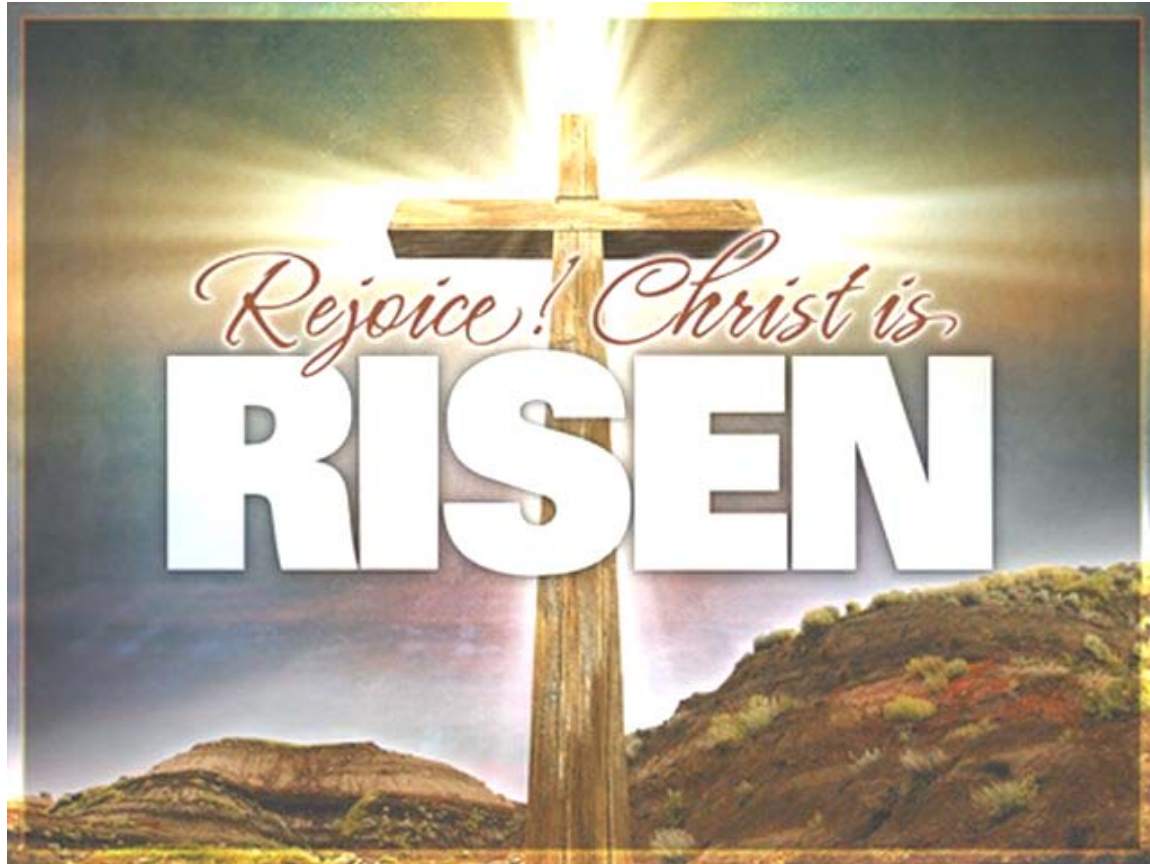




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April 16, 2017



*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** "Happy Day"
***Call to Praise** Acts 2:22-24, 32
***Song of Praise** "Jesus Paid it All"
"In Christ Alone"

***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 Philipians 3:10
Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory "What a Beautiful Name"

Bible Text 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 (page 933)
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 "The Hope of Glory"

Candle Lighting "Because He Lives"
As a sign of our hope in Christ, and for the resurrection for loved ones who have died in Christ, you are invited to come forward during the playing of the music video "Because He Lives" and light a candle at the table on the stage in remembrance of them.

Invitation
***Closing Song** "My Savior Lives"
**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

“The Hope of Glory”

HOPE IS WHEN YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSE IS CONNECTED TO HISTORICAL REALITY

“God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Colossians 1:27)

1. IN CHRIST, YOU HAVE FORGIVENESS AND FREEDOM FROM YOUR SINS

“if Christ has not been raised...you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:17)

2. IN CHRIST, YOU CAN BE CHANGED, NOT JUST FORGIVEN

“if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile” (1 Corinthians 15:17)

3. IN CHRIST, OUR LIVES HAVE MEANING AND PURPOSE

“if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Corinthians 15:14)

4. THE BIBLE IS TRUE AND WE CAN HEAR GOD SPEAK TO US

“if Christ has not been raised...We are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.” (1 Corinthians 15:15)

5. LOVED ONES IN CHRIST WHO HAVE DIED ARE STILL ALIVE WITH CHRIST

“if Christ has not been raised...those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.” (1 Corinthians 15:18)

6. IN CHRIST, WE ARE TO BE ENVIED FOR THE LOVE, JOY, AND PEACE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” (1 Corinthians 15:19)

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.

BFCC Staff:

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Marilyn Kruse, Church Custodian 785-738-8620

Today's worship leaders:

Praise Team Leader

Organist

Prayer Leader

Elder

Preacher

Projection Operator

Sound Technician

Deacons

8:00 a.m.

Laura Heagy

Kay Heller

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Rob Heller

Brian Gates

Lindy Lindblad

Derek Fobes

Dan Streit

10:30 a.m.

Laura Heagy

Bobbi Link

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Rob Heller

Carl Prather

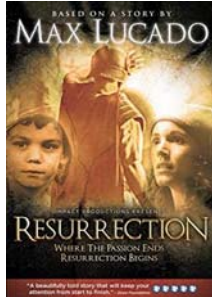
Adrian Meyer

Vernon Adams

Shelby Gantz

Announcements

APRIL 16 (today) — New adult Sunday School group begins! The movie “Resurrection” is based on a short story by Max Lucado and tells the story of Claudius, a Roman guard who finds himself in the middle of a cover-up regarding the tumultuous events following Christ’s execution. As he investigates further, he discovers that the religious leaders, the Roman government officials and even his closest friends are attempting to hide something important from him. His relentless pursuit of answers threatens his reputation – and even his life. “Resurrection” is the story of one man’s quest for truth and the discovery that leads to his renewal. This group will meet in the Family Life Center North Classroom on Sundays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Facilitated by Dave and Linda Mealiff.



APRIL 23 — Carol Tolbert will be giving the message at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Come and hear how God is at work, and encourage Carol in her furlough time here with us!

APRIL 23 — The next monthly Church Board meeting with Elders will take place Sunday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (following a 7:00 p.m. ice cream fellowship time between Elders and Deacons). Ministry Chairpersons should submit any written reports they have by noon on Thursday, April 20 by email to cheagy@beloitfcc.org. Reports will be available April 23 at the Welcome Center.

APRIL 30— Special Congregational Meeting at 12 noon to vote on confirming a call for Doug Betts to be our Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministries. The Youth Pastor Search team has unanimously recommended, and the Elders have approved to extend a call for Doug Betts to come and serve in ministry here at BFCC. The final step in this process is for the congregation to give a confirming vote. Doug and his family will be with us the weekend of April 29-30 to meet individuals and groups within the church. On Sunday, April 30, Doug will speak during the Sunday School time of 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center gym. This will include a question and answer time so you can get to know Doug and his heart for bringing the Gospel to children and youth. Please express your gratitude to the Youth Pastor Search Team for a job well done: Venette Davis, Charle Green, Renee Mason, Tim Mehl, Ken Moeller, Kay Prather, Jen Scheck, and Linda Smith. *Read more about Doug on pp. 8-9.*



Announcements

MAY 1 — “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 about the Bible, faith, and life become the topic of conversation in a safe, accepting atmosphere. This group is open to everyone. Bring your questioning co-worker or friend!



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.



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 are grateful to have a Food Coordinator AND very generous monetary donations to provide a meal every night of VBS (as well as a ice cream social on closing night with parents and grandparents!). Thank you so much!!!
- ✓ **Tinker Tots Pre-school Group Leader needs have been met!** We have been blessed with several folks who have stepped up to lead our Pre-School group, one of the largest groups we have at VBS. Thank you so much for your willingness to show the love of Jesus to these little ones!!!

Future Sign-up: We will have additional opportunities to serve with VBS in Fellowship Hall in coming months. Thank you to those who are already praying for the Holy Spirit to work in this important outreach to our community. Prayers are being answered!

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

Announcements

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!



Missed a sermon message? We have free options for you to catch up. At the Welcome Center you will find free DVD's and CD's of our most recent worship services and sermons, and online you can visit our website (beloitfcc.org) to view videos of all of our past services and sermons. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (youtube.com/user/BeloitFCC), where you can find all our available videos. Use these resources and pass them along to others. Help us spread the Word of God as far as we can.



Community Caring Cards: At the Welcome Center you will find some encouragement cards for individuals who have had a recent physical, emotional, or spiritual challenge in their lives. These cards will be sent out tomorrow, so we invite all who would like to sign their name to do so as a sign of Christian fellowship and love. We also encourage you to use these cards and addresses as prompts for sending your own, personal cards and other expressions of love.

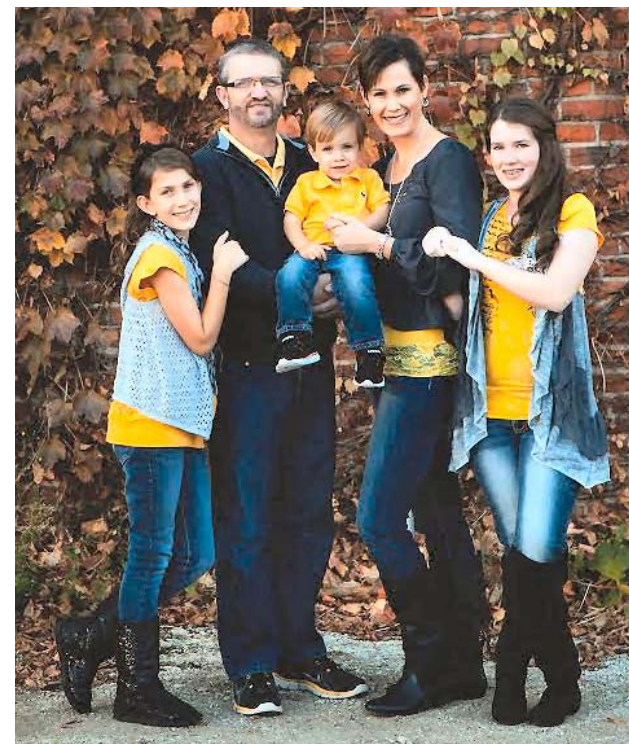


Raise your children to know and love the Lord. Every week BFCC provides outstanding Sunday School groups for children (and for all ages, including adults!) at 9:30 a.m. These groups provide a Biblical foundation for life, and loving teachers to help your child see the beauty and truth of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. You can't make a more important investment of time than to bring them each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and attend an adult group for yourself.



Get to know Doug Betts and his family!

On Sunday, April 30 at 12 noon, there will be a special congregational meeting to vote on confirming the recommendation of the Youth Pastor Search Team and the Elders that Doug Betts be hired as the Associate Pastor of Children and Youth Ministries for BFCC. Doug and his family will be with us that weekend to be officially introduced to our church family, and will speak during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School time in the Family Life Center gym, where there will be an open Question and Answer opportunity. Until then, here is some personal information from Doug:



Tell us about your background:

I was born in Beloit, KS but lived in Osborne until 1st grade when we moved to Moran, KS. In 5th grade my family moved back to Beloit, in 7th grade we moved to Ada, KS and in 9th grade we moved to Minneapolis. I have 1 biological sister who is 6 years younger than me. My parents divorced and remarried, and I have an additional four (step) sisters and three (step) brothers. My wife Deana and I have been married for almost 17 years. We have lived in Bennington for the past six years, and we have three children: Ally (age 14), Lauryn (age 12) and Tyler (age 3). I've spent the last five years as the full-time Youth Pastor at Bennington Bible Church. Prior to that I was self-employed in securities, insurance, and real estate marketing.

How did you come to be a follower of Jesus Christ?

Long story short, it was a divine appointment! I had set up a potential appointment to show a house, and decided to go to a different church so I could step out and easily make the appointment. The call to show the house never came, but for the first time, I actually heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a turning moment in my life and that of

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Get to know Doug Betts and his family!

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my family's. I began a quest to find the truth, starting with, "Is there a God?" and on to "Who is He?" Jesus kept drawing me closer and closer, and one day at church, when it seemed like it was just Him and I, I committed my life to Him. That changed everything for me and my family. We became devoted to following Him. He has become the central focus of our lives. I would eventually sell my insurance business and go into full-time ministry.

What is your view of doing ministry with children and youth?

Jesus must be the focus. I think a huge key to any ministry, and especially children and youth, is relationships: to truly invest in the lives of those your are ministering to and to live life together. I think the ministry needs to reflect the mission and values of the church. I believe that small groups are essential. I feel that group worship is a key element, as well as serving and glorifying God together. The ministry must be fueled by intercessory prayer, driven by relational evangelism, fully embraced and lived out by the leaders, guided by a discipleship multiplication strategy, focused on a bold vision, and measured by Biblical outcomes. God created us to seek and trust Him, to be in fellowship, to lean on each other, support each other and be accountable to each other. Most young people don't really care what you know, until they know that you care.

What hobbies, interests, and activities do you enjoy?

I love sports...but I am also the guy who is driven crazy by the amount of time sports consumes in our lives! I enjoy watching and playing virtually all sports, and especially like getting out on the golf course whenever I can. I enjoy being outdoors, camping, hiking and fishing, and would like to get back into hunting. I really enjoying just hanging out with friends.



Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God for Mya Mihm and her baptism at worship on April 2, 2017.
- Praise God for the safe healthy birth of another grandchild for Rob and Mary Lou Heller when Ailynn Rey Heller was born to Jeffery and Kara Heller on April 2nd.
- Praise God today for Palm Sunday and for Holy Week next week with Easter coming April 16th.
- Praise God for the Maundy Thursday worship service coming on April 13th.
- Praise God with Kristi Vetter for many BHS young people who did well at a regional music contest for band, orchestra and choir on April 8th.
- Praise God with the Smith family for the recent birthdays of Sharayah and Linda Smith.
- Praise God with Rod Pearson as he thanks all those who helped him move to Hilltop Assisted Living.
- Praise God for the Heart Choices Spring Banquet last week on April 6, 2017.
- Praise God with Jeanette Luke as she shared her testimony about the powerful influence about "The Shack" movie, which she encouraged others to go see.
- Praise God for the Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast coming May 4, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Beloit.
- Pray with Melva McGuin for her sister Nila, and for Jennifer McGuin for health concerns.
- Pray for Merlin Fobes as he recovers following recent skin cancer surgery.
- Pray for healing for all those who are receiving a variety of medical treatments.
- Pray for the youth pastor search team and elders.
- Pray for the family of Joe Simmons as his funeral will April 13th. Pray for safe travel for relatives coming to his funeral.
- Pray for the family of Barbara Quakenbush as her memorial service will be April 22nd.
- Pray for the family of Bernice Houghton as her funeral was April 8th.
- Pray for the family of Bonnie Vetter, Phil Vetter's Aunt as she passed away last week.
- Pray for the family of Sean Cooper as he passed away from injuries in a vehicle wreck.

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:

- 4/16 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
- 4/24 Carl Lafferty; Karen Stortz
- 4/25 Jodie Gantz
- 4/30 Lauren Roush
- 5/3 Lynne Gates
- 5/5 Heidi Silvia
- 5/6 Patty Allen; Holli Stewart
- 5/7 Charlie Luke
- 5/8 Dennis Mihm
- 5/9 Kellin Palmateer
- 5/10 Remi Behrends; Melinda Kimple; Tom Maxwell
- 5/11 Kay Simmons

Anniversaries:

- 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
- 4/23 Steve & Kim Hlad
- 4/27 Jeff & Jenny Wessling
- 5/2 Greg & Beth Harrison
- 5/10 Tyler & Stacey Allen

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

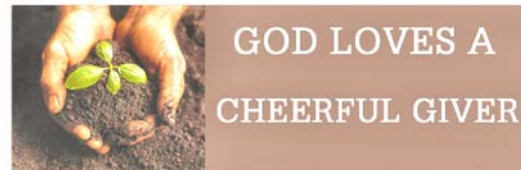
- Mildred Bohnert
- Lela File
- Katherine Loofbourrow
- Don & Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- Lois Simoneau

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 16 (Sunday) - Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (childcare available)
- 9:30 a.m. *Small groups:* Sunday School small groups for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)

April 18 (Tuesday)

- 9:00 a.m. *Small group ("Metallic" over 50):* "Colossians" - Church Library; Dave Mealiff (738-0039)
- 12 noon *Small group (women):* "Moms in Prayer" - Church Library; Melissa Luke
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group (men and women battling alcohol and drug use):* "Celebrate Recovery" - 312 N. Mill Street (738-2683)

April 19 (Wednesday)

- 6:00 a.m. *Small group (men):* "Man in the Mirror" - Guaranty State Bank; Doug Johnson (738-2573)
- 6:00 p.m. *Small group:* "Acts: How, Why, and When to Pray" - Church Library; Keith Williams (738-2936)
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High FUSION - Upper Level Youth Room

April 20 (Thursday)

- 6:00 a.m. *Small group:* "The Armor of God" - Church Library; Jeanette Luke (738-2135)

April 21 (Friday)

- 6:30 a.m. *Small group (men):* "Turning the Tide" - Church Library; Bill Angell (738-7382)

April 23 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (childcare available)
- 9:30 a.m. *Small groups:* Sunday School small groups for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)
- 7:00 p.m. Elders and Deacons fellowship gathering - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Board meeting with Elders and Deacons - Fellowship Hall