

## 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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### Minister

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## Sunday Schedule

Welcome .....	Ron Jensen
Song Leader .....	Ron Jensen
Opening Prayer .....	Marc Moran
Lord's Supper Leader.....	Dale Bishop
Lesson .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....	Marcos Celaya

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class .....	Sam Dilbeck
Closing Prayer.....	Ron Jensen

## Service Times

Sundays: Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays: Ladies Class 10:00 am, Bible Study 6:30 pm

“Zoom” Virtual Classes:

4th-6th Grade Fridays @3:00 p.m.

7th-12th Grade Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.



January 17, 2021

## Emotional Intelligence Sam Dilbeck

A blogger once wrote, “Can we all agree that Pentecostal worship services look fun?” In a culture infatuated with entertainment and emotion, sometimes it is hard for churches to attract people. As a result, many congregations blur the line between emotion and rationality, desiring to cater to an irreligious, emotion-driven population.

Sadly, the church is not the only institution to fall victim to emotionalism. Society in general has succumbed to the ease of a “better-felt-than-told” mindset. Political debate often centers around how people feel about certain policies. A clear definition of marriage as one man and one woman would be an emotional affront to the same-sex couples hoping to get married next spring. Government mandated health insurance helps the children, and who doesn’t want to help children. Gone are rational arguments about taxing and spending, replaced by emotional appeals pitting one special interest group against another.

The problem in the church and society is the same—too many people plot their course of action based on feelings and not on thought. It is a societal brain freeze through laziness, apathy, ignorance, and even willfulness. Author John Emerick commented on this human condition, “We are emotional first, and intellectual second.” A sad but accurate observation on society. The conscientious Christian must ask, “What is the proper role of emotions and reason?”

God created humans with intelligence and emotions. Both are a gift from him because life without emotions is dreary. Life without intellect is disastrous. Without emotions there would be no joy, no anger, no sadness, no feeling at all. Nothing would change our moods. Nothing would capture our imagination or cause us to look forward to a coming event. Everything would be blah.

But without rationality there would be no discovery, no invention, no understanding of how things work. God saw the need for emotions and intellect, then graciously created mankind with them.

In the Garden of Eden, God allowed Adam and Eve to eat the fruit of all the trees except one (Gen. 2:16-17). God expected them to use reason to discern which fruits they could eat. When Israel turned their back on God and went headlong into idolatry, God called them to the table to reason with him (Isa. 1:18). In the early days of the church, Paul customarily used rationality to confront his detractors and tell people how to be saved (Acts 17:2-3, 17; 18:4, 19; 19:8-9). God gives us reason and expects us to use it.

Rationality and reason allow us to discern God's will. As we study the Scriptures, we come to a knowledge of what we are commanded and prohibited to do. Through reason we identify God's charted course for salvation and holiness.

On the other hand, one cannot read the Bible without being moved with emotions. Jesus used humor to teach about the absurdity of hypocrisy (Mat. 7:1-5). In zealotry Jesus fashioned a scourge to drive the money changers out of the temple (John 2:13-17). And who can read Luke's account of Peter's denial without feeling the heart-rending stare of the Lord (Acts 22:61)?

Emotions act as a spur, prodding us to action. When those in Acts 2 heard Peter indict them for sin, their hearts were pierced (Acts 2:38). Their broken hearts sought relief. It prompted them to find a way to remove their guilt and pain. The word "emotion" is a French/Latin word meaning to "set in motion," or to spur to action.

Problems arise when people determine action by emotion and not reason. In order for the church to stay God's course we must use our intellect for our direction and our emotions for motivation. In politics and civil society rationality must be the guide and emotions the goad. Real emotional intelligence keeps these two forces in their respective spheres, using reason to look to God for what to do, and turning to the emotion for the impetus to do it.

# Announcements

## Prayer List

Former member, **Joyce Butts**, mother of J'Lea Driver, passed away yesterday morning. Prayer and thoughts go out to the Driver family.

**Ernest Kite's son Terry**, trying to recover from a (non-COVID) virus.

## Continued Prayers

Penny Anderson, Tim Parker's daughter- seizures

Eleanor Jatko- recovery from a stroke

Bill Wolordige, 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

Joe Martinez-prayers for recovery

Carlos Tario - COVID-19 recovery

The work in India

Our work here in Brighton as we try to reach our community through the difficulties of COVID-19

## News and Notes

### Ladies Bible Class

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.



The Williams family has moved. Their new address is:

3128 Eagle Blvd. Apt. E139

Brighton, CO 80601



### New Directory

The new January 1, 2021 directory has been sent via email. Please check your information to make sure it is accurate. If changes need to be made contact Ernest Kite at kiter88@comcast.net. Once the changes have been completed then it will be printed.



January 17	Natalie Wilemon	Birthday
January 18	Sam Sims	Birthday
January 20	Keith Sanchez	Birthday
January 22	Kara Dunham	Birthday