

## 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

Ron Jensen	303-655-8498
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### Deacons

Kevin Dunham	303-807-5974
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### Minister

Sam Dilbeck	903-229-8415
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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 78  
Sunday pm - 29  
Wednesday - weather closure  
Contribution- \$4,119.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Kevin Dunham
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant .....	Paul Nikolai
Assistant.....	Dale Bishop
Assistant.....	Marc Moran
Scripture Reading.....	Ronn Eudaley

Rom 1:22-25

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Les Tucker

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Ernest Kite
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Chris Peterson
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Jeff Oaks

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Kevin Dunham
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## Service Times

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



January 23, 2022

**Stop Tolerating People!**  
**Sam Dilbeck**

Last night, I was awake and thinking about how I could be a better Christian. How could I improve my commitment to God? How could I be a better example to my family—natural and spiritual? How could I increase in faith? It was a whirlwind exercise as more and more ideas blew through my mind. However, I found one that really stuck with me: Stop tolerating people...and start loving them.

One thing I have always done is divide people into categories based on how close they are to me. Some are close friends, the ones I talk to a lot and share more of myself. Others are friends and acquaintances, those who I talk to occasionally and we enjoy one another's company, but we rarely share intimate details. Others are people I have met, but who are essentially strangers.

Finally, there are those who annoy me. I would love to say nobody fits in this category, but I'm not that good. Who am I talking about? People who lie or try to tell me what they think I want to hear. People who magnify minor problems and lament like they live in Auschwitz. People who use bad language. There are others, but these illustrate the point. While I do not try to avoid people who annoy, I don't go out of my way to engage them. At best, I tolerate them. However, my midnight epiphany has pierced my heart and caused me to rethink how I treat everyone.



I strive hard not to be mean, rude, or ugly to people, no matter who they are, but that's not enough. I'm reminded of C.S. Lewis' observation, "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civiliza-

tions - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors" (Lewis, "The Weight of Glory," 1942). Everyone I meet will live eternally in heaven or hell, and how I treat them may be the cause that leads them in one direction or the other. Therefore, I must put on my God-colored glasses and remember everyone, even the annoying people, deserve my best treatment. I need to stop tolerating people.

Even more importantly, I must start loving them by seeing them as an extraordinary immortal with an eternal future. I must desire to see them in heaven by loving them with the love of God, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:16-17). As a recipient of God's love, I must strive to share it with everyone around me.

In fact, my relationship with God is impacted by how I love others. As John wrote later, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8). I cannot honestly say I know God if I behave without love toward others.

Today, I keep thinking of ways I can show love toward all people in my domain. One thing I can do is speak graciously and kindly to everyone I meet (Prov 15:1-2). I can also move lengthy conversations from the mundane to the spiritual—there's only so much we can say about the weather. I must engage people without distractions; this one is particularly difficult for me. Look people in the eye, give them a firm handshake, and listen to what they have to say. Treat people like they matter...because they do.

## Announcements

### Prayers

Linda Shelton's daughter, Angie, who had been in a serious car accident, has been transferred to Craig Rehabilitation in Englewood. Angie's blood pressure issues were caused by the injury to her spinal cord. The brain is having issues getting messages through the injured part of the spinal cord.

For the moment there are restrictions on who can visit so no visitors for now.

Please continue to pray for her recovery.

David Bryant fell from a ladder and broke his pelvis in three places. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

### Continued Prayers

Eleanor Jatko— recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordidge, the Austin's friend—cancer

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

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

Sam Sims— health problems

Elmo Wilson— recovery from a stroke

The work in India

### News and Notes

#### 2022 Brighton church of Christ Calendar

We are getting a late start on preparing a calendar of events for 2022 but the work must begin. If you are interested in helping in an event, such as VBS, please let Naomi Thacker know. We'll try to come up with dates that fit best.



### Church Directory

The updated directory has been completed thanks to Ernest Kite. If you need one emailed to you see Naomi Thacker, or you can get a hard copy in the desk in the rear of the auditorium.

### Service Opportunities

This is the start of a new year. New opportunities to be of service to the family here in Brighton. If you are able to teach classes please let Mark Thacker know. He is always on the look out for people, especially men, who are willing to teach Sundays and Wednesdays.



If you are able to help with the maintenance of the outside of the building property, please let Mark know.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
January 24	Bert Thomas	Birthday
January 27	Amy Jensen	Birthday

