# 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 fover 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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# **Deacons**

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# Minister

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# Sunday Morning Schedule

Greeters	Jatko
Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Anthoney Sandoval
Opening Prayer	Jon Picon
Communion Leader	Dale Bishop
Communion Servers	Marc Moran
Kayden Derbigny, Sam Dunham, Kaden Dunham	
Scripture ReadingLuke 9:23-24	•
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer	Ron Jensen

# Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader	Anthoney Sandoval
Opening Prayer	Ivan Stewart
Communion	Dale Bishop, Marc Moran
Lesson	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer	Kevin Dunham

# Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader	Sam Dilbeck
Adult Class	Kevin Dunham

# 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



# March 8, 2020

## **Continuous Cleaning Ovens** Sam Dilbeck

Growing up, I was privileged to learn how to bake in a wood buring stove. During the summer, we wouldn't use the stove, because is was too hot. Then, each year, around October, the stove would get a good cleaning to get it ready for another season. We'd scrape the rust off; clean the bricks; and scrub the soot off the oven walls. During the winter we would clean it up some, but not like that first cleaning in the fall.

Today, many people have newfangled gas or electric ovens that are "continuous cleaning." Apparently those guys at NASA (or where ever they are) developed a porous surface to line new ovens that absorbs vapors, drippings, and other food gunk. When used properly, the oven stays clean and does not need to be cleaned like stoves of the past.

Continuous cleaning is not a new concept. It goes back to the Bible.

Under the Old Law, when people soiled their souls with sin they would have to offer a sacrifice to scrub away the sin. "when he realizes his guilt in any of these and confesses the sin he has committed, he shall bring to the Lord as his compensation for the sin that he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering" (Lev. 5:5-6a). Then, once a year on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest would make an offering for the entire congregation (Lev. 16).

This repetative soul cleaning was like the stove cleaning from my youth. Sadly, the yearly repetition was never good enough. "For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.... But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." (Heb. 10:1-4). Similarly, the oven was never completely clean. It still hoards gunk in its corners and crumbs in its crevices.

Then, God provided a sacrifice that would offer continuous cleaning—his Son. Now, the blood of Christ lines our souls like the porous surface of the continuous cleaning oven. When we sin, His blood absorbs the guilt! "But f we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jno. 1:7). In essence, His blood turns our souls into continuous cleaning ovens.

John gives one cavet to the continuous cleansing for the blood—walking in the light. Light walking refers to our daily effort to please God. It is more than doing what we want and trusting God to clean it up. It is striving to do what God wants and trusting him to make up for our shortcomings. It is losing our will in his will. Finding our joy in his joy. Winnowing down self that Christ may live in us.

As we seek to walk in the light, God promises to keep up continually clean. Enjoy the simplicity of living Christ!

# **Announcements**

# **Prayer List**

Please keep **Jim and Monte Hazlet** in your prayers. Jim's heart is out of rhythm again. The plan is to shock it back into rhythm.

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

**Neal Sandstede**, **Jennifer's father**, in our prayer list as he had surgery to remove his spleen (pancreatic cancer).

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

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

### **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

Jim & Monte Hazlet, health issues

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father -cancer

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

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health



# **News and Notes**



Don't forget to pick items for the children's home. If everyone picks up just one item each time we grocery shop, they will have a great pick up. A list is on their table.

### Family Matters Bible Study

The Elders have invited Dr. Paul Renganathan, his wife and daughter from Chennai, India to join us for the Family Matters potluck this Saturday evening, March 14 at 5 p.m. downstairs in the Common Room. Following the potluck,



Paul will discuss with us the work including the school of preaching there. One of our members, Ruth Wilson has just returned from a two week mission trip to India, visiting the orphanage she and her husband Elmo founded, during which 68 people were baptized into Christ. The Elders appreciate your prayers, participation, and input as we consider supporting this mission work!

The food theme is American food. Child care is provided.

# **Hyland Christian Play**

Dailey, Aubrey, and Cambrey Reitmair are in this original play written by Bret Carter.

Whimsy Town March 13th and March 14th

Northwest Church of C  $\,5255\,\mathrm{W}$ 98th Ave, Broomfield, CO

7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30