

## 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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### Deacons

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### Minister

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### Attendance last week:

Sunday am - 81  
Sunday pm - 33  
Wednesday - 19  
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## Sunday Schedule Morning

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Chris Peterson  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Coby Mendoza  
Assistant.....James Slagle  
Assistant .....Alan Samuelson  
Assistant..... John Nason  
Assistant.....Kaden Dunham  
Scripture Reading.....Chris Warner

Luke 17:7-10

Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
Closing Prayer.....Steven Jaeger

## Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Ron Jensen  
Opening Prayer.....Marc Moran  
Lord’s Supper Leader.....Mark Thacker  
Lesson.....Ron Jensen  
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Dunham

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Class.....Brett Reitmair

## Service Times

Sundays:  
Morning classes 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
Evening worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays:  
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm



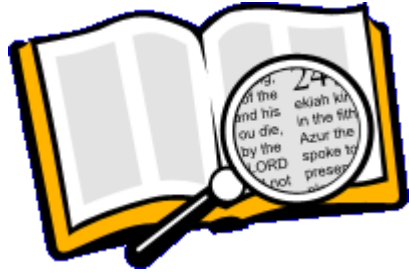
April 23, 2023

### Wresting the Scriptures

The term “wrest” is seldom used in our vocabulary today, but was familiar to those who lived prior to and during the time of the early church. Moses first wrote about it when encouraging the people to not “wrest judgment” (Ex. 23:2, 6; Deut. 16:19). The word means to “distort, pervert, stretch out, turn aside or away” (Young’s).

David’s use of it caught my attention. As a spokesman for God, David was frustrated because he was honoring God’s Word, but his people refused to do so. He lamented, “In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil” (Ps. 56:4-5).

Peter referenced Paul when he said, “As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction” (2 Pet. 3:16). It just so happens that Peter had been writing about the coming of the Lord and how everything was going to be burned. It appears they changed the threatening message.



We are in the throws of football play-offs this week. I see some similarities, simplistically speaking, between the Word of God and a football. Everyone is concerned about the safety and comfort of the players, but the ball also is subject-

ed to rain, snow and abuse. Everyone is after it, wanting to grab, throw, fall on or abuse it in some other way. Actually, it is not the ball they want, but personal gain that comes through having the ball. Without it in the player's possession, they cannot advance, no first-down is realized and certainly no touch-down made. After the touch-down is made, they throw the ball down for it has served its purpose and given them personal gain. They are not particular about how it is used; they hide it, use it deceptively in a fake play or hold on to it selfishly.

There are those who use the Scriptures for personal gain. It is used to win arguments for arguments sake. Often, it is used to justify an ungodly behavior by manipulating it (fake play) or "wresting" it to conform to their needs and wants, to make personal gain or to advance their cause. When finished with it, they dispose of it. When not willing to defend it or have it in their possession because of it attracting attention, they "hand it off" to rid themselves of it. We must carry the Word with pride, forthrightness and objectivity!

By: Mike King

Lakeside church of Christ, Florida

August 5, 2010

## Announcements

### Prayers

**Ronn Eudaley** is home. Pray that his blood clots will dissolve and he can be back to normal.

**Jennifer Sandstede's Aunt JoAnn Berdahl's** kidney is failing and the future is unclear. Prayers for her and her family are requested.

Our **Elders** are actively searching for a full time preacher. Pray that the search will be successful.

### Continued Prayers

Harold Price, Sherry Derbigny's Dad-health challenges

Eleanor Jatko- health problems

Jane Hanavan-heart issues

Chris Jatko's Uncle Ralph Holso-chemo treatment

Carol Welsby -recovery from pneumonia

Tim Parker- headaches from concussion

### News and Notes

#### Help for Homes

Help for Homes is a City of Brighton event where various groups agree to help out with a home that needs attention, like yardwork or other outdoor task. Please let Mark Thacker know if you can help out with this effort. Depending on how many agree to help will determine what task we will be assigned. **Saturday, May 6th** morning



#### Summerfest

We will be manning a booth again this year at the annual Brighton, Summerfest event. This is a perfect time to promote Vacation Bible School and share information about

our congregation. Mark Thacker is organizing this event and if you can come to help out in the booth it would be most appreciated. Stay for a few hours or how ever long you can. Mark always brings drinks and snacks and Naomi will bring lunch for whoever is there manning the booth.

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Carmichael Park (650 E. Southern Street) behind City Hall**

