

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– Tim Parker

Song Leader– Ron Jensen

Lord's Supper Leader– Chris Peterson

Sermon - Sam Dilbeck

Closing Prayer & Dismissal by section– Jon Picon

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.



Sept. 13, 2020

**Picking up the Pieces
Sam Dilbeck**

Wildfires. Hurricanes. Riots. All are identified by confusion, chaos and shambles as residents and business owners venture into the wake of destruction and reenter their lives. It is heartbreaking to see people's hope, strength, and positive thinking buckle under the weight of "How? Why? and Again?" For thousands, life just got tougher, but for the spiritual, life just illustrated sin.

Natural disasters and man-made disasters resemble the destructive power of sin. More powerful than a hurricane and more widespread than wildfires, iniquity wreaks havoc on the most pristine lives.

Preferential Treatment

One fact about natural disasters remains unquestioned—they don't show preferential treatment. They displace the poor and rich; they disrupt the lives of Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Asians and Natives alike. In fact, their destructive forces fall upon the just and the unjust, the righteous and the unrighteous.

Likewise, sin doesn't discriminate. God "shows no partiality" (Romans 2:11). Godliness demands that Christians should "show no partiality" (James 2:1). However, the devil shows even less partiality than most Christians—he tempts everyone to sin (James 1:13-15). Like a natural disaster, sin destroys without partiality. The rich are tempted to sin and the poor are tempted to sin. Scholars are tempted to sin and Rednecks are tempted to sin. Blacks are tempted to sin and Whites are tempted to sin. As Paul explained, "Sin came into

the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned” (Romans 5:12).

After Sin, What Then?

Once sin hits, all order and calm vanish. Our spirits are shredded and tattered by the effects of sin. The scene resembles the demolished house—scraps of wood scattered around and buried under heaps of unrecognizable debris. If left in disarray, the house would never again shelter life. Similarly, if the soul is left in the shambles of sin, it can't shelter spiritual life.

However, the spirit of triumph exhibited by those who return to devastated homes after a natural disaster needs mimicking by Christians. Examining the fragments of a sin-shattered life can be overwhelming. Many succumb to the devil's whisper, "It's too far gone. God can't help someone as bad as you." We must never allow sin's devastation to keep us from picking up the pieces. Of course, the job overwhelms us and discourages us from rebuilding. In fact, it's impossible to rebuild by ourselves.

Contractors

As disaster victims rebuild their homes, they will seek the aid of contractors—skilled workers hired to do specific tasks like roofing, carpentry or flooring. Homeowners do what they can, then call upon others to accomplish what they can't. Christians who have been decimated by sin do what they can to rebuild their lives. Then they call upon others to accomplish what they can't. In this case, however, the Contractors specialize in soul repair, not roof repair.

God is our spiritual contractor. He specializes in putting the pieces of our souls back together. He knows how to clean out the mess sin leaves behind. Then he builds back a life that is new and unsoiled by sin, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). With God designing the house, Jesus swinging the hammer and us supplying the lumber, we can rebuild a desolated soul.

Don't be afraid to reenter your life after sin has laid waste to your soul. Take a lesson from victims of natural disasters—it's never too bad to rebuild. Take the optimism, courage, and determination and make it your own. Then call on the Divine Contractor and start rebuilding your life.

Prayers

Jennifer Kite will be having a procedure at North Suburban on Monday, Sept. 28th. It is not a major surgery however it will take a little time to recover. Prayers that this will help her feel better in the long term.

Terri Osnes also has surgery coming up next month.

On Going Prayers

Eleanor Jatko recovery from a stroke

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures.

Bill Woloridge, the Austin's friend, with his cancer and treatments.

Jane Hanavan with her heart issues.

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

Jim & Monte Hazlet's- health problems

Dawn Lell– health problems

KD's supervisor wife LaRae Siefert-chemo nerve damage

Sherry Derbigny's Aunt Jackie-breast cancer

Sam Sims-health problems

Continue to pray for the **work in India**.

News and Notes

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. , here at the building. We are looking at the fulfilled prophecies book by book.



7 Churches of Asia

These lesson on the 7 Churches of Asia in Revelation have been informative. The lessons in those lessons are very applicable to the church today.

Soup Supper & Game Night

The Thacker's are hosting a soup supper at their home, 9500 E. 159th Ave. Brighton, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th. Please let Naomi know if you plan to attend so she can get an estimate. 303-655-1982 home 303-587-6330 cell Looking forward to seeing each other.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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