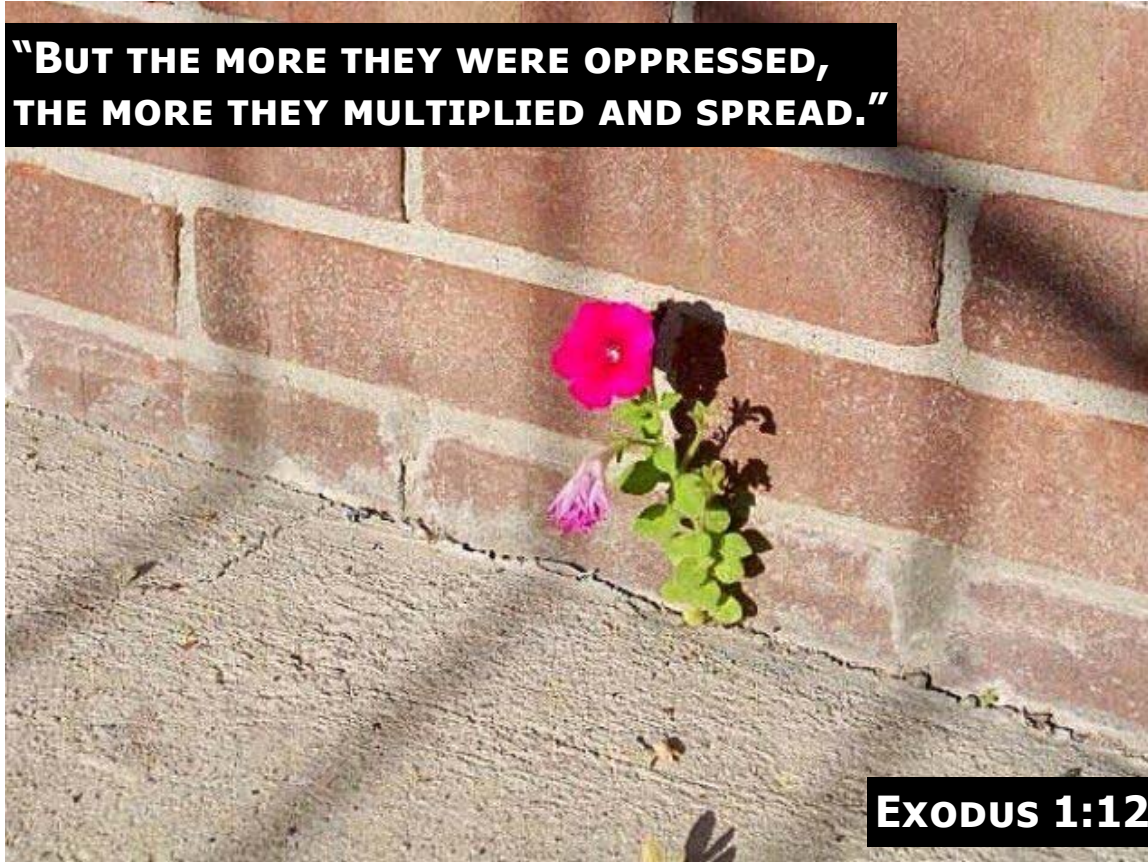




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January 7, 2018



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 Sing the Mighty Power of God" (hymn #128)
***Call to Praise** 1 Chronicles 29:11, 13
***Songs of Praise** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (hymn #139)
"O, How I Love Jesus" (hymn #92)
"The Power of Your Love"

*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.

Announcements

Call to Prayer Psalm 84:10-11
Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory

Bible Text Exodus 1:1-22 (page 44)
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 "Why is There Good in the World?"

Invitation
***Closing Song** "Great and Mighty is He"

**Please stand, if you are able*

*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.*

Message Notes

“Why is There Good in the World?”

Exodus 1:1-22

GOD PROVIDES SUSTAINING GOODNESS WITHIN THE SUFFERING

“But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread.”

(Exodus 1:12)

GOD BRINGS GOODNESS THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

“The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do... So God was kind to the midwives...And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.” (Exodus 1:17, 20-21)

GOD BEGINS OUR FREEDOM WHEN SIN IS EXPOSED

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile.” (Exodus 1:22)

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	Bobbi Link	Bobbi Link
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Elder	Carl Fugate	Carl Fugate
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller
Deacons	Howard Wehrman	Ed Allen
	Loren Heller	Vernon Adams
	Rod Pearson	Joey Behrends
	Derek Fobes	

Announcements

JANUARY 7 (today) — New Sunday morning group: “Discover BFCC.” Beginning January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center South Classroom a new group begins that will explore the beliefs and distinctives of Beloit First Christian Church, and enable participants to connect with others as they share their own personal stories. This group is open to all adults. If you are considering membership, we especially encourage you to participate.



JANUARY 7 (today) — There will be a Mission Committee meeting today at 12 noon in the church library.

JANUARY 8 — “Questions and Conversation” moved to the second Monday of the month just for January. Normally, this informal time of open discussion led by Pastor Cliff takes place in Fellowship Hall on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Because New Year’s Day is the first Monday in January this year, Questions and Conversation has been moved to Monday, January 8 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!



JANUARY 14 — Deacons’ meeting in the church library at 7:00 p.m. All the Deacons are encouraged to come to this important time where we’ll introduce new Deacons, go over serving procedures, and discuss why this role is defined in the Bible as a critical part of the church’s health and growth. All the nominated deacons for 2018 were approved at the December 3 congregational meeting, so we are hoping you can all come together and begin the year with energy and direction.

Announcements

JANUARY 14 — Are you concerned about your children and pornography? You are invited to an evening with Ryan Foley, the Vice-President of the internet filtering software company, Covenant Eyes. He will be speaking on “Internet Pornography: Equipping Parents for an Ongoing Conversation,” on Sunday, January 14, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. John’s High School gymnasium, 209 Cherry Street in Beloit. Included in his talk will be the effects and impact of pornography, including the physical and spiritual harms, as well as tools and techniques to implement in the life of your family to make it a safe haven for all. For more information, contact the St. John’s Parish at 738-2851.



JANUARY 18 — January 18 by 12 noon is the deadline for all ministry chairperson’s to submit a brief report for the annual congregational reports. Please email your report to cheagy@beloitfcc.org, or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

JANUARY 21 — Pot-blessing Meal for everyone and Annual Vision Sharing meeting (with childcare) beginning at 12 noon. Come and bring a dish to share that will supplement pulled pork being provided for a fellowship meal at 12 noon, followed by a time of vision-sharing by Pastor Cliff, along with distribution of the annual reports. This is a time for us to see how we are “on mission” as a church, and how the Holy Spirit is leading us into the new year. Childcare will be available for the vision-sharing time.



JANUARY 21 — The next monthly Church Board meeting with Elders will take place Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ministry Chairpersons should submit any written reports they have by noon on Thursday, January 18 by email to cheagy@beloitfcc.org. The meeting agenda and reports will be available January 21 at the Welcome Center.

Announcements

FEBRUARY 23-24 — Women’s World Conference sponsored by Manhattan Christian



College: Woman’s World is a non-denominational overnight event that helps women understand their significance in God’s eyes. The conference takes place at the

Kansas State University Student Union beginning at 3:00 p.m. on February 23 and ends at 4:00 p.m. on February 24. This year’s theme of “In the Eye of the Storm” will be a celebration of how God walks with us every day in both good times and hard times and how He desires to bless us more than we can imagine. The dynamic keynote speaker will be author and speaker, Robyn Dykstra. Practical seminars, buffet meals, times of worship, and lots of other surprises are included in the program. It will be a fun and inspirational break from the winter months for all ages. Registration is \$80.00 before January 31st, after it will be \$85.00. Information available in the Welcome Center. You can register online at: <http://mccks.edu/about-mcc/events/womans-world>.

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.

Children and Youth Ministries

FUSION

Jr High and High School Youth Group

Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30!



WHY?

This week we are looking a very common question from young people today about God. **“What if there is no God?”** I just had a student tell me they didn’t want to invest time, energy and effort into something that wasn’t true... It reminds me of the man who said “Lord I believe, help my unbelief!”

We’ll discuss, the “what if’s” this Wednesday as we seek to know and grow closer to Jesus!



Clash will be starting back up on January 31st!

We are still in need of volunteers to serve in various capacities!

We are looking at feeding CLASH students for this 8 week session!

I encourage you, your family, small group, ministry team etc. to pray about where you may be able to serve our students. For more information talk to Pastor Doug!



Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP AT

Kid's Church takes place each Sunday during the 10:30 worship service. All students in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to join us upstairs in the youth room as we learn more about God's word and His plan for us!



Ile Hillman/Cheryl Christians
Scholarship Applications are now available!
Talk to Pastor Doug or stop by the Welcome Center!

Welcome Center - Welcome Team!

The Jr High and High School Sunday Morning Small groups are forming teams to greet and welcome folks on Sunday morning! The students are excited about the opportunity we have to share Jesus with others and want to make sure everyone feels welcome! If you see a student with a Red, Black or Blue lanyard and name tag, they are here to welcome and help you... so don't hesitate to ask!



Christ In Youth
MOVE
July 16 - 20
Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Aaron Adams that his family is here visiting.
- Praise God with Drew Grabon thanking God for 2017 and looking forward to 2018.
- Pray with Jodi File for Rod Pearson as he is in Mitchell County Hospital to be treated for pneumonia.
- Pray for Rob Heller as he is in Salina Regional Health Center being treated for multiple health concerns.
- Pray with Leann Wehrman for her cousin baby Harper as she will have cancer surgery soon.
- Pray with Karrie Wiles for Scott as he will have surgery soon.
- Pray with Aaron Adams for Kenny Adams as he is near the end of his life. (We learned later that Kenneth Adams passed away January 1, 2018.)
- Pray with Ken Moeller for the family of Krystal Link 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:

- 1/8 Rex Keister
- 1/9 Weston Roush
- 1/11 Greg Geyer
- 1/13 Larry Girard, Gabe Rice
- 1/14 Lori Deneke, Ellen Meyer
- 1/15 Emilie Sadler
- 1/16 Reid Behrends
- 1/18 Shirley Conley
- 1/21 Leni Smith
- 1/22 LaDonna Snyder
- 1/23 Charle Green
- 1/24 Brady Luke, Dan Staley
- 1/26 Darrell Conley, Wil Hoestje, Daniel Mealiff
- 1/29 Gary Pingel
- 1/30 Venette Davis
- 1/31 Keith Williams
- 2/2 Ryan Batchman, Joey Behrends
- 2/3 Laura Heagy, John Redmon
- 2/4 Janet Allen, Natessa Mudd
- 2/5 Bob Belknap, Jim Gates
- 2/7 Brooke Davis, Tristen Long
- 2/8 Brooke Vetter
- 2/9 Don Robinett

Anniversaries:

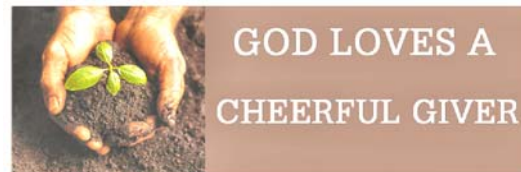
- 1/8 Bill & Jodi File
- 2/1 Cliff & Laura Heagy
- 2/8 Greg & Debbie Geyer
- Jerry & Betty Hale
- 2/9 Randy & Linda Doggett

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

- Mildred Bohnert
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- Lois Simoneau
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



The Latest Financial Report:

November Giving: \$ 24,340.38
 November Expenses: \$ 39,745.96
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 322,473.20
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 340,737.67

Calendar

January 7 (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)
- 12 noon Mission Committee meeting - Church Library
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group:* Young Adults (18 to 29ish) small group - 312 N. Mill Street; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)

January 8 (Monday)

- 7:00 p.m. "Questions and Conversation" - Fellowship Hall

January 10 (Wednesday)

- 5:30 a.m. *Small group:* STRONG exercise group - Family Life Center Gym; Gabbie Smith (785-534-9360)
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Fusion (Jr. and Sr. High Students) - Upper Level Youth Room; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)

January 11 (Thursday)

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

January 12 (Friday)

- 5:30 a.m. *Small group:* STRONG exercise group - Family Life Center Gym; Gabbie Smith (785-534-9360)

January 14 (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)
- 6:30 p.m. "Protecting Your Family from Pornography" - St. John's School Gym
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group:* Young Adults (18 to 29ish) small group - 312 N. Mill Street; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting - Church Library