

## 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 ..... Jatko  
Welcome ..... Ron Jensen  
Song Leader .....  
Opening Prayer ..... Mark Thacker  
Communion Leader ..... Marcos Celaya  
Communion Servers ..... John Neal,  
..... Raymond Long, Sam Dunham, PJ Kite

Scripture Reading ..... Kayden Derbigny  
Phil. 2:5-11

Lesson ..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer ..... Les Tucker

## Sunday Evening Schedule

Song Leader ..... Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer ..... Kevin Dunham  
Communion ..... Marcos Celaya, John Neal  
Lesson ..... Sam Dilbeck  
Closing Prayer ..... Andrew Williams

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Song Leader ..... Anthony Sandoval  
Adult Class ..... Marc Moran

## Service Times

Sundays: Bible Class 9:30a, AM Worship 10:30a, Afternoon Class 5:00p, PM Worship 6:00p  
Wednesdays: Ladies Class 9:00a, Bible Study 6:30p

## Building Clean Up for November

Zone 1                  Zone 2                  Zone 3                  Zone 4  
Thacker



**October 27, 2019**

## Holidays? By: Sam Dilbeck

It is the end of October, and already stores are putting out Christmas decorations sparking the perennial debate of when the holiday season starts. But, the question of when to put up the tree is overshadowing another, more important question, “How should Christians celebrate the holidays?” Usually this question involves how to celebrate Christmas, but as the holiday season now embraces Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the winter solstice, let’s refocus the question on Halloween.

Centuries ago the Gaelic people of the European Isles marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the “dark half” of the year with the festival of Samhain. During the festival it was believed the veil between the spirit world and our world was vulnerable, allowing the spirits of the dead to reenter our realm. Therefore, the pagan gods and disembodied spirits had to be appeased through gifts of food and libations. Festival goers also dressed in disguises or stayed in other people’s homes to confuse the spirits and faeries that might bring bad luck or curses. In the 9th century, when Roman Catholicism sought to assimilate northern European people, they adopted many of their customs, including the Samhain festival traditions. However, the Roman Catholic version used November 1 as a day to honor all the saints who had passed away. It became known as All Saints Day. Many of the new converts retained the old traditions of dressing up, going from house to house, and offering gifts to the spirits. Later, because of its connection to spirits, faeries, and gods, pagan worshipers adopted the day to honor the mythological traditions. They would gather in fields and woods and offer sacrifices to their false gods. Their carnal rituals would be held under the veil of darkness the night before All Saints Day. It was the evening before

the hallow (holy) day and became know as “All Hallowed Evening” or the contracted form “Hallowe’en.”

Today, like many holidays, Halloween has been stripped of its original meaning and sanitized for commercial use. The modern traditions of dressing up and going door to door to get candies and treats has some semblance to the old pagan traditions but have been robbed of any real meaning. No giggling child dressed as their favorite movie character thinks they are appeasing some pagan god or confusing disembodied spirits. They think they look like their favorite character and are getting candy—lots of candy.

Like the dictionary, usage is king. How is Halloween used today by the majority of people? It is used as an innocuous holiday for families to have fun and get candy—lots of candy. It takes research and digging to uncover ancient beliefs and meaning and apply it to the modern iteration of Halloween. Paul made it clear that some people esteem one day over another, while others esteem all days alike (Rom. 14:5). It is not our job to judge one another for which days, if any, one esteems, including Halloween.

Does this mean there is nothing to be concerned about when it comes to Halloween? No. Some counterculture people continue to bring the occult and witchcraft into Halloween. Such efforts cannot be condoned even as “harmless fun.” Sometimes people caught up in the “Halloween Spirit” dabble in satanic rituals. The devil is real and dangerous, and ought to be avoided at all cost.

Another danger associated with Halloween is modesty. A lot of costumes marketed toward teens and adults are immodest, bordering on the obscene. They are designed to reveal too much and entice others to stare and lust. Those seeking to be pure in Christ must take care not to fall into such trappings of the season.

Finally, Christians wanting to participate in Halloween activities need to avoid the “tricks” and pranks associated with Halloween. Some pranks are harmless, but many are cruel and destructive. It is best to steer clear of them altogether.

The choice is up to each of us when it comes to how we participate in the holiday season. We need to be mindful of our decisions and always behave as citizens of heaven.

## Announcements

### Prayer List

Diana Nordwall, **Carol Porco's daughter, has announced Carol's** passing today on facebook. She was 79 on September 14. Please pray for the family.

Pray for **Mike Erickson, Jennifer Jensen's father** who has stage 4 esophageal cancer.

**Sam Stout**, Jim Hazlet’s brother-in-law passed away last week. Prayers for the entire family.

#### Ongoing prayers:

**Shirley Adams** is battling cancer.

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

**Stephanie Lord** continues to deal with her liver disease.

**Baxter Sowell**, Becca’s dad, is fighting cancer.

**Rochelle DeShane’s** health problems.

**Jane Hanavan** with her heart issues.

**Margie Stewart** recovery from her recent fall

**Sam Sims** stroke recovery

**Jim & Monte Hazlet**, health issues

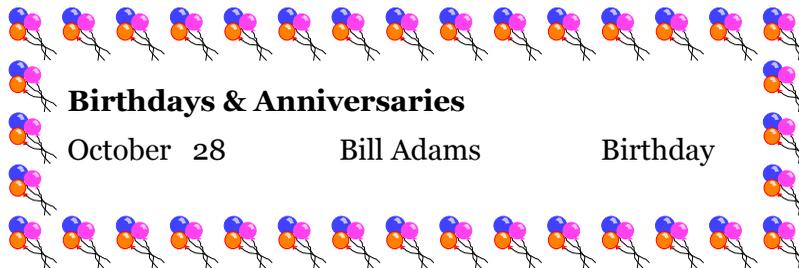
## News and Notes

### Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal brunch honoring Missouri Derbigny on Saturday, November 9th at 11 am in the fellowship room. Missouri is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon. Come join us in celebrating Missouri and Kevin's upcoming marriage!



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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 28 Bill Adams Birthday

## Mountain States Children’s Home Holiday Food Drive



Every month the food donations are need but especially at the holiday season. If we all will pick up just one item each time we shop by December 8th they will have a pick up worthy of the holiday spirit! See their table to find the list of items needed.

## Soup Supper/Farewell Gathering

In conjunction with the annual soup supper, we will honor Terry and Marie Duty before they move to Tennessee. Please join us at the building Friday, November 15 at 6:00 pm and bring your favorite soup or side dish. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Cake will be provided.

## Building Cleaning

Help Needed!! The last three months of this year are really bare on the volunteer sign up sheet. Please, if you can help it really is appreciated. The work needs to be done. See the bulletin board in the foyer to sign up.



## Youth Devo

Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 6:00 p.m., at the K. Dunham’s home, is the Youth Devo. Chili and soup will be provided. Girls bring rolls or cornbread, boys bring drinks.

## Gospel Meeting

Phil Sanders will doing our Gospel Meeting, November 3-6, 2019. His theme is “Good News!” There will be a potluck right after morning service on the 3rd. Please plan on attending and showing Phil Sanders a warm welcome.



December 13th

Holiday Party