

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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| Reid Jones | 719-469-1609 |
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Deacons

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Minister

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| Sam Dilbeck | 903-229-8415 |
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Sunday Morning Men to Serve

Welcome– Ron Jensen

Main Prayer– Reid Jones

Song Leader– Les Tucker

Lord's Supper Leader– Marc Moran

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Ivan Stewart

Service Time

Worship 10:30 am

"Zoom" virtual classes:

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

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



Sept. 6, 2020

**Where are the People?
Sam Dilbeck**

Not so long ago, a person's neighbor lived next door. Porches served as meeting places for friends. Fences were shorter, allowing neighbors to share news from one backyard to the next. Whole neighborhoods came together for barbecues and yard sales. But those days have gone the way of duck tails and poodle skirts. Today, a person's closest friends may live a hundred miles away, and climate controlled homes have moved families off the porch and onto the couch. Fences have grown to eight feet tall and we share news from one computer to the next.

Many people lament the loss of the old ways, and wonder what happened to make them go away. There are many causes. More people are working, and working more. Travel is cheaper and easier to procure. Computers are replacing telephones as the chosen mode of communication. Society is mobile. Communities are bigger. And, the world is smaller. How does the church fit into a world of changing communication and relationships? We must understand that communication within communities has always changed with technologies. For example, Moses spoke to the masses from the side of a mountain, creating a natural amphitheater. However, most congregations today use public address systems. During Paul's day, messengers hand carried messages. Today we send messages through texts, emails, and social media. The advent of radio, television, computers, and the internet have created a cornucopia of communication modes. Using available technology, the church has been tasked with taking the gospel into all the world. At one time the church and/or religion was at the forefront of developing communication avenues. Art once dominated

communication. At that time, religion dominated art. Johannes Gutenberg invented the removable type printing press, then began printing Bibles. However, when the electronic age began, the church left the cutting edge, and tied itself to a leash to be drug behind advancing technologies. Part budgetary, part prudence, and part sentimentality, the reasons for falling behind the technology curve vary, but the church no longer leads the way in communication.

Face to face communication is still the best, clearest, and most direct form of communication. Most interpersonal communication is nonverbal; words only make up a fraction of what we say to one another. Body language, facial expressions, and voice fluctuations communicate more than our actual words. Therefore, when it comes to taking the gospel into all the world, the best, most effective way is through personal interaction with other people.

Besides direct interaction, God also used prophets, visions, and books to convey his will to mankind. Like God, we can utilize modern technologies for communication. For years, the church has used film strips, written correspondence courses, and gospel meetings as ways to “get the word out.” Many Christians today owe their conversion to these forms of evangelism. But, there are new ways, too.

The church must embrace modern evangelism or risk nullifying the timely message with outdated and stale tactics. Many churches are reluctant to accept electronic evangelism (online study courses, email correspondence, websites, etc.). They feel they have been effective without using the computer. Sadly, for many congregations, their heyday for effectiveness passed with the last Roosevelt administration. Churches accepting newer ways often exhibit better communication, and therefore greater effectiveness in evangelism. Put simply—we must go where people are, not where they used to be.

People use social networking sites. People drive along the highways. People dine out. People watch television, read magazines, listen to radio. These are the places churches need to make their presence known.

The gospel, like Jesus, is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. The message of Jesus is still the power of God unto salvation. It still claims hearts and minds. It still stirs the soul to action before God. We must deliver that message using all available means to those who need to hear it.

Prayers

On Going Prayers

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures.

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

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

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

Jim & Monte Hazlet's- health problems

Dawn Lell– health problems

KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie-breast cancer

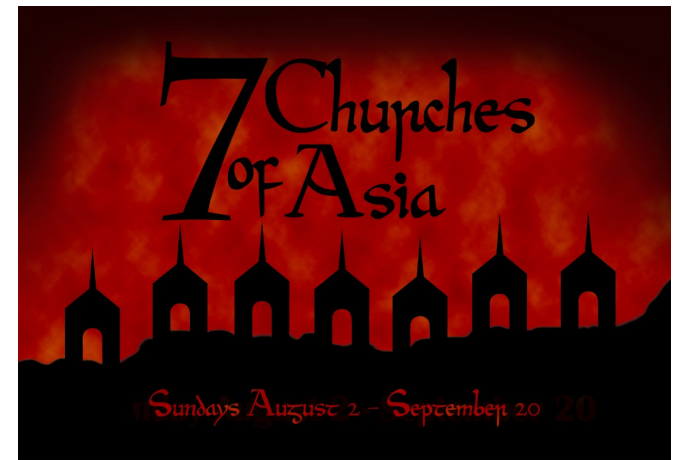
Sam Sims-health problems

Continue to pray for the **work in India**.

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the fulfilled prophecies book by book.



7 Churches of Asia

These lesson on the 7 Churches of Asia in Revelation have been informative. The lessons in those lessons are very applicable to the church today.

Dillon & Marisa Proctor Monthly Newsletter

Check your e-mail for the newsletter from the Proctor's, the couple at Bear Valley Bible Institute that we are supporting.

Special Delivery

The Williams Family is expecting a very special package to arrive March 2021. Not sure if it will be blue or pink.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Sept. 8 | Roachelle DeShane | Birthday |
| Sept. 10 | Frank DeShane | Birthday |