

## 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.....	Ivan Stewart
Assistant.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant .....	Kayden Derbigny
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Scripture Reading.....	Chris Welsby

Luke 23:26-30

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Dale Bishop

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Mark Thacker
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Ivan Stewart
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Marc Moran

## 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



December 19, 2021

### The Death We Proclaim Sam Dilbeck

“We live in the land of the dying. When we get to heaven we will live in the land of the living.” Years ago I heard Wendell Winkler make that statement, and it has stuck with me. We are living in the land of the dying and are reminded of it daily.

Terrorism, riots, genocide, ethnic cleansing, and war all bring death when practiced properly. But these account for only a small portion of deaths daily. Every single day over 2,500 children are voluntarily killed in the womb as politicians debate its “merits.” At the other end of the age spectrum, euthanasia continues to grow in popularity and acceptance, creating an alarming culture of death. Clearly, death is a constant in life. Paul said we must use our time wisely because the days are evil (Eph. 5:16).

Surrounded by the dying, we might be tempted to give up on hope. But, there is one death that restores our hope. It is the death of Jesus Christ our Lord. His death is unlike any other in the history of the world. It is so special Christians proclaim it each week, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). The Lord’s Supper reminds us of his death and tells the world there is hope in death.

Celebrating and announcing death seems counterintuitive to most people, but to the Christian it is a natural response to what Jesus’ death has done. Hebrews 9 records six blessings we receive from the death of Jesus.

Redemption (Heb. 9:11-12).

Redemption, meaning to buy back, is connected to salvation in Christ. Disobedience to God’s law is sin (1 John 3:4). The penalty for sin is death (Rom. 6:23), and since all have sinned, death has passed to all (Rom. 5:12). Redemption refers to the blood payment Jesus gave to buy us back from our sin. The death we proclaim secures our eternal redemption.

Purification (Heb. 9:13-14).

Jesus' death also leads to our purification. Sin not only leads to spiritual death; it stains our souls (Jude 23; Zech. 3:4). Purification scrubs our souls clean in the blood Jesus shed on the cross (Rev. 7:14). It is one of the great paradoxes of Christianity—blood that normally stains, washes us white as snow. The death we proclaim purifies our souls.

Inheritance (Heb. 9:15-18).

Inheritance is the possessions and property passed to an heir at the death of the owner. During his ministry, Jesus promised his followers they would inherit eternal life (Matt. 19:28-30). Through his "Last Will and Testament" Jesus specified who would receive his possession of life. However, it couldn't pass from him as the owner until his death. The death we proclaim leaves us the inheritance of life.

Forgiveness (Heb. 9:19-22).

Forgiveness pardons us from the punishment we deserve. Criminals forgiven of their crime are released from prison. Debtors forgiven of their debt do not have to repay it. Sinners forgiven of their sins are released from the guilt and punishment. At his death, Jesus carried the sentence of our sin (Isa. 53:5). The death we proclaim forgives our sins.

Mediation (Heb. 9:23-24).

Mediators act as a middle man between two conflicting parties. In this case he stands between us and the Father, and the conflict is our sin (1 Tim. 2:5). He pleads our case, accepting our chastisement for us. The death we proclaim mediates on our behalf.

Sacrifice (Heb. 9:25-28).

Knowing our hellish fate, Jesus offered himself to die so we might live. He became the Lamb of God without blemish that was slain in man's stead (John 1:29, 36). Under the Old Testament, the Jews had to regularly offer sacrifices of bulls and goats to assuage the holy wrath of God. Those sacrifices were never enough—they were not costly enough (Heb. 10:1-4). But, the blood of God's own Son, perfect, undefiled, sinless, was enough. The death we proclaim is the sacrifice we needed.

During the holidays many turn their eyes upon Jesus, looking to reestablish a neglected connection with the Creator. They remember Jesus' birth but little else. However, Christians proclaim his death each Sunday because the value and blessings of his death compel us to remember.

# Announcements

## Prayers

Barron Bishop finally came home from the hospital last Thursday. Prayers that he will continue to improve.

Tim Parker is continuing to heal from his "basal cell carcinoma" treatment. Even though he was with us last Sunday still keep him in prayer.

Ruth Wilson has requested prayers for the brethren in India. They are dealing with the aftermath of cyclones and flooding.

Florence Price has started chemotherapy and is home but the road to recovery is a long one. Prayers for the whole family as they work with her on this journey.

Christine Williams lost her mother recently. Prayers for the whole family as they grieve.

## 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

Sam Sims- health problems

Elmo Wilson- recovery from a stroke

Becca' Manzanares' niece's husband, Steven Pointer-COVID

The work in India



## Baptism

James Slagle was baptized into His body last Sunday. Please make sure to welcome him into the family.

## News Update

Jane, Sara, and Emma are leaving for a trip to Missouri for about ten days. After that they will be moving into their new place. Prayers for a safe trip and move. The address will be published after the move is complete.



## New Years Eve Game Night

This year News Years Eve falls on a Friday. This is the perfect time to come out and enjoy some games and food with the brethren. Please bring a finger food to share and if you have a game you think you want to share, bring it also.

**Location:** The Thacker Home

9500 E. 159th Ave.

Brighton

**When:** Friday, December 31st 6:00 p.m. till were tired

Birthdays and Anniversaries 		
Dec. 20	Ricky Fox	Birthday
Dec. 20	Paula Stewart	Birthday