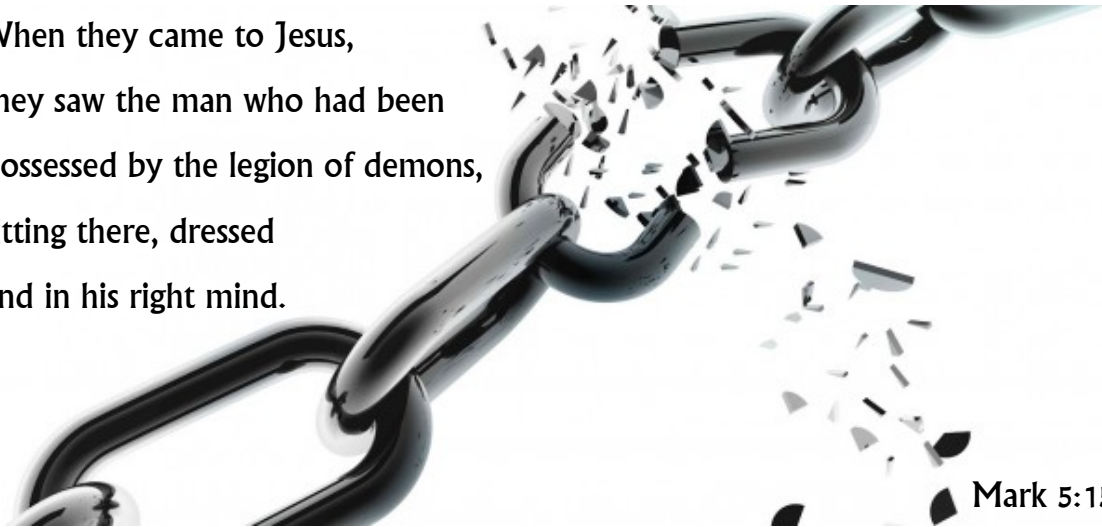




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April 30, 2017

When they came to Jesus,
they saw the man who had been
possessed by the legion of demons,
sitting there, dressed
and in his right mind.



Mark 5:15

*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** "Christ Arose" (hymn #357)
"He is Lord" (hymn #34)
- *Call to Praise** Philippians 2:6-11
- *Song of Praise** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
"Great I Am"
- *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.*

- Mission Moment** Doug Betts
- Call to Prayer** Romans 1:20
- Prayer Requests & Testimonies**
- Prayer**

- Communion Instructions and Prayer**
- Call to Remember**
- Communion**

- Call to Give and Prayer**
- Offertory** "Break Every Chain"

- Bible Text** Mark 5:1-20 (page 815)
*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: The King Who Defeated a Legion"

- Invitation**
- *Closing Song** "One Pure and Holy Passion"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“The King Who Defeated a Legion”

Mark 5:1-20

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES ON MISSION TO THE UNCLEAN

“They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.” (Mark 5:1)

JESUS HAS GREATER POWER THAN ANY EVIL

Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” (Mark 5:8)

- read also Matthew 4:24; John 13:2, 27; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 5:18; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4; Acts 19:13-20; Philippians 2:9-11

JESUS REVEALS THE WORTH OF A SINGLE, HUMAN SOUL

“The impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.” (Mark 5:13)

- read also Matthew 6:26; Mark 8:36-37

MAKE DISCIPLES BY SHARING HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU

They saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid... “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” (Mark 5:15, 19)

- read also John 9:25

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.

Linda Mealiff

Kay Heller

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Jacob Scoggan

Rob Heller

Brian Gates

Lindy Lindblad

Derek Fobes

Dan Streit

10:30 a.m.

Linda Mealiff

Bobbi Link

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Jacob Scoggan

Rob Heller

Carl Prather

Adrian Meyer

Vernon Adams

Shelby Gantz

Announcements

APRIL 30 (today) — Congregational Voting at 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon to confirm 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 April 30 to meet individuals and groups within the church. On that Sunday 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. You will also have an opportunity to cast your vote at 10:15 a.m., or at 12 noon. 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.*

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.



Announcements

MAY 14 — New Sunday morning adult group begins: “End of the Age.” Greg Harrison will be leading a study of prophecy with the material from Irvin Baxter’s, “End of the Age.” The group will meet during the regular Sunday School time of 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center South Classroom. Materials will be provided as participants view a teaching video and then discuss the contents together. Contact Greg at 534-9112 with any questions. All adults are invited to come!

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!



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.



Show your love to the family of Nolan Lewis: Our church is on mission to extend the hope and love of Christ to all people, and it has genuinely been laid on our hearts to reach out to the family of Nolan Lewis, the six-year old boy who recently passed away. We have several suggestions for how we would like to contribute to the family in the form of

monetary donations to help with their expenses, meals, and other kind gestures. But we would also like to hear your unique thoughts for what can be done for Nolan's family. Please stop by the table in the fellowship hall to sign the card for the family, and to see how you can help. You may also contact Charle Green directly at 534-9617. Thank you!

Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are: cereal, canned meat, mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned peas. These or other non-perishable items may be dropped at the Food Pantry (12th and Walnut Streets) on Tuesday mornings from 9:00—11:00 a.m., or brought to the church and put in the collection box in the north hallway of the Education wing. *"Then the King will say to those on his right... 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.'"* (Matthew 25:34-35)

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 Easter Sunday last week on April 16th!
- Praise God with new grandparents again Robie and Linda Smith with the birth of Boevie Whitter Pryor born to Bailie and Kevin Pryor in Wichita last week.
- Praise God with George Stroup that his 17th great-grandchild was born last week.
- Praise God for the Doug Betts family visit on April 30 for Doug to be considered as a recommended new youth pastor.
- Praise God with Janice Stouffer that her son, Matt, got a job in Oklahoma.
- Praise God for the Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast coming May 4, 2017.
- Pray for Melissa Luke as she is scheduled for a C-section on April 27 for her third baby.
- Pray for healing for all those who are receiving a variety of medical treatments.
- Pray with Venette Davis for Diane Kolman as she fell and was bruised at home.
- Pray for Drew Grabon's Dad as he fell and hurt his knee today and he is at the Salina hospital ER now.
- Pray with the Prathers for Hannah and Jacob Hage, siblings in Lincoln, NE, as they recovery from injuries on Good Friday when a pickup truck hit them.
- Pray for Harold Seely as he is at home but in need of God's touch and encouragement.
- Pray for Susan Wisbey as she will have neck surgery on May 3rd.
- Pray for Dan Staley as he is scheduled for surgery on May 8th.
- Pray with Dan Reling for health concerns for his brother Dennis Reling.
- Pray with Wanda MacPherson for her brother in law, Corky, as he is in a Kansas City hospital with pneumonia and other health concerns.
- Pray for the family of Shirley Williamson as her funeral was April 18th.
- Pray for the family of 6-year-old Nolan Lewis as his funeral was April 20th.
- Pray for the family of Barbara Quakenbush for her memorial service on April 22nd.
- Pray for the family of Susan Schindler whose funeral was April 22nd.
- Pray for the family of Pat Haney as he passed away last week.
- Pray with Mary Lou Heller for the family of Judy Peterson, as she passed away.

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:

4/30 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
 5/12 Leta Dameron
 5/14 Ann Fugate, Brendon Mason, Michaela Pingel
 5/17 Loren Heller
 5/19 Sherry Angell
 5/22 Austin Davis, Mitch Eck, Terri Engelbert
 5/23 Kris Kimple
 5/24 Norm Newell
 5/25 Michelle Haeffele
 5/28 Abigail Gantz, Melva McGuin

Anniversaries:

5/2 Greg & Beth Harrison
 5/10 Tyler & Stacey Allen
 5/15 David & Janice Stouffer
 5/22 Max & Leann Wehrman
 5/25 Ken & Janet Moeller
 5/26 Mike & Shirley Stewart
 5/28 Larry & Ann Girard
 Charlie & Jeanette Luke
 Gary & Audry Pingel

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

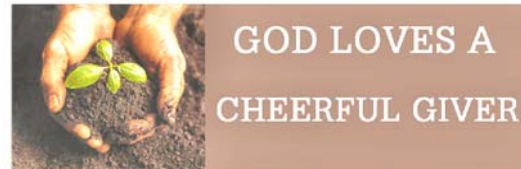
- Mildred Bohnert
- Lela File
- Katherine Loofbourrow
- Don & Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- Lois Simoneau

Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Harold Staley

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



The Latest Financial Report:

March Giving: \$ 25,071.65
 March Expenses: \$ 23,762.53
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 82,861.58
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 91,733.87

Calendar

April 30 (Sunday)

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

Worship Service (childcare available)
 Doug Betts sharing in Family Life Center Gym (open to all individuals and groups to attend)
 Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)
 Congregational Vote to Confirm Doug Betts as Youth Pastor - Family Life Center Gym

May 1 (Monday)

7:00 p.m.

"Questions and Conversation" - Fellowship Hall

May 2 (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)

May 3 (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

May 4 (Thursday)

6:00 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m.

Game Night - Fellowship Hall; Mary Belknap

May 5 (Friday)

6:30 a.m.

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

May 7 (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)