

## 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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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 100  
Sunday pm - 35  
Wednesday - 22  
Contribution- \$3,016.00

## Sunday Schedule Morning

Welcome ..... Ron Jensen  
Song Leader ..... Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Chris Peterson  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Dale Bishop  
Assistant.....Ernest Kite  
Assistant .....Chris Warner  
Assistant.....Kevin Warner  
Assistant.....Paul Nikolai  
Scripture Reading.....Coby Mendoza

Hosea 14:4-7

Lesson ..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Alan Samuelson

## Sunday Evening

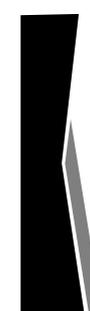
Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Parker  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Lesson.....Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer.....Marc Moran

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class..... Sam Dilbeck

## Service Times

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



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## Theoretical Theology Sam Dilbeck

According to science, a theory is a hypothesis or guess that has been tested to some degree, but has not been proven. The foundation of the theory is the unknown. Things that are known with certainty cannot be correctly called a theory. A theory is formed when the principles of nature are observed and a prediction is made with respect to the unknown of certain events.

In recent years, mankind seems to have determined that God’s scheme of redemption is really only a theory. Ironically, God knows all things, hence nothing is a theory to God. However, the attitude that God’s scheme is a theory can be seen in the atheists’ attack on God; the denominationalists’ creation of a new plan of salvation; the liberals’ desire to change the plan; and the carnally-minded’s failure to stick to the plan. Here our goal is to look at some ways that we as average Christians have turned God’s scheme of redemption into God’s “theory of redemption.”

### The “Theory” of Spirituality

God expects His children to be spiritually minded. The Bible says that such a mind is “life” and “peace” (Rom. 8:6). “If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk” (Gal. 5:25). These principles seem like they would work, but we do not believe it. We decide that it is better for us to put our jobs before God. We consider our physical family before our spiritual family. The feast we gorge on each night is physical and we rarely break the bread of life. We have decided that God’s “theory of redemption” does not work and that we have a better plan. Do we really think that our plan is better than God’s plan?

## The “Theory” of Service

The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are to serve the church. For example, men are to lead in public worship (1 Tim. 2:8). Through love we are to “be servants one to another” (Gal. 5:13). By encouraging and exhorting one another we are serving the church (Heb. 10:25). Sadly, we look at these obligations of service to the church as a suggestive theory. We discount their ability to make us righteous (Rom. 6:16-18). Instead, we have our own theory. Our theory says that God is a liar and that He does not really want us to lift a finger to serve Him. So we sit back, relax, and refuse to help in leading worship, in encouraging our brethren or in visitation and we put our theory to the test. Do we really believe that our wisdom is greater than the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:20-21)?

## The “Theory” of Evangelism

The greatest commission that has been placed in the life of the Christian is that of evangelism. Jesus gave this responsibility to all Christians just before His ascension into heaven (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21-23). Paul emphasized the importance of the commission in Romans 10:13-15 “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Here again, we have formulated a theory to compete against what God has said. We have guessed that the responsibility falls solely upon the preacher and maybe the elders. In our arrogance, we have decided that since it makes us “uncomfortable” or “nervous” to approach someone with the gospel, we can be saved without doing it. Our hope is that as we leave our obligation of evangelism undone, God is going to see the wisdom in our theory and redeem us apart from His revealed scheme.

## Conclusion

It is as if we are saying that in theory God’s scheme of redemption looks good, but in actuality it will never work. So we devise our own plan of mellow apathy and steady stagnation and daily put it to the test. May God help us to see the error of our ways! May He help us to see that the books opened on the Day of Judgment will not include any tomes of human philosophy or texts of theological theories. No, those books will include only the laws of the scheme of redemption through all the ages (Rev. 20:12). Our only hope is to abandon our vain theories and adhere to His eternal plan.

# Announcements

## Prayers

Many of know Jean Carter, a former member. She hurt her shoulder and had surgery on it. She will be in a rehab hospital for a while. Prayers that she will heal completely soon.

Raymond Long’s brother, Paul Long, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, April 6th, in Talihina, OK. Please pray for the family.

Elmo Wilson is at home on hospice care. Prayers for him and Ruth as they walk this difficult part of life together.

## Continued Prayers

- Eleanor Jatko– health problems
- Bill Wolordige, the Austin’s friend—cancer
- Jane Hanavan-heart issues
- KD’s supervisor's wife, LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage
- Sam Sims– health problems
- The Wiley family– baby son with health complications
- Kristi Dunham’s father, Joe Baker, health problems

## News and Notes

### Graduation Luncheon

We will be recognizing our high school graduates on **May 1st** with a luncheon downstairs in the common area after Sunday morning service. The meal will be provided for this event. All are encouraged to stay and support our graduates.



### Help for Homes

This is a city organized program that we worked with last year. It assists senior or disabled homeowners in Brighton with home/property maintenance. Most projects include painting with some yard work. We will need a definite commitment from those interested. The date of work will be May 14 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. See Mark Thacker if you are interested in volunteering to work with this effort.

## Vacation Bible School

We are having a Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are Wednesday, July 13th—Friday, July 15th. Plans and progress are already in progress. Please let Mark Thacker know if you will be able to help or bring children. We’ll be better prepared if we have an idea of how many will attend. There is plans for a teen event as the same time.



## Creation vs. Evolution Seminar

May 8th-11th we are hosting a seminar titled Creation vs. Evolution. Eric Lyons, who is a well known author for Apologetics Press, is the speaker.

Please mark you calendars and invite your friends for this special event.

Sunday, May 8 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm

Monday –Wednesday **6:30 pm**

## MSCH



Remember to donate for the food/necessities drive. Please see the table in the foyer to see what is needed. They are always appreciative for our support.

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
April 11	John Nason	 Birthday