

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 Morning Men to Serve

Welcome— Ron Jensen

Main Prayer— Kevin Dunham

Song Leader— Les Tucker

Lord's Supper Leader— Ivan Stewart

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section— Marc Moran

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.



July 26, 2020

**A Living Sacrifice
Sam Dilbeck**

I imagine Christians in Rome reading Paul's letter about the conflict between Hebrews and the Gentiles and being challenged by every word to reflect on their long held beliefs. The Hebrews were conditioned by generations of teaching that their salvation was secure and the Gentile's was not. The Gentile was tired of hearing the Hebrews clamor, "We are Abraham's children. We have the temple." Paul cut through the noise of their bickering, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Wait...What? All have sinned? None are righteous? Then how can anyone be saved? Paul answered, "[All] are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). It was not the first time Paul flummoxed his readers, nor would it be the last.

As they continued reading, Paul stupefies them again, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). It's as abrupt as a record scratch—kruuuunnnrrrrrip. Living sacrifice?!? That makes no sense. A history of Jewish worship showed sacrifices were dead, not living. Even in the Gentiles could agree on that. How could they present their bodies as a living sacrifice? More important still, how can Christians today present their bodies as a living sacrifice?

Under the Old Testament system God instituted a highly detail sacrificial system. The terms used for the sacrifices varied from their purpose (sin or guilt), their mode (slain or burnt), or their disposal (eaten or burned), but they all had

one thing in common—death. Jesus offered the appropriate sacrifices while he was on earth (Mark 14:12). When he was crucified, he became the once-for-all-time sacrifice (Heb. 7:27; 9:14). These sacrifices involved death. But when it comes to the Christian sacrifice death is replaced with life.

Our living sacrifice equates to Christian living. There is life after baptism, and God wants to control it. Thus we willing offer our bodies—our physical lives to him in Christian living.

Christian living is servant living. We serve people outside the church (1 Cor. 9:19; Col. 4:5), and in the church (Gal. 5:13). We also serve the God (Heb. 9:14). “Make me a servant, Lord, make me like you; for you are a servant, make me one too.”

Christian living is evangelistic living. Christ came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Living as he lived means sharing the gospel as he shared (Mat. 28:19-20). Evangelism begins with preparations such as prayer, study, meditation and setting a godly example. Then actively seeks the lost.

Christian living is moral living. Jesus lived a life of perfection (Heb. 4:15); an example he set for his followers (1 Peter 2:21). Living as Jesus lived means striving to live free from sin. “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this...to keep oneself unstained from the world” (Jas. 1:27). We seek to do what pleases God (Jas. 4:17); and avoid evil when it appears (1 Thes. 5:21-22).

Christian living is benevolent living. The church has never existed in an age where human suffering and poverty did not exist. The willingness to share resources will separate the saved from the lost at Judgement, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me...as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” (Mat. 25:40, 45).

Christian living is the Christian’s sacrifice. Jesus said it is “life more abundantly” (Jno. 10:10) and “eternal life” (Jno. 6:40, 54). Paul called it a “newness of life” (Rom. 6:4), a “new creation” (2 Cor. 5:7), a “new self” (Col. 3:10), and a “renewal of your mind” (Rom. 12:2). It is the calling to a higher purpose and a higher standard than personal pleasure. It is the quest to please God—a living sacrifice.

Announcements

Prayer List

May I ask to have a prayer request for my father **Jim Learned** (member) placed in the bulletin please? His brother David passed away last weekend and he is traveling to New Orleans to take care of his affairs. Thank you! JoAnn Koenig

Stella Parker’s sister, **Lorraine**, passed away Tuesday night. Keep the whole family in prayer.

On Going Prayers

Remember **Dr. Paul’s** work in India

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker’s daughter- seizures.

Shirley Adams is battling cancer.

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

News and Notes



LADIES' DAY 2020

Our annual Ladies' Day has been cancelled for this year.

New Members

Paul and Paula Nikolai with their four girls

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Governor’s Executive Order July 17 An update about how this Order affects our in-person worship.

1) Face masks must be worn when entering and exiting the building

This is now a requirement, not an option. This does not apply to those who are 10 years old or younger.

2) Face masks must be worn when moving within the building

Face masks will now be required whenever people above age 10 are moving within the building. This would include when someone is walking to and from a restroom, the podium, or the nursery.

3) Signs must be posted at the entrances

We are now required to post signs at the entrances stating that individuals have a legal obligation to wear face coverings.

4) Only attendees wearing masks will be allowed entrance

The Order specifies that we are now required to deny service to anyone who intends to enter the building without wearing a mask.

The Order does allow for people to remove their masks once they are seated. However, the elders are still asking people to wear their masks when they are singing in order to protect others from aerosols. There is a specific exemption from the mask mandate for the men when they are leading the service.

We trust that all those who participate in worship at the building will comply with these mandates. If you are unable to follow these requirements, we understand and ask that you worship at home with the aid of our live streaming. This Order is scheduled to expire after 30 days. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time, and we pray that this difficult situation improves soon.
Your Elders

Ice Blocking

Saturday, August 8th is the annual Ice Blocking event. Meet at Community Park, 2251 Eppinger Blvd, Thornton, CO 80229 at 5:00 p.m. Bring an ice block and a towel for each person who wants to slide. Usually we have a potluck style dinner but this year please bring your own food and we will eat together. Also, bring a chair or towel to sit on.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 28	Duane & Marline Fields	Anniversary
July 29	Tony Lell	Birthday