

## 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 Welsby
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Coby Mendoza
Assistant.....	Kaden Dunham
Assistant .....	Kevin Dunham
Assistant.....	Ernest Kite
Assistant.....	Dale Bishop
Scripture Reading.....	Jim Learned

Luke 18:31-34

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Ronn Eudaley

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	KD Derbigny
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Jon Picon
Assistant.....	Kaden Dunham
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Tim Parker

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....	Sam Dilbeck
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## 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



September 12, 2021

### Panicked Love Sam Dilbeck

When our son Jason was about two years old, Julie and I were cleaning out a closet at the church building. Jason was riding a toddler toy through the halls of the building. After a few minutes, Jason couldn't be heard or seen. We called out for him, but he did not answer. We ran through the building, but he wasn't there. Panic set in, a physical sickness hit me in the pit of my stomach. The back door to the building was wide open and we ran outside. We checked the back yard. We checked by the house. Finally, after an eternal forty seconds, we found him riding his scooter in the parking lot. It took a few minutes for us to calm down, as Jason continued to ride his toy, oblivious to our fear.

What caused us to drop everything and search for him? What invoked our fear and panic? We loved our son. When we love someone or something, we search for it when it is lost.

Jesus told the parable of the lost sheep to illustrate God's love for humanity (Luke 15:1-7). When the one sheep wandered away from the safety of the fold, the shepherd left the remaining sheep to find and rescue the lone sheep. The sheep likely ate a trail away from the flock and never feared for his life. But the shepherd, knowing the danger for the lost sheep, recovered the endangered sheep.

The Lord also told the parable of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10). Here again something valuable was lost—a single coin. Once the woman misses it, “does she not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?” (15:8). She displays her concern for the coin by a diligent search.

In both parables, love drove them to search for the lost thing. If there was no concern for the sheep or the coin, it would have been lost without notice or any effort to retrieve it.

When man was lost, obscured by the filth of his own sin, oblivious to his own danger, he wandered away from God. But God sent his Son to walk among a people thirsting and hungering, but not knowing even what they needed. “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:6-8). God’s love for humanity prompted him to seek and save them.

When something is important to us, when we love it, we will naturally search for it when it is lost. So, it is with evangelism. When we develop a deep, abiding, moving love for lost souls, we will make a diligent search for them. If our concern and love for others is not developed, we will not be moved to seek and save the lost.

This love is seen in two ways. First, it is our love for God that will spur us to evangelism. This is the primary commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment” (Mat 22:37-38). When we love God, we will love his creation. We will view people with the same concern God views them.

Second, our love for our neighbors motivates us, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mat 22:39).

Loving the lost means searching for them, sacrificing for them, and snatching them out of the fire. “Lift your eyes for the fields are white already unto harvest” (John 4:35). “Save others by snatching them out of the fire” (Jude 23). May our hearts be frantic and panicked as we search for the lost, wanting to find them before it is too late.

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Elmo Wilson** is home now. Prayers for healing are requested. Vaccinated visitors are welcome.

**Les and Sharla Tucker** are trying to recover from COVID; also **Becca’s niece’s husband, Steven Pointer**, is battling COVID. In addition Ruth Wilson’s grandson tested positive for COVID. Please pray that they all can recover quickly and pray for all of us that we can weather through this outbreak.

### 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

Pray for our Brighton family as we try to share the Gospel .

## News and Notes

### Calendar for 2021

On the bulletin board in the foyer is a calendar of activities for the rest of the year. It is such a blessing to be able to plan activities again! Please look to see what is coming up.



# GOSPEL MEETING

**Keep October 3rd through 6th open for a Gospel Meeting. Allen Webster will be our speaker.**

### Sunday and Wednesday Classes

We are providing classes for children and adults. It is so important to put His Word in their hearts while they are young.



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 15	Jennifer Sandstede	Birthday
Sept. 17	Stella Parker	Birthday