

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 Schedule

Greeters

Welcome

Song Leader

Opening Prayer

Communion Leader

Communion Servers

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Scripture Reading

Lesson

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader.....

Opening Prayer

Communion

Lesson

Closing Prayer

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader

Adult Class.....

Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Afternoon Class 5:00 pm

PM Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00 am

Bible Study 6:30 pm



April 19, 2020

**Corona Psychology
Sam Dilbeck**

As the weeks pass during the corona scare, more and more people are starting to question the practices put in place. Some seek to balance the toll on the global economy against the toll on humanity. Others point out the dramatic overestimates of corona casualties. We are told to mask up. Then told masks don't help. As more and more people get tested, the death rate plummets. Basically, we are in a wait and see stance filled with unknowns and uncertainties.

This week, a pastor's death to coronavirus caused a stir. He often said, "God is larger than this dreaded virus." His faith caused him to trust in God, but he continued to follow the CDC guidelines, including social distancing and hygiene. In the end, he contracted the virus and died.

CNN Nightly News host, Don Lemon, used the death to scold people about flouting the guidelines. He spoke with authority and knowledge that nobody actually possesses. He specifically called out people of faith for disregarding CDC suggestions. Lemon's monologue sounds rational until the dots are connected.

The church that preacher worked for stopped meeting in person and used online avenues for internet worship. The preacher personally followed isolation and distancing practices. Despite following the guidelines, he still contracted the virus. This shows that the guidelines reduce risk, but do not eliminate risk. This case says nothing about what happens when you skirt the guidelines, since this pastor did not skirt the guidelines. It also reveals Don Lemon's bias against people of faith,

and, as his diatribe went on to mock President Trump, against Trump.

Too many people are capitalizing on coronavirus by exploiting fear of the unknown as Lemon did on CNN. Out of this media culture of fear and panic, Christians need to embrace the things we do know.

We know God is in control. It should be our daily mantra. God is in control. God is in control. God is in control. Does that mean Christians will not get sick? No. God was in control when Epaphroditus nearly died from his illness (Phil. 2:27). Though Paul had the miracle of healing, Epaphroditus was left to suffer through his illness. In the end, God had mercy on him, and he survived.

God allows sickness and disease to bring death as part of his plan. While we may not understand the fullness of his plan, we trust he is working all things for our good (Rom. 8:28). He uses things like coronavirus to turn people's hearts to him, or to strengthen the faith of his children, or even to punish the wicked and unbelieving—all according to his plan.

We also know Jesus is our salvation. Real salvation. While coronavirus may threaten our bodies, it cannot threaten our souls. Jesus warned us not to fear what harms the body, but what harms the soul (Mat. 10:28). Sin is the only real threat we face, and all of us have contracted that disease. We should not be disheartened though, because we know the cure for everyday sins—Jesus. Whether or not we ever get coronavirus, the answer for our sins is Jesus. As long as our souls are safe with him, no virus can truly harm us.

We know contracting coronavirus isn't a death sentence. While the virus does kill some people, the vast majority of people who get it live. In fact, most people who die from coronavirus also have other conditions that exacerbate the virus, similar to the influenza virus.

We should not cower in fear of the virus but take smart precautions. Social distance. Wash hands. Use sanitizer. Maintain health. Pray fervently. Don't listen to the media trying to push an agenda of fear, but have a healthy respect for the coronavirus, as you would the flu or any other cold virus.

Finally, trust God. He is in control and that's ultimately all we need to know.

Announcements

Prayer List

Tony Lell's wife, Dawn, had a successful surgery. She is home now but is not accepting visits for a while for safety reasons.

Eleanor Jatko will need prayers for quite a while as she recovers from a stroke. Pray for the entire family as they help her.

KD's supervisor's wife is suffering from chemo related nerve damage.

Sherry's aunt, Jackie, has started chemo for breast cancer.

Natalie Willemn's dad needs prayers for his health.

Ongoing prayers:

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

Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father –cancer

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

Ransom Boone-recovering from a fall

Lorraine Spencer- declining health

Jim & Monte Hazlet's- health

News and Notes

Ransom Boone

BcC welcomes donations (by check or on the webpage) in memory of Ransom Boone. On the webpage [brightonchurchofchrist.org] just use the Donate button, and enter "In memory of Ransom Boone" in the Notes section. The church can then acknowledge the donation to the donor and to the Boone family.

Safety Measures

Due to the Coronavirus there will be no services held at the building until further notice. Sam Dilbeck will deliver a message Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [https://](https://www.brightonchurchofchrist.org/sermons-brighton-church-of-christ)

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In looking out for each other, if you are in need please let someone know. The Thacker's home phone is 303-655-1982. Jan Lorenzo's number is 720-934-3325

Graveside Service

Ransom Boone

Riverside Cemetery

Monday, April 20, 2020

2:00 PM

Email Details

Walnut & 8th Avenue Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Everyone is welcome. Please practice social distancing during the ceremony.



Birthdays & Anniversaries		
April 22	Tracey Mendoza	Birthday
April 22	Mike & Jan Lorenzo	Anniversary
April 23	Marc & Althea Moran	Anniversary