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*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 Song**

"I Am Free"

***Call to Praise**

Revelation 1:5

***Song of Praise**

"You Are My King"

"Amazing Love"

"No Longer Slaves"

***Prayer of Invocation**

Announcements

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

Prayer Requests & Testimonies

Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer

Call to Remember

Communion

Call to Give and Prayer

Offertory

Bible Text

John 8:31-36 (page 868)

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

"Freedom in Christ"

Invitation

***Closing Song**

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“Freedom in Christ”

John 8:31-36

WE ARE SLAVES OF OUR DISORDERED DESIRES

“everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” (John 8:34)

CHRIST’S LOVE FREES US TO LOVE

“Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:35-36)

FREEDOM IS EXPERIENCED PROGRESSIVELY THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

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:

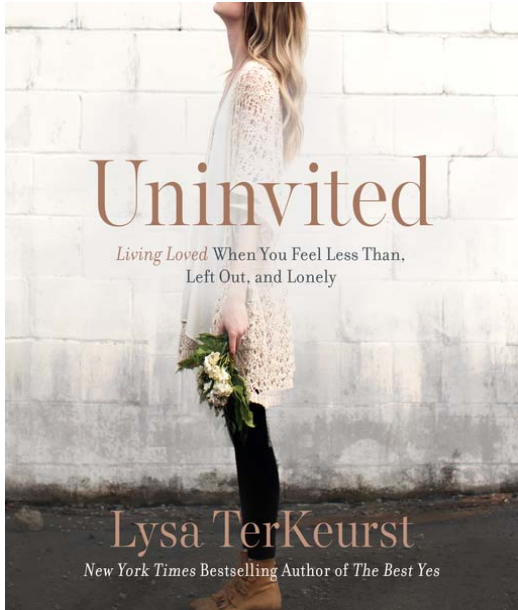
	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Praise Team Leader	Jean Nyberg	Jean Nyberg
Organist	Kay Heller	Bobbi Link
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Elder	Robert Davis	Robert Davis
Preacher	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller
Deacons	Tim Hager	Vernon Adams
	Brad Mason	Joey Behrends
	Howard Wehrman	Ed Allen
	Rod Pearson	

Announcements

SEPTEMBER 17 (today) — Young Adult Small Group (18 to 29ish) gathers every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. at 312 N. Mill Street. Open to men and women, this is an informal time of fellowship, discussion, and study. Contact Pastor Doug Betts (785-488-5047) if interested, or just come to check it out.



SEPTEMBER 19 — New small group for women at 12 noon every Tuesday (beginning September 19) in the Family Life Center South Classroom: DVD study on “Uninvited—Living loved when you feel less than, left out, and lonely.” God wants us to live loved when we feel left out, lonely, and less than. In this video Bible study, bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst digs deep into God’s Word to help women explore the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result; and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to live loved. Experience help and hope over your lunch hour each Tuesday! Companion books are available for participants, but not required to participate in this group. If interested, please contact Mary Lou Heller at kitsjamjarr@nckcn.com or 738-3352.



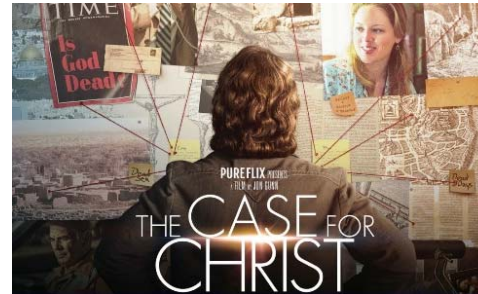
SEPTEMBER 23 — 100th Birthday Party! You are invited to a 100th birthday party to honor Hazel Peterson on September 23, 2017. Come and go as you can, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hilltop Lodge, 815 N Independence, Beloit, KS. No gifts please, but greeting cards and your personal visit will be greatly appreciated. This gathering is sponsored by Hazel’s family.

WiFi available here at BFCC — Connect your WiFi enabled device to “BFCC_guest” to access your favorite online Bible or other internet resources. No password is required.



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SEPTEMBER 24 — The Case for Christ DVD home small group will start from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the home of Dave and Linda Mealiff, 410 N Hersey Ave Beloit, KS. This small group will meet every other Sunday afternoon on the five dates of September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5 and November 19. All adults are welcome to participate in this dramatic true story of Lee Strobel’s personal journey from skepticism to belief. Lee and Leslie Strobel’s marriage struggled as her growing faith collided with Lee’s determined atheism. This moving story will inspire everyone who sees it: believers, those searching for answers and even those who are where Lee Strobel was. Free child care is available if we know ahead of time that it is needed. Call Dave Mealiff at 738-0039 to register.



SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1 — Meals on Wheels drivers needed! BFCC is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of September 25 - October 1. If you are available even one day, this is a great way to serve Jesus by serving others: *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”* (Matthew 25:40) A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center, or you may contact Karen Buser (7569-1212) with any questions.

SEPTEMBER 27 — CLASH begins for students in grades 1 - 6! CLASH (Children Loving And Serving Him) is our weekly program for elementary-age students. It meets on Wednesday evenings (beginning September 27) at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. With music, singing, teaching, and games, kids have a fantastic opportunity to experience Jesus Christ while connecting with friends. Contact Pastor Doug Betts with any questions at 785-488-5047.



OCTOBER 5 — Pies needed for the Blood Drive! Volunteers are needed to make and deliver pies to the NCK Technical College gym on Thursday, October 5 for the blood drive. Two volunteers are also needed to cut pies at 11:00 a.m. that day. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you can help.

Announcements

Our Nursery Ministry is looking for Adult Nursery Care leaders to serve any Sunday for our childcare ministry during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We believe offering childcare is a vitally important ministry that enables families with young children to fully participate in worship, and to remain connected to the Body of Christ. You are needed to help staff our Childcare Nursery with loving, adult supervision. We especially encourage



those who use Childcare to take an occasional turn working a Sunday. If everyone takes a turn, the burden is minimized greatly! If you would like more information on our Childcare Nursery and what is involved in serving, please contact our Childcare Coordinator, Charle Green at 534-9617 or charlegreen55@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Church Library: To make new books easier to find in the Church Library, they will be placed on the display in the bookcase on the east wall for a few weeks. Afterwards, they will be moved to their appropriate areas in the library. Feel free to check out these and any other resources!

Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are: cereal, canned fruit, green beans, peas, and corn. 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.



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.



Children and Youth Ministries



SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

FIX OUR EYES

HEBREWS 12:2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

FUSION

Jr High and High School Youth Group

THIS WEEK:

The Parable of The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

We cannot come to the end of this parable without feeling the full weight of Jesus' instruction to us. Now that we have received the compassion of God, shown to us most clearly in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are commissioned to love our neighbors by showing mercy to those in need. This is why Christians have always been, or should always be, on the front lines of mercy ministry. These activities are not just things we "check off" on our to-do list. Generosity toward the needy is not some-

WHAT'S COMING UP?!

WEDNESDAY SEPT 20TH

6:00 - 7:00 pm
CLASH VOLUNTEER Run Through

7:00 - 8:30 pm
FUSION (7th - 12th Ministry)

WEDNESDAY SEPT 27TH

7:30 am
See You At The Pole (BHS Flag Pole)

6:00 - 7:00 pm
CLASH (1st - 6th grade)

7:00 - 8:30
FUSION (7th - 12th Ministry)

Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP IN

Jesus Cleansed The Temple

Mathew 21:12-17 and Mark 11:15-19

Jesus drove out the people who were misusing the temple.

We should honor God and all His gifts to us.



Reading the Bible, Praying and Journaling

It can be challenging to develop good habits regarding our faith... how do we improve our time in the bible, and spend more quality time in prayer?

One of the best ways for us to grow and to help our children develop those same habits is to do these things together. I want to encourage you to set aside some time each day to spend with your children reading the bible, praying and journaling.

You don't have to do it all every day, but do something together each day.



**Volunteer Run
Through
Wednesday
September 20th**

Grades 1 - 6 Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm Starting September 27th!

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God for the many volunteers who help the Betts family unload their stuff on Monday.
- Praise God with Bobbi Link as she thanks all who prayed for her as she had surgery last week and now as she recovers at home.
- Praise God with the Brad Mason family for the 16th birthday of Bryce Mason on Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Pray for the people of Texas and Louisiana who have suffered the passing of family members, damage and destruction.
- Pray for the people in Florida, includes relatives of many Beloit church families, as a hurricane approaches. Pray for safety and provision for the relatives of Jackie Fobes, Melva McGuin, Renee Scoggan, Phyllis Kjellberg, Diane Kolman, and Judy Stroup.
- Pray with Bobbi Link for her neighbor, Pete Lorenz, as he is in the Salina Hospital with multiple health concerns.
- Pray for Lois Simoneau as she was in Mitchell County Hospital last week.
- Pray with Bob and Mary Belknap for their daughter, Luann, as she recovers at home.
- Pray for Jill Ehram for all that concerns her.
- Pray for Doug and Deana Betts' house in Bennington to sell soon.
- Pray with Tristen Long for rain for North Central Kansas
- Pray for traveling mercies for Cliff and Laura Heagy as they visit Cliff's relatives in Pennsylvania.
- Pray for the family of Gene Carlton as his funeral was Saturday, September 9, 2017.
- Pray for the family of Mary Lou Heller's sister in law, Judy Peterson, as her funeral will be September 12, 2017.

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:

- 9/17 Susan Grabon
- 9/19 Michelle Baxa
- 9/20 Alisyn Bowers, Lindy Lindblad, Ingrid McMillan
- 9/22 Ken Moeller
- 9/23 Hazel Peterson, Bev Williams
- 9/26 Bobbi Link
- 9/27 Sally Williams
- 9/28 Angie Ahlvers, Joe Simmons
- 9/29 Adam Stortz
- 9/30 Janet Johnson, Mike Stewart
- 10/2 Irene Fobes
- 10/3 Caylen Chancellor, Lennox Smith
- 10/4 Brody Batchman, Derek Fobes, Terry Jennings, Mary Maxwell
- 10/5 Greg Drum, Sharon Keister, Perry Williams, John Yeary
- 10/6 Tom Naasz

Anniversaries:

- 9/18 Clint & Jen Scheck
George & Judy Stroup
- 9/19 Robie & Linda Smith
- 9/20 Virgil & Nancy English
- 9/22 John & Beaver Yeary
- 10/2 Jason & Jama Budke
Kenny & Deanna Nelson
- 10/3 Jerry & Karen Buser
- 10/19 Alan & Julie Snyder
- 10/28 Wil & Sue Hoestje

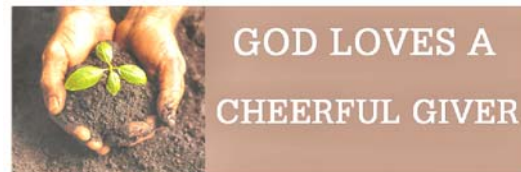
Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

- Mildred Bohnert
- Lela File
- Katherine Loofbourrow
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- Lois Simoneau
- Gerald Briney

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland

The Latest Financial Report:



August Giving: \$ 26,286.67
 August Expenses: \$ 30,446.54
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 242,746.13
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 237,698.91

Calendar

September 17 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (childcare available)
- 9:30 a.m. *Small groups:* Sunday morning small groups for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group:* Young Adults (18 to 29ish) small group - 312 N. Mill Street; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
- 7:30 p.m. Board meeting with Elders - Fellowship Hall

September 19 (Tuesday)

- 9:00 a.m. *Small group ("Metallic" over 50):* "Ephesians" - Church Library; Dave Mealiff (738-0039)
- 12 noon *Small group:* "Uninvited" - Family Life Center South Classroom; Mary Lou Heller (738-3352)

September 20 (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:* "The Minor Prophets" - Church Library; Keith Williams (738-2936)
- 6:00 p.m. CLASH volunteer leaders' meeting - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Fusion (Jr. and Sr. High Students) - Upper Level Youth Room; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)

September 21 (Thursday)

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

September 22 (Friday)

- 6:30 a.m. *Small group (men):* "Every Man a Warrior" - Church Library; Bill Angell (785-412-0328)

September 24 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (childcare available)
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