

## 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.

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## Sunday Morning Schedule

Greeters .....  
 Welcome .....  
 Song Leader .....  
 Opening Prayer .....  
 Communion Leader .....  
 Communion Servers .....  
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Scripture Reading.....

Lesson .....  
 Closing Prayer.....

## Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....  
 Opening Prayer.....  
 Communion.....  
 Lesson.....  
 Closing Prayer.....

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader .....  
 Adult Class.....

## Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am    Worship 10:30 am

Afternoon Class 5:00 pm

PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am

Bible Study 6:30 pm



**May 24, 2020**

### Victory

Dying from exhaustion, he fell before a stunned audience whispering only one word. That single word was the last he ever spoke. The breath that uttered it was the last he took. What message was so important that hills and valleys didn't deter Philippides that day in 490 bc.? Why did he wear himself out on the 26 mile stretch of road from Marathon to Athens? What one word was sacred enough, vital enough, and glorious enough to claim his life? Victory. Philippides feat inspired the modern marathon, but his message inspires the soul.

### Victory over Sin

Engulfed in war, the people longed to hear news from the front line. As the wearied runner approached the hill of Athens, citizens gathered to receive his message. Today a vicious war rages that has killed and slaughtered more than all the battles of history combined. Paul deemed it “the good fight,” alluding to its innate moral goodness (1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7). In this fight, good and righteousness seek to overcome evil and wickedness. In this war, we have the ultimate weapon—Christ. His power explodes with the force of a million nuclear bombs while the enemy carries Daisy BB guns (without BBs). An unfair fight to be sure, but it promises a clear and decisive victory for the Christians. All we must do is ally ourselves with Christ and he will conquer the sin in our lives (John 8:24).

### Victory over Self

In order to stay on Christ’s team, we must win another victory. This battle is the most difficult we’ll ever face. It requires each of us to look at ourselves in the mirror of his word (Jas. 1:25). We’re called upon to make a judgment about the reflection that we see. Does it reflect an image of us striving daily to live like Jesus? Or does it

show us a reprobate, bathing in sin, reveling in iniquity (2 Cor. 13:5)?

After examination, we must fight our own lusts and desires. James writes, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire" (Jas. 1:13-14). Jesus overcame our sin and he will continue to do so if—if we walk in the light (1 John 1:7). We "walk in the light" when we combat the desires of our bodies and seek to do the desire of God (1 Cor. 9:27).

Through Jesus we win. We conquer our mind and receive his mind (Phi. 2:5). We defeat our will and take up his will (Phi. 1:21). We lose our life and put on his life (Gal. 2:20).

Gaining victory over ourselves is hard because it requires introspection, honesty, and self discipline—three virtues elusive to the lazy soul. Yet, these traits are vital to the heaven-bound.

### Victory over Death

The greatest power that Jesus gives us is the victory over death, or resurrection. During this life our bodies continually lose the battle of health. Physicists call it the "Law of Increasing Entropy" or the "Second Law of Thermodynamics" (with time all things tend to move from an order state to a disordered state). Paul called it decaying or wasting away, "Though our outer nature is wasting away" (2 Cor. 4:16). Solomon called it the difficult days (Ecc. 12:1-5). Today we call it growing old.

This earth and its carnal ways pull our bodies to the grave.

Thankfully, Jesus offers a way out of the devil's death grip. God first untied the sufferings of death for Jesus (Acts 2:24). Now through Jesus he offers us the same escape from the travail of death.

Paul demonstrates his confidence in the Christian's victory over death:

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)

Over two thousand years ago, Philippides sacrificed his life to spread the word of victory. It was one win in one battle in one war in one age. Since his marathon, many wars have raged, with no lasting peace.

Five hundred years later, Jesus traversed the road to Calvary and sacrificed his life to spread true victory. It is the ultimate triumph in the ultimate war for all ages. It inspires the heart and saves the soul. Victory!

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**Eleanor Jatko** will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

**KD's supervisor's wife** is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

**Sherry's aunt, Jackie**, has started chemo for breast cancer.

**Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's dad**, is dealing with cancer again. Pray for him and his family as they tackle treatments again.

Please pray for **Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter**. She had multiple seizures. Doctors are working on how to best treat her.

**Carma Dunham** fell while mowing the lawn and broke her hip. She is in a rehabilitation center and will hopefully be home soon.

#### Ongoing prayers:

**Shirley Adams** is battling cancer.

**Bill Woloridge**, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

**Jane Hanavan** with her heart issues.

**Sam Sims** stroke recovery

**John Hart, a co-worker of Kristi-** cancer.

**Lorraine Spencer-** declining health

**Jim & Monte Hazlet's-** health

**Dawn Lell-** surgery recovery

## News and Notes

### We have a new Sister-in-Christ!

Evelin Fierro was baptized into Christ by Bill Bohannon. What wonderful news to hear of a new life in Christ, and a blessing to our church family and to her family as well. God be with you, Evelin.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 25	Meredith Long	Birthday
May 26	Ruth Wilson	Birthday
May 30	Raymond & Meredith Long	Anniversary

Dear BCOC Family,

Kara was recently presented with two precious gifts from all of you; a beautiful Bible and an amazing video. THANK YOU!



Your support of her as she has grown over these 18 years has been instrumental in who she is today. We are so grateful for all of you!  
With love,

The Dunham Family



### Exciting Update

Tomorrow morning, we will engage in at-home worship with the aid of our live stream feed as we have been doing for some time. However, President Trump has now declared houses of worship to be "essential." In view of this declaration, we are happy to announce our plans to conduct in-person worship at the building on Sundays at 10:30 am, beginning 5/31/20. We are working to finalize our re-opening plans and taking the necessary precautions to ensure the health of our members. We will send out additional communication in the coming days that will outline specific measures that will be taken to ensure that we resume our worship without any significant increase in the level of risk. Several of these will require your participation in health precautions such as social distancing.

Some of our members will either not be able to attend or will not feel comfortable resuming in-person worship under the present circumstances. We understand that. To help us make effective plans, if you consider yourself to be in a higher-risk category, or for whatever reason decide you will not be participating in worship at the building right away, we request that you immediately let us know by emailing Reid at areidjones@gmail.com. We will continue to stream our services for the benefit of those who will still need to worship at home.

We thank God for this new opportunity and look forward to being able to worship together soon!

Your elders