

## 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.....	Marc Moran
Assistant.....	Alan Samuelson
Assistant .....	Kayden Derbigny
Assistant.....	Sam Dunham
Assistant.....	Coby Mendoza
Scripture Reading.....	Jim Learned

Luke 22:47-48

Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Marcos Celaya

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer.....	Marc Moran
Lord's Supper Leader.....	
Lesson.....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Ivan Stewart

## 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



**December 5, 2021**

**Keep It Sharp  
Sam Dilbeck**

“Happiness is a sharp knife,” so says the long time host and creator of Good Eats, Chopped, and Iron Chef America, Alton Brown. Known for his science behind cooking, Brown artfully weaves learning and humor to recast the mold of television cooking programs. For over two decades homes around the world have welcomed his teaching, trusted his advice, and groaned at his jokes.

Brown often preaches the value of sharp knives. A lot of people use dull knives because they fear getting cut with sharper knives. Brown says this is counterintuitive. Dull knives cause people to mishandle them and use poor cutting techniques to make up for their lack of an edge. Improper use makes it more likely to get cut by a dull knife. Sharp knives also “stay on track” better, cutting with precision, instead of slipping around on the wet skin of a vegetable. Sharp knives cut with less force too.

Evangelism takes a sharp knife too. Peter used a sharp knife on the Day of Pentecost, “Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37). Stephen also used a sharp knife, “When they heard these things they were cut to the heart” (Acts 7:54 NKJV; cf. Acts 5:33). The knife they used is the Word. Paul calls it the “sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17). The Hebrew writer describes it, “The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb. 4:12).

The Bible's message is designed by God to be sharp so it can pierce hearts hardened by sin. But often the word becomes dull and dangerous in the hands of mankind. Sometimes it comes from inexperience or lack of use. Other times it is used outside of its intended purpose. When the Word loses its edge, it irritates hearers and flares tempers like a dull knife. Like any good knife, it needs to stay sharp to be most effective.

Study helps keep the Word sharp in our hands. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15 NKJV). Through study we better understand God, his nature, and his interaction with man. Study opens our eyes to eternity, revealing both heaven and hell. In the Word, we learn about man's plight and God's answer. We gain the knowledge of salvation and the wisdom of abundant living.

Meditation helps keep the Word sharp in our hands. Once we imbibe the Word through study, we must dwell on it. The Bible is like a good roast, it cannot be cooked and finished in 20 minutes. It must simmer on the brain for a while. God's blessings come to those who meditate on the Word day and night (Psa. 1:1-2). A mind saturated with the Word helps guard against sin (Psa. 119:11).

Discussion helps keep the Word sharp in our hands. As the Word marinates our lives, it will naturally season our words. It will be at the center of our conversations. Passages will be shared, examined, discussed, and turned in ways we rarely do on our own. This process of sharing our studies results in better understanding and greater skill in using the Word. Solomon said, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17). We hone the Word as we discuss it with others.

Sharing helps keep the Word sharp in our hands. The great commission charges us to go into the world with the Gospel (Mat. 28:19-20). The more we use the Word to cut through the iniquity of the world and pierce hearts, the sharper it gets. Practice makes perfect, or as the Hebrew writer says, "Solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil" (Heb. 5:14). Allowing the Bible to lie dormant and unused makes it grow dull and ineffective, both in our lives and in the lives of those we wish to convert.

Happiness is a sharp knife, and God has given us the sharpest knife—not just in the drawer, but in the universe. With a little practice, care, use, and maintenance, we can keep it sharp and powerful.

# Announcements

## Prayers

Tim Parker is continuing to heal from his "basal cell carcinoma" treatment, however, he is still having pain during the healing process. Please continue to keep Tim and Stella in your prayers.

Jon Picon is trying to recover from viral pneumonia.

Ruth Wilson has requested prayers for the brethren in India. They are dealing with cyclones and flooding.

Florence Price has started chemotherapy and is in Platte Valley Medical Center. She will most likely come home tomorrow but the road to recovery is a long one. Prayers not only for her but for the whole family are appreciated.

## 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

Sam Sims— health problems

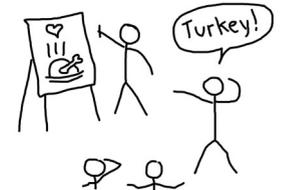
Elmo Wilson— recovery from a stroke

Becca' Manzanares' niece's husband, Steven Pointer-COVID

The work in India

## Baby Shower date to be scheduled

Barron Bishop is in Children's Hospital. Please pray for him to get stronger so he can go home soon! We all can look forward to the day when we can all enjoy having the baby shower with him there.



## New Years Eve Game Night

This year News Years Eve falls on a Friday. This is the perfect time to come out and enjoy some games and food with the brethren. Please bring a finger food to share and if you have a game you think you want to share, bring it also.

**Location:** The Thacker Home

9500 E. 159th Ave.

Brighton

**When:** Friday, December 31st 6:00 p.m. till were tired

Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Dec. 7	Kaylee Derbigny	Birthday
Dec. 9	Mechelle Bishop	Birthday

