

## 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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## Sunday Schedule

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer .....	Reid Jones
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marc Moran
Lesson .....	
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class .....	
Closing Prayer.....	Kevin Dunham

## Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm

“Zoom” Virtual Classes:

4th-6th Grade Fridays @3:00 p.m.

7th-12th Grade Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.



January 3, 2021

## I Preaching Christ Sam Dilbeck

“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2). These words are part of Paul’s pattern for healing division in First Corinthians. He wanted their faith to rest in the transformative power of the gospel, not in rhetorical skill. Jesus truly is the only way to find true, lasting unity among God’s people. Therefore, the only hope for a healthy church is to preach Jesus.

Philip entered the city of Samaria and “proclaimed to them Christ” (Acts 8:5). When the Samaritans believed his preaching about the kingdom and Jesus, they obeyed the gospel (Acts 8:12). When Philip met the eunuch, he “told him of the good news about Jesus” (Acts 8:35).

When Jesus sought to strengthen the hearts of the two men going to Emmaus it says, “Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27).

This year we will spend time preaching Jesus through the book of Luke. Luke is the longest of the gospel accounts. Along with its sequel, Acts, it comprises about 27% of the New Testament. Unlike the other gospels, Luke is the only one written to a specific person, Theophilus. Beyond the patron Theophilus, the book was written to a predominately unsaved, Gentile audience to produce obedience and transformation.

Luke-Acts touches on many ideas such as the identity of Jesus, the community of the church, the salvation of the lost, and the foreordination of God. Jesus is the Savior of all people, delivering us from oppression and bringing the salvation God promised and prepared for from the beginning of time and predicted by the prophets of Israel.

Luke is counted as one of the synoptic gospels because it so closely aligns with Matthew and Mark. However, of these three, Luke offers the most unique material that is not found in the other accounts. In the unique Lucan material are some of the most beloved stories like the birth narrative both John and Jesus, the boyhood account of Jesus at the temple, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. Luke draws from many sources to produce an account of Jesus' life that appeals to his audience and fulfills his goals. These combine to shape his work differently than Matthew, Mark, or John.

As we spend the next year studying Luke, keep in mind some of his goals. For example, Luke sets forth the new community in Luke that will be fulfilled in Acts. He frequently points out the predestination or plan of God. While salvation is an important part of all the gospels, Luke emphasizes the universality of salvation more than the other writers.

The basic outline of Luke's gospel begins with his preface and the introduction of John and Jesus (1:1-2:52). Then Jesus is prepared for ministry and appointed by God (3:1-4:13). The Galilean ministry reveals Jesus' power and teaching (4:14-9:50). The Jerusalem journey chronicles the rejection of Jesus as he teaches the new way (9:51-19:44). Finally, he arrives in Jerusalem where he dies, resurrects, and ascends (19:45-24:53).

Darrell Bock writes:

Luke's Gospel is pastoral, theological, and historical. The reality of God's plan influences how individuals see themselves and the community to which they belong. Old barriers of race are removed. New hope abounds. There is to be no doubt that the message of Jesus is one of hope and transformation. Anyone, Jew or Gentile, can belong. At the center is Jesus, the promised Messiah-Lord, who sits at God's right hand exercising authority from above. He will return one day and all will be accountable to him. His life, ministry, resurrection, and ascension show that he has the ability to be trusted. He can bring God's promises to completion, just as he has inaugurated them. In the meantime, being a disciple is not easy, but it is full of rich blessing that transcends anything else this life can offer. This is the reassurance about salvation that Luke offers to Theophilus and others like him. (Bock, Darrell L. Luke: 1:1-9:50. Vol. 1. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1994.)

## Announcements

### Prayer List

Prayers for **Brenda Anthony, Donna's sister**, as she is battling a bad case of COVID.

**Ernest Kite's son Terry**, as a result of a (**non-COVID**) virus, has lost all hearing in one of his ears and his diabetes is worsening.

### Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordige, 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

Carlos Tario - COVID-19 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

#### Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

### India Report

Be sure to check your email for Dr. Paul's year-end report from Chennai, India. The work being done there is fruitful.



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### Dillon & Marissa Proctor

Also be sure to check your email for the Bear Valley Students, the Proctor's November report. The journey through preaching school is challenges and rewards.

*Happy New Year*  
**2021**

Looking forward to more in person classes and more activities.



None this week.