

## 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– Reid Jones

Song Leader– Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader–

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Coby Mendoza

## 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.



**June 21, 2020**

## **Race Reconciliation Sam Dilbeck**

Today, the high crimes are “systemic racism” and “white privilege.” Literally millions upon millions have signaled their virtue by openly, loudly, and forcefully denouncing this deadly duo. After all, systemic racism and white privilege have combined to commit more violence and abuse of black people than anything in history, right? Right? Maybe not.

Last week, we looked at three powerful institutions in the United States—the national government, the police forces, and the labor force—and noticed that all three systems have laws and rules in place to prohibit and punish racism. The last 50 years of history shows the great strides toward antiracial behavior.

Since the system isn't racist, does that mean racism has been abolished? Hardly. On February 23, 2020, Ahmaud Arbery was gunned down by racists while he was jogging. The nation was appalled. Just as it was in 2015 when Dylann Roof walked into a predominantly black church in South Carolina and fired on congregants killing nine people because they were black. Similarly, racism reared its head during the Knockout Game attacks in Brooklyn in late 2013 where black juveniles targeted white adults, usually elderly, attempted to knockout unsuspecting people with a single punch. Several victims died as a result of their pranks.

White supremacist cults like the Ku Klux Klan and the Arian Nation continue to exist. On the other end of the spectrum, black militant groups call for abuse and death of white Americans. Both represent racism at its worst, but do not represent the majority of America.

While racism is minimized and condemned by most people, it survives in the hearts and minds of a few twisted people, and no law can dislodge it. What can be done to heal a nation splintering over race? Turn to God.

Race is a social construct contrary to God's design and not found in the Bible. God created all colors of people from the first couple, Adam and Eve, who were likely from opposite ends of the color spectrum—one black, one white. All people are created from their blood (Acts 17:26). However, God did separate an ethnic people—the Jews—from other nations to usher in the salvific Seed, Jesus. Their purpose was to espouse righteousness and display it to a lost world in order to point others to God.

As time progressed, the Jews viewed their separation as a superiority. They homogenously considered Gentiles to be an inferior race (not based on color, but religion) of people. Yet, when Jesus came, he brought racial reconciliation, "Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh...[were] separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ...who has made us both one...that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility" (Eph. 2:11-16).

Laws don't change hearts; the gospel does. Our only real hope for racial reconciliation is Jesus Christ. As hearts bow before him, they will be changed by him. Those hearts will see only one humanity separated only by those who have Jesus, and those who still need him. Their actions will shift from ones of fear, jealousy, and hatred to ones of love, compassion, and dedication. This happens through conversion beginning with one person—me. This brings true racial reconciliation.

## Announcements

### Prayer List

**KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert** has chemo related nerve damage and is in need of prayer.

**Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie** has breast cancer and has started chemo.

### On Going Prayers

Continue to pray for the work in India. There are so many souls to reach there and here.

**Eleanor Jatko** recovery from a stroke.

**Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter-** seizures.

**Carma Dunham**— recovery from a broken hip

**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

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

**Lorraine Spencer-** declining health

**Jim & Monte Hazlet's-** health

**Dawn Lell**— surgery recovery

## News and Notes

### Resurfacing of Parking Lot

The resurfacing of the church parking lot will take place Monday July 6 thru Thursday July 9 (weather permitting).

The lot will be "taped" off at the entrance, so please plan on parking elsewhere during this time.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 26	Celestia Celaya	Birthday
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Name: Janeal R Doctolero

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Subject: Senior Companion and Housekeeping Opportunity Monte and Jim Hazlet

Message: I am Monte and Jim's niece and we are trying to find a part-time help and companion for them. If possible please post this opportunity in your church email, bulletin, and other forms of communication. I will be screening applicants for them Also requesting prayers that God will send them a person with a servant heart who is dependable and that loves seniors. Christian Senior Couple looking for energetic, positive, Christian adults for housekeeping, some meal prep, and companionship 2-3 days and week for 4-5 hours per day. Days are somewhat flexible depending on doctor's appointments. Home location is 17 miles east of Brighton in farm community Compensation \$20 per hour and meals while working. Candidate must have the following: • previous work experience and patience in working with seniors • valid drivers license and your own transportation to work • provide 3 references ( 2 work-related) • Non - smoker, and in good health to assist seniors and complete work Interested parties please contact Janeal Doctolero at 303-431-5631 or janeal.robdoc@outlook.com to get additional information

### A/V Booth help needed

As we return to a normal schedule of services, some of the Audio/Video requirements have changed. We need more volunteers to help man the A/V booth at the back of the auditorium. If you are interested in learning how to control the A/V equipment and help our services flow more smoothly, there will be a class after services this morning to help train new volunteers and update procedures for the veterans. Lunch will be supplied. Even if you are not sure you want to help, but would like to learn how things work, we encourage you to stay.



Thanks,  
Sam