building following evening worship service for all teens and young adults. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a drink or dessert to share (one per family). Friends are welcome!

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
August 8	Ernest Kite	Birthday
August 10	Paul Nikolai	Birthday
August 10	Elmo & Ruth Wilson	Anniversary
August 12	Sherry Derbigny	Birthday
August 13	Kayden Derbigny	Birthday
August 14	Paul Simpson	Birthday
August 14	Sharla Tucker	Birthday