

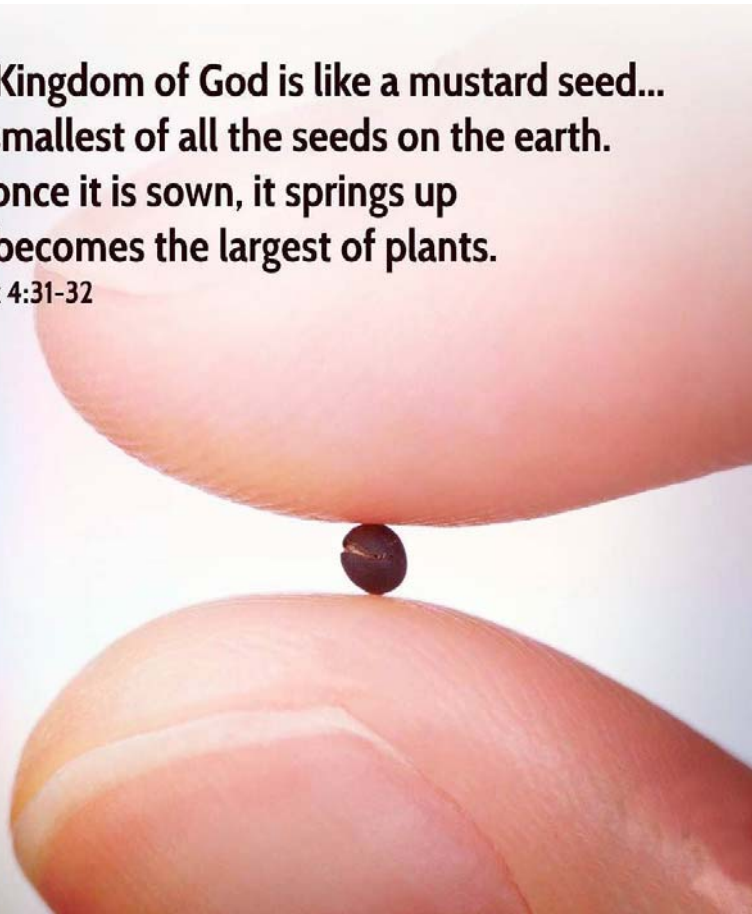


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April 2, 2017

**The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed...
the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up
and becomes the largest of plants.**

- Mark 4:31-32



*We are an ordinary group of loved and forgiven sinners
set free to be children of God and saints who follow Jesus Christ,
making disciples of lost sinners for Him,
and **growing disciples** in joyfully obeying all of Jesus' commands
to express love for God and people.*

We Celebrate in Worship

*Childcare is provided for children newborn through 5 years old during each worship service.
Please ask any usher for assistance.
The * indicates when we stand, but please be seated at any time if standing is uncomfortable.*

- *Gathering Songs** "Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus"
- *Call to Praise** Psalm 16:8,9
- *Song of Praise** "Shout to the Lord"
"There's Something About That Name"
"Jesus, You Are My Life"

***Prayer of Invocation**

At this time in the 10:30 a.m. service, children in K-4th grade may be dismissed for Kid's Church in the upstairs youth room. Parents please accompany your child on their first visit.

Call to Prayer Psalm 127:1-2

Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Call to Remember
Communion Instructions and Prayer
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory

Bible Text Mark 4:26-34 (page 813)
Page numbers are for Bibles located under many of the seats in the sanctuary. These are available for your use in worship. We have free Bibles to give you at the Welcome Center—ask any Pastor if you'd like to have a Bible to keep for your own.

Message Title "Following the Servant King: Growing in the Kingdom"

Invitation
***Closing Song** "No Greater Love"
Baptism (10:30 a.m.) Mya Mihm

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

Mark 4:26-34

“Growing in the Kingdom”

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR GROWING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.” (Mark 4:26)

WE PLANT AND HARVEST, BUT ONLY GOD CAN CREATE NEW LIFE AND GROWTH

“Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.” (Mark 4:27)

- also read Luke 10:2; John 4:35-38; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

TAKE THE LONG VIEW OF GROWTH THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

“All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.” (Mark 4:28)

GOD MAKES THE MOST FROM THE SMALLEST

“It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants” (Mark 4:31-32)

Welcome to Beloit First Christian Church (BFCC)

We are glad you're here and pray you will experience God's presence and love. We believe accepting and living in a right, loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ is the most important decision you will ever make. The Bible tells us: “*And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.*” (1 John 5:11-12) Jesus Christ preached the “Gospel” (good news) of his coming and called everyone to:

- **Repent** from our sin—that is, reject and turn away from our old desires and actions of self-righteousness and self-indulgence that separate us from God and the life He has for us. To repent is to admit we need a Savior and to look to Him in trust.
- **Believe** that Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross offers full forgiveness for our sins, and convincingly demonstrates God's deep, active love for us.
- **Follow** Jesus, who rose from the dead and lives forever. Through the Holy Spirit, the life of Christ in us brings new life, a transformation of our desires, and the power to live obediently to God's Word for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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Today's worship leaders:

Praise Team Leader

Organist

Prayer Leader

Elder

Preacher

Projection Operator

Sound Technician

Deacons

8:00 a.m.

Donna Munsey

Bobbi Link

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Rob Heller

Brian Gates

Lindy Lindblad

Derek Fobes

Dan Streit

10:30 a.m.

Donna Munsey

Bobbi Link

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Rob Heller

Carl Prather

Adrian Meyer

Vernon Adams

Shelby Gantz

Announcements

APRIL 3 — “Questions and Conversation” This informal time of open discussion is led by Pastor Cliff and takes place in Fellowship Hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is not a pre-programmed study, but rather a place where your questions become the topic of conversation in a safe, accepting atmosphere. This group is open to everyone. Bring your questioning co-worker or friend!



APRIL 5 — Women’s Ministries meeting at 5:00 p.m. There will be a Women’s Ministries meeting in the Family Life Center South Classroom at 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to come to this meeting and participate.

APRIL 8 — A Better Kind of Walk: If you believe that praying for our children and their schools will make a difference then join us at the Moms in Prayer 5k Walk by Faith. The event will be Saturday, April 8th at Chautauqua Park in Beloit from 5 - 7 p.m. This is not a competition but fellowship, so bring your family and friends to come walk at your leisure. A free will offering collected will benefit Moms In Prayer International. For more information contact Nancy Clark at 785-534-2438.



APRIL 12 — CLASH BASH with free meal for family members and students to end the spring session! CLASH students will meet at the normal time of 6:00 p.m., but parents, grandparents, and family members are all invited to attend, too, so they can hear CLASH sing some of the songs they’ve learned throughout this year. After the singing, CLASH and their families AND Fusion and their families are all invited to come to a free meal in the Family Life Center gym and enjoy some food and fellowship. Make plans to come and celebrate with us what God is doing in CLASH and Fusion!



APRIL 13 — Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. (childcare available). In preparation for a great celebration of our Lord’s resurrection, come and join us for a unique service of remembrance, repentance, and renewal where we focus on Jesus’ suffering and death on our behalf. Childcare is available for this worship service.



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APRIL 16 — Easter Sunday worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (childcare available at both services). Christ is risen! Invite family and friends and join us in celebrating Jesus’ amazing victory over death and the grave, proving himself to be the Savior and Lord over all. In addition to our two worship services, there is also Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.



MAY 4 — Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church: In conjunction with the National Day of Prayer, this year’s Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast will take place in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. The breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m., and the speaker will be Robert Davis who will share about his prayer journey. The breakfast is free, but donations are welcomed. The event will end by 7:45 a.m.

We are looking for donations of clean, unbroken toys for our childcare ministry: If you have any toys you’d like to donate for our Nursery, contact our Childcare Ministry Coordinator, Charle Green at charlegreen55@yahoo.com or 534-9617. Please do not drop off toys at the church until you first contact Charle, so we can know if it’s something that will be helpful and appropriate in our Nursery room. Thanks for letting Jesus prompt you in this particular kind of generosity!



Thank you, BFCC! “Greg and I would like to thank the church for sponsoring us on the ‘Weekend to Remember.’ We had such a wonderful time! I learned what the Bible has to say about marriage and my role as a wife. We truly believe that all marriages could benefit from this weekend! Thank you so much. — Greg and Michelle Drum”



Thank you, BFCC! “We would like to thank our BFCC church family and friends for all your prayers, cards, visits, food, and memorials during the time when Mike went to be with the Lord. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. May God bless each of you. — The family of Mike Evans (Marilyn Evans, Ray & Shannon Bretthauer and family, Shane & Mary Evans and family)”



Announcements

JULY 16 - 20 — Vacation Bible School 2017 is going to be awesome and we have some EXCITING UPDATES TO SHARE!

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose” is the theme, and plans are in the works to provide kids from ages pre-school to Grade 6 an amazing, summer evening experience with their Creator and Redeemer! Here are the latest updates on how God is moving and providing:



- **Monetary Donations and Food Coordinator needs**

have been met! We have been blessed in a couple of very big ways as of recent! We now have our food coordinator AND we have received very generous monetary donations that will enable us to completely provide a meal every night of VBS for the kids and volunteers! With these donations we also plan to host an ice cream bar social at the closing of our parent night the last evening of VBS in the Family Life Center. We feel this is will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and are very excited to see this come together. Thank you so much!!!

- **Tinker Tots Pre-school Group Leader still needed:** Last year we had a successful Pre-school program, and it was among our highest attended groups. We would like to offer this special age group an opportunity to attend VBS again this year, and are looking for someone who would be interested in leading and planning our Pre-school group. There is already a Pre-school curriculum provided with the VBS materials that can be followed just as it written, but you will also be given flexibility to explore ideas of your own that would relate to each day's theme and Scripture verse. You will also have a team of volunteers helping that week!

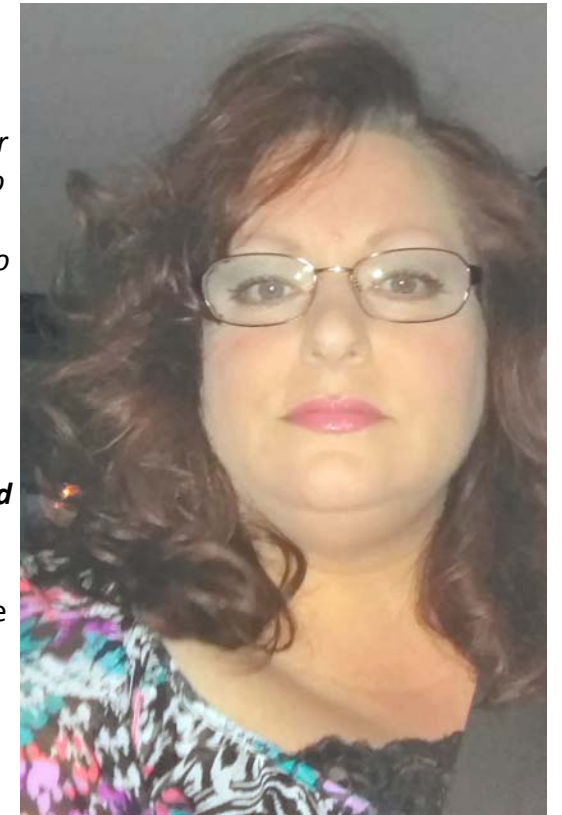
- **Future Sign-up:** We will have further sign-ups for the various and many opportunities to help us serve VBS. We will have a table in Fellowship Hall in the coming months. Until then...

Would you please pray and consider if the Lord is calling you to participate in His work... in a Maker Fun Factory kind of way this summer? We would love to hear from you. Thank You!

Jen Scheck - jen.scheck@hotmail.com or 620-257-8737
Charle Green - charlegreen55@yahoo.com or 534-9617

Welcome New Member Heidi Silvia!

Heidi Silvia joined BFCC in membership on Sunday, March 26 at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. We are grateful the Lord has prompted her to take this step that reveals our fellowship in the Holy Spirit. We asked Heidi to answer a few questions about herself so you can get to know her better. Please reach out to your sister in Christ and help her feel blessed and welcomed in our local Body of Christ!



What people and/or circumstances were helpful in leading you to know who Jesus Christ is, and to accept him as your Savior and Lord?

My grandparents were Christians and attended church regularly. My parents had me baptized as a child in my grandparent's church, but we only went to church once or twice a year, if that. In high school a friend invited me to her youth group. It was there that I made a conscious decision to accept Christ as my Lord and Savior, and decided to be baptized again.

How many different places have you lived over the course of your life, and how did you come to live here in the Beloit area?

I have lived in 14 different places in my life. My husband and I moved from Southern California to Clyde, KS in 2004. My husband has been working in Beloit since that time. Shortly after I began working in Beloit in late 2010, we decided to move here.

What initially attracted you to BFCC and encouraged you to seek a connection with us?

When my husband and I were first searching for a church in Beloit, we looked online to see what the core values/beliefs were of the local churches. We felt BFCC was in line with our beliefs. It only took one visit to confirm this was home. However, due to our

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work schedules, we have not been able to consistently attend.

Tell us about some of your talents and interests—where do you work, and/or what are some favorite hobbies you enjoy?

I have been a 911 Dispatcher for almost 8 years. Prior to that I was a Bookkeeper and Tax Preparer. I have a passion for doing both, and I still help my family with their taxes each year. My hobbies include camping, fishing, gardening, and reading.

What are some favorite books, movies, or experiences you've enjoyed?

Many years ago my husband and I attended a Family Life Marriage Conference. One thing that stuck with me from that was when one of the speakers said that God puts people together that have different strengths and weaknesses so that they can compensate for each other's weaknesses. Remembering this has been very helpful when my husband and I get frustrated with each other.

Is there anything else about yourself you can tell us that might help people get to know you better?

I tend to be pretty shy at first, and have some social anxiety. However, I try to push myself to attend events and gatherings to overcome the anxiety.

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Jesse and Natasha Mudd for the safe healthy birth of Jaytyn Mudd on Tuesday, March 23, 2017.
- Praise God with Verlin and Diane Kolman that they were not hurt in a car wreck last week.
- Praise God for Heidi Silvia as she joined the church family at the 800 am worship service on March 26, 2017.
- Praise God with Phil Vetter for the support he felt from the church family when his Mom passed away.
- Praise God with Ann Girard for her nephew, Dan Engel, as he is home recovering from heart bypass surgery last week.
- Praise God with B. Fincham for his Mom's birthday next week.
- Praise God with Keith Williams for the recent rain.
- Pray with Jodi File for Jodi Lomas as she is in the hospital.
- Pray with Connie Hager for Wayne Huggins for healing.
- Pray with Wanda Macpherson for Wanda Grittman as she is receiving cancer treatments.
- Pray with Susan Grabon for a friend little baby Emma as she is fighting pneumonia.
- Pray with Tami Eck for Cindy Cox for health concerns as she battles cancer.
- Pray for Dan Reling's brother, Dennis Reling, as he is in the Salina Regional Health Center for health concerns.
- Pray for Betty Hale for general concerns.
- Pray for Sharon Morrison for her to find a place to live in the country.
- Pray for the youth pastor search team.
- Pray for the family of Doug McKinney's Dad, Lawrence McKinney, as his memorial service will be Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2017, in McPherson.
- Pray for the family of Evelyn Simmons-McMann whose funeral was March 23, 2017.
- Pray for the family of Lisa Novak's Aunt Linda Buresh's sister, Rhonda Talton, as she passed away in Texas last week.
- Pray for the family of Michael Waddell who passed away last week.

Opportunities to Encourage

If you have any additions or corrections to these lists, please contact Karen Buser in the church office at 738-3071 or kbuser@beloitfcc.org

Birthdays:

- 4/3 Mya Mihm
- 4/4 Stacey Allen; Beau Batchman
- 4/5 Gus Rice; Linda Smith
- 4/8 Brynna Allen; Tyler Allen; Sharayah Smith
- 4/9 J.R. Simmons
- 4/10 Gage Stewart
- 4/11 Neva Howland; Joslynn Kuiack
- 4/13 Hugh Scheck; Leo Scheck
- 4/14 Coleton Fobes; David Stouffer
- 4/16 LaDonna Fulton
- 4/17 Hannah Hughes; Elsie Mealiff; Tatum Seyfert
- 4/18 Jesse Mudd; Raegan Stewart
- 4/19 Raylinn Anderes; Chandra Wagner
- 4/20 Josh Smith; Gretchen Spitz
- 4/22 Keighlee Armstrong; Becky Staley

Anniversaries:

- 4/5 Matt & Chelci Kuiack
- 4/6 Merlin & Jackie Fobes
Nash & Tazsa Smith
- 4/8 Joe & Lori Deneke
- 4/16 Ed & Patty Allen
- 4/17 Nathan & Tracy Anderes
- 4/18 Don & Dawna Robinett
- 4/19 Loren & Kay Heller
- 4/22 Mitch & Tami Eck

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

- Mildred Bohnert
- Lela File
- Katherine Loofbourrow
- Don & Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- Lois Simoneau

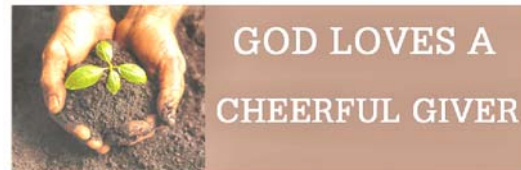
Mitchell County Hospital Resident Care Center

- Harold Staley

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland

The Latest Financial Report:



February Giving: \$ 25,423.12
 February Expenses: \$ 26,105.61
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 57,789.93
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 67,971.34

Calendar

April 2 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service (childcare available)
Small groups: Sunday School small groups for all ages
 Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)

April 3 (Monday)

- 7:00 p.m.

"Questions and Conversation" - Fellowship Hall

April 4 (Tuesday)

- 9:00 a.m.
- 12 noon
- 7:00 p.m.

Small group ("Metallic" over 50): "Colossians" - Church Library; Dave Mealiff (738-0039)
Small group (women): "Moms in Prayer" - Church Library; Melissa Luke
Small group (men and women battling alcohol and drug use): "Celebrate Recovery" - 312 N. Mill Street (738-2683)

April 5 (Wednesday)

- 6:00 a.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.

Small group (men): "Man in the Mirror" - Guaranty State Bank; Doug Johnson (738-2573)
Small group: "Acts: How, Why, and When to Pray" - Church Library; Keith Williams (738-2936)
 CLASH (Grades 1-6) - Sanctuary
 Jr. and Sr. High FUSION - Upper Level Youth Room

April 6 (Thursday)

- 6:00 a.m.

Small group: "The Armor of God" - Church Library; Jeanette Luke (738-2135)

April 7 (Friday)

- 6:30 a.m.

Small group (men): "Turning the Tide" - Church Library; Bill Angell (738-7382)

April 9 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service (childcare available)
Small groups: Sunday School small groups for all ages
 Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)