

## 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 Schedule

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Marcos Celaya
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Reid Jones
Lesson .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	..Kaden Dunham

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Sam Dilbeck

## Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm



May 2, 2021

## Happiness Is... Sam Dilbeck



In 1967 Charlie Brown told us happiness was finding a pencil, pizza with sausage, and telling the time. His famous song hits its climax with “happiness is anyone or anything at all that’s loved by you.” From those simple ideals, we have multiplied troubles. In our estimation we face greater struggles, more trying circumstances, and happiness cannot be as simple as climbing a tree.

In truth, happiness has always been more than what childhood led us to believe. As children, Charlie Brown’s list was good for most children—a bowl of ice cream and a puppy make most kids smile. As we get older we realize those joys are fleeting, and stacked against them is the weight of adulthood. Many people feel responsibilities like bills, healthcare, relationships, and work steal their happiness because “adulting is hard.”

However, the real difficulty isn’t responsibility. It’s accountability. Specifically, our accountability to God. Sin robs us of joy, separates us from God, and jeopardizes our eternity whether we recognize it and accept it or not.

In Jeremiah's Lamentations, he personifies the nation as a single person and describes his sorrow, "I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath" (3:1). He continues to describe his plight as fighting an unwinnable battle against God. Then he says, "My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is" (3:17).

The prophet was not weeping over the responsibilities of adulthood, he lamenting the distress of sin. Sin took away his peace and happiness because sin takes him away from God—the source of peace and happiness (Phil. 4:7-9). John said he wrote to bring others joy by restoring fellowship with God (1 John 1:3-4).

Sadly, the people in the world don't connect their sorrows with their sin. They blithely plod along thinking unhappiness comes from bad relationships, strained bank accounts, and sorry bosses. So they work on their relationship, improve their finances, and find different jobs. But when everything changes, they remain unhappy. Because happiness isn't a better job or boss, or a better boyfriend or girlfriend. True happiness is a better relationship with God. It means forgiveness for the sins that separated us from God and walking closely with him each day.

Ice cream and puppies may be enough to make children happy, but as we get older, we need to understand our happiness rests with God. When we feel unhappy, instead of blaming external forces, let us check our internal source. Has sin severed our bonds of happiness with the Father?

# Announcements

## Prayers

### 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

## News and Notes

### Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We are currently studying the life of the Apostle Paul.



### Brotherhood News

Rick Acklin, former member at Brighton, passed away suddenly Thursday of heart attack. Rick and Jeannetta had moved to Tennessee.



Lara Walsh called to say that Jack Mowry, a member of the Thornton congregation, passed away on the 10th.

*Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

### India Report



Check your email for information on the work in India. Our brethren are dealing with COVID and need prayers.

### Kamp Koinonia 2021

Camp is scheduled for July 11-17 (one week only this year). Applications and additional information are available on the website: [kampkoinonia.org](http://kampkoinonia.org). Space is limited to 100 campers and will be filled on a 1st come/1 served basis.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

May 3	Kaylyn Jatko	Birthday
May 6	Kristi Dunham	Birthday
May 7	Jan Lorenzo	Birthday