

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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Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome	Ron Jensen
Song Leader	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Chris Peterson
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Marcos Celaya
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Assistant	Kaden Dunham
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant.....	Chris Jatko
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & DismissalKD Derbigny

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Mark Thacker
Assistant.....	Kaden Dunham

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Mark Thacker

Service Times

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

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



July 4, 2021

Freedom Of the Soul Sam Dilbeck

Every year, on July 4th Americans come together to celebrate our heritage of freedom. Over two hundred years ago, our country's statesmen signed the Declaration of Independence to inform the king and the nation of England that the American colonies would be free. They would no longer accept taxation without representation. They would not pay tribute to a king thousands of miles away. Instead, they were free.

After the signing of the Declaration and the "birth" of the USA, farmers, shepherds, cattlemen, men and boys took up arms to defend their right to be free people. The war raged, blood was shed, but in the end victory was seized. For over two hundred years, we have celebrated that freedom.

However, freedom and prosperity come with a price. Other wars have been fought to insure our freedoms. Governments have been brought to their knees. Old philosophies have been scrapped through the influence of freedom. The United States has earned a place of honor, respect and sometimes envy among nations of the world.

Likewise, the freedom of the soul comes at great sacrifice. The liberty of the soul includes tales of wars, blood shed, and vigilant defense. Paul described the process of spiritual freedom:

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. (Rom. 6:16-18)

The Mandate of Freedom

It begins with the bondage that all men serve under—sin. Sin is the great taskmaster (John 8:32). When we submit to the lusts of the flesh and sin, we become slaves to sin and are drawn away from the Creator. The battle for the soul began in the Garden of Eden and continues to this very moment because all have sinned (Rom. 5:12).

We pine to break the shackles of sin. Without freedom we are destined to an eternity in hell. That's the mandate for freedom.

The Mechanism of Freedom

God was not content to allow his creation to destroy itself with sin. He devised a plan to save us. He promised Adam and Eve ultimate victory over sin in the woman's seed (Gen. 3:15). Then he made blood a part of the plan by sacrificing animals to cover their nakedness (Gen. 3:21). He asked for blood sacrifices (Gen. 4:4). Throughout the Patriarchal Era, God allowed men to sacrifice animals for justification. Under the Mosaic Law the sacrifices continued.

However, the blood of animals never matched the true price of sin (Heb. 10:1-4). Man needed a better sacrifice. He needed sacrifice of equal value—a man. He needed a sacrifice of greater value—one without the taint of sin. God sent Jesus as the Lamb which takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Once the blood of Jesus was shed, sin met its match and freedom was nearly in hand! His blood became the mechanism for our freedom.

The Manner of Freedom

Everyone is offered God's freedom made available through Christ's shed blood. According to Paul, the manner of application is obedience. Our choice of new freedom or continued bondage is made when we choose to "obey righteousness unto life" instead of "sin unto death." Paul even identified the pattern that must be obeyed "that form of doctrine" which was delivered by Jesus and the apostles.

The Maintenance of Freedom

Finally, just as our nation fights to protect national freedoms, so must the child of God fight to maintain his spiritual freedom. Paul encourages Christians to put on the gospel armor to prepare for this fight (Eph. 6:10-12). Yet, we do not fight on a hallowed battlefield, but in our hearts. The battle is over making the right choices, fending off sin, and resisting the devil.

Yes, freedom has always come at a price. But no freedom is as valuable as the freedom from sin. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Our nation celebrates freedom once a year. Christians celebrate the freedom of our soul every day. Thank God for freedom!

Announcements

Prayers

If anyone would like to visit with Linda Shoen, please call Roachelle first, 303-472-8736. Visits should be 15-20 minutes because Linda tires easily. 451 Roacha Way Brighton CO 80603

Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Dawn Lell-health problems

KD's supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie- breast cancer

Sam Sims- health problems

The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

Paula Nikolai—heart issues

News and Notes

Going Away Party

A going away party will be held for the Kite family after Sunday evening services on August 1st. Sandwiches and cake will be served. If you'd like to donate to a money tree for the Kite family please give funds to Julie Dilbeck or Mechelle Bishop.

Help Wanted

The Kite Family really needs some help. If anyone, able bodied, can help us move items that will not be going with us, out to our garage, please? Jerry is still not able to lift heavy things. I recently fractured my sacrum and am also not supposed to lift heavy items and Brittany is not strong enough to move much. PJ can't do it by himself. I am looking for Monday, Friday or Saturday evenings, after 3:30 pm, or any mornings, before 11:00 am.

Communion and Contribution

During worship, we will also be passing the communion and contribution trays.

However, we will still have individual communion supplies available, and you may continue to give your contribution online, by mail, or directly inside the auditorium doors if you prefer.



Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening

Classes

Sunday morning classes and Wednesday evening classes start today! There will be three classes, Preschool to 5th grade, 6th grade to 8th grade, and high school. Sunday classes will begin at 9:30 am to 10:15 am. Service is still at 10:30 am. Wednesday classes will start at 6:30 pm. We strongly encourage everyone to make plans to attend these each week.

4th of July BBQ

After evening service this evening there will be a barbecue here at the building. The North side directly behind the building will be blocked off so if you come just be mindful of that. Drinks, Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. For those who wish to stay a bit longer we plan to watch the city's fireworks from the parking lot.



Birthdays and Anniversaries		
July 6	Dale & Mechelle Bishop	Anniversary
July 7	Kevin & Kristi Dunham	Anniversary
July 9	Paul & Paula Nikolai	Anniversary