

## 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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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 73  
Sunday pm - 27  
Wednesday - 30  
Contribution- \$2,726.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome ..... Ron Jensen  
Song Leader ..... Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Dunham  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Coby Mendoza  
Assistant.....Kaden Dunham  
Assistant .....Sam Dunham  
Assistant.....Jim Learned  
Assistant.....Marcos Celaya  
Scripture Reading.....Chris Jatko

Hosea 10:1-2

Lesson ..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Ivan Stewart

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Paul Nikolai  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer.....Jeff Oaks

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class..... Sam Dilbeck

## Service Times

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



April 3, 2022

**Don't Sit This One Out**  
**Sam Dilbeck**

It's a fantasy team's worst nightmare. You do the research, check the schedule, and get the perfect draft pick. He is a monster, capable of putting up high numbers every week. Then in week two, after a strong beginning, he gets injured in the second quarter. As far as the rest of the season goes, he's sitting this one out.

While the fantasy team owner may lament the chain of events, his heartache and distress don't match the actual player. He has trained all his life. He has learned the playbook, put in hours of practice, and even more afterhours practices. He has lived at the gym, on the track, and in the film room. Then in an instant it all gets taken away. He hates to sit out for a single play, much less a game or a season.

Then there are the players who put in years of dedication, escaping any career ending injuries. But after 10 or 12 years in the league, they cannot endure the rigorous punishment week to week. At the end of the season they announce their retirement, and the world laments their exit. When the next season rolls around, his heart breaks. He would love to play again, but he has to sit out for the rest of his life.

Having to sit out of a game or other activity is painful. But injuries and retirement aren't the only things that can cause us to sit one out. Sometimes when children misbehave, they are forced to sit out of an activity as punishment. Sometimes other responsibilities keep us from getting to play. Others may sit out by choice, or because they don't have the skill or knowledge to join in. Whatever the reason, sitting out on the fun is disappointing.



Jesus is our only ladder to heaven

There is one activity, however, that everyone must play in, and nobody sits out—life. At birth, we join the game. The rules we value and follow determine our course. Our interactions with other players help steer us by influencing our choices. Life

forces us to participate, we cannot sit this one out.

Then there is one activity we don't want to sit out— heaven. The Bible describes heaven as the eternal paradise in the presence of God, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). There are streets of gold, foundations of precious stones, and gates made from a single pearl. But the opulence of heaven cannot compare to the presence of God. In fact, hell is described as being separated from God's presence for eternity (2 Thesalonians 1:9).

Heaven will be an eternal celebration as the souls of the redeemed gather around God's throne and praise his inexpressible name. Do you want to sit that one out?

Most people know they want to go to heaven. When given the choice of eternal punishment and eternal life, people will want eternal life. However, while most want it, few will live in such a way to receive it. Jesus said, "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:14).

In the church we focus on helping people get to heaven. We focus on who Christ is, what he requires, and how we must obey him. We are a group of imperfect people, relying on the grace of the perfect Savior, and we invite you to join as we seek heaven together. Are you doing everything you can to go to heaven?

Don't sit heaven out.

## Announcements

### Prayers

Chris Welsby had his shoulder surgery last Monday and it went well.

Joe Baker, Kristi Dunham's father, is in need of prayers for his health.

Elmo Wilson is at home on hospice care. Prayers for him and Ruth as they walk this difficult part of life together.

### Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko– health problems

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

The Wiley family– baby son with health complications

### News and Notes

#### Family Bible Class Day

##### **Today is the Family Bible Class**

**Day!** We are so glad you are here to share in the benefits of studying His Word together. Right after morning service there is a potluck and everyone is welcome and encouraged to stay and fellowship together.



#### Graduation Luncheon

We will be recognizing our high school graduates on **May 1st** with a luncheon downstairs in the common area after Sunday morning service. The meal will be provided for this event. All are encouraged to stay and support our graduates.

### Vacation Bible School

We are having a Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are Wednesday, July 13th—Friday, July 15th. Plans and progress are already in progress. Please let Mark Thacker know if you will be able to help or bring children. We'll be better prepared if we have an idea of how many will attend. There is plans for a teen event as the same time.



### Creation vs. Evolution Seminar

May 8th-11th we are hosting a seminar titled Creation vs. Evolution. Eric Lyons, who is a well known author for Apologetics Press, is the speaker.

Please mark you calendars and invite your friends for this special event.

Sunday, May 8 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm

Monday –Wednesday **6:30** pm

### New Quarter Classes

The new quarter starts today. The topic for the upcoming quarter for the high school class is: A Study of the Lord's Church. For the pre teen class the Sunday topic is Creation vs Evolution on Sundays and the Wednesday topic is "Out with Doubt", Kyle Butt. Don't miss these great classes. Also, if you are able to help please let Mark Thacker know.

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



<b>April 5</b>	<b>Kayley Mendoza</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Angie Olivas</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Junior Celaya</b>	<b>Birthday</b>