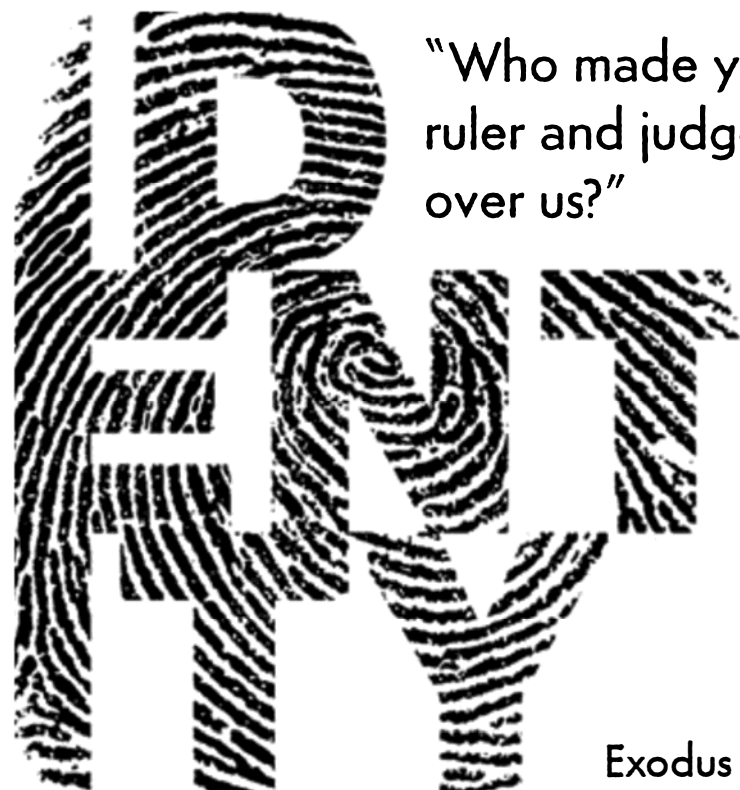




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January 14, 2018



"Who made you
ruler and judge
over us?"

Exodus 2:14

*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** Psalm 98:4-9
***Songs of Praise** "Shout to the North"
"Shout to the Lord" (hymn #92)

*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 66:18-20
Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory "In You"

Bible Text Exodus 2:1-22 (page 45)
*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 Struggle for Identity"

Invitation
***Closing Song** "Grace Alone"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“The Struggle for Identity”

Exodus 2:1-22

SIN DISTORTS GOOD DESIRES WHEN WE TRY TO MAKE OUR OWN IDENTITY

“*[Moses] saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people... he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, ‘Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?’*” (Exodus 2:11-13)

- also read Acts 7:22-26; Hebrews 11:23-27

TRUE IDENTITY IS GIVEN BY GOD

“*Who made you ruler and judge over us?*” (Exodus 2:14)

HUMILITY IS THE BEGINNING OF IDENTITY WITH FREEDOM

“*Some shepherds came along and drove [the seven daughters] away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.*” (Exodus 2:17)

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

Announcements

Prayer Leader

Elder

Preacher

Projection Operator

Sound Technician

Deacons

8:00 a.m.

Angie Ahlvers

Kay Heller

Doug Betts

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Blake Miller

Loren Heller

Jared Schmidt

Brady Luke

Drew Grabon

10:30 a.m.

Angie Ahlvers

Bobbi Link

Doug Betts

Dave Mealiff

Carl Fugate

Cliff Heagy

Doug Johnson

Blake Miller

Joey Behrends

Adrian Meyer

Max Wehrman

Scott Ahlvers

Announcements

JANUARY 14 (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 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.

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!

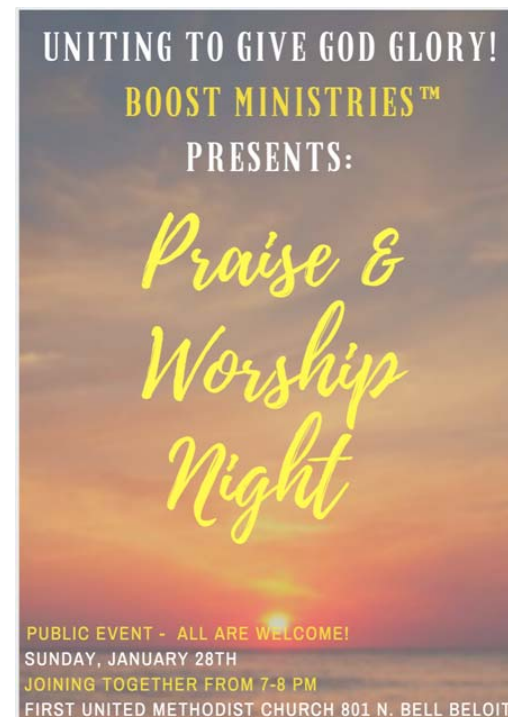
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JANUARY 21 — Pot-blessing Meal for everyone and Annual Vision Sharing meeting (with childcare) beginning at 12 noon. Come and bring a dish to share that will supplement pulled pork being provided for a fellowship meal at 12 noon, followed by a time 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.

JANUARY 28 — Praise and Worship night (7-8 pm) at First United Methodist Church, open to all (men and women) from any church:



Boost Ministries is a God-breathed Christian outreach here in Beloit that has a deep desire to help people grow closer to God through building relationships, demonstrating love, and actively praying for one another. Boost seeks to inspire, encourage, support, and uplift resulting in growth, connection, and renewal. Boost has regular women’s groups that meet in the Guaranty State Bank Community room downstairs every Wednesday (6:30-7:00 am) and/or the first Sunday evening of each month (6:30-7:30 pm). This praise night is for everyone, as we unite to give God glory! For more information about Boost, contact Kristi Arasmith at boost@boostministries or 785-251-3135.

Announcements

JANUARY 31 — CLASH (Children Loving And Serving Him) for Grades 1-6 Begins!



CLASH is a fun and energetic place for all students in 1st through 6th grade, where they learn about God, how we can grow closer to Him, and ways we can serve and give glory to Him. The CLASH spring session begins on Wednesday, January 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, and every Wednesday through March 28. A free meal will be provided at 5:30, and if you'd like to help with the meals, please contact pastor Doug Betts (785-488-5047 or

dbetts@beloitfcc.org). Please register your child by completing a form located at the Welcome Center.

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://mccs.edu/about-mcc/events/womans-world>.

Announcements

FEBRUARY 23-25 or MARCH 9-11 — Invest in your marriage with "Weekend to Remember" Marriage Conference:



This two-and-a-half day getaway weekend (same conference with two different weekend options) is a time for couples to invest in and strengthen the foundation of your marriage, no

matter how firm or fragile it is. By getting away from the distractions of life, you can fortify your most important relationship and work toward building wonderful memories together, for decades to come. Weekend to Remember is not a large group counseling session or small group discussion. You won't be asked to share intimate details of your relationship with anyone. You will listen to engaging talks from marriage experts, then take private time alone with your spouse to work on the concepts you studied. When you leave, you will have an assortment of powerful, Christ-centered communication tools to use for years to come. BFCC is committed to helping marriages grow God's way, and is offering full scholarships for either weekend. Talk with any pastor if you are interested.

The Meals Ministry is looking for additional volunteers:



The Meals Ministry provides meals for people just home from a recent hospital stay or other challenging times in their lives. Coordinator Tracy Anderes calls and organizes individual volunteers from a call list who might be willing to make and deliver a meal from time to time. Those on the call list are not required to provide a meal every time they are called by the coordinator—only when they are able. However be encouraged

that every time you express love in this way you are making an eternal impact for the Kingdom of God. It really matters that much to those who receive help in such a practical way! If you would like to be on this call list, please contact Tracy Anderes (785-410-4938 or tracyanderes@yahoo.com) or Pastor Cliff (cheagy@beloitfcc.org). Join with us in serving others!

Announcements

Thank you, BFCC!



I would like to thank the church family for the prayers, flowers, providing transportation, food, the many cards of encouragement, accompanying me during the year of cancer treatments, and any other act of kindness. I had the privilege to experience a broken hip less than a year following chemotherapy. The support of my ladies Sunday School class was tremendous. Praise God, it's been 10 years. God is good! — Phyllis Behrends

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.

Opportunity to Serve: Nursery Childcare Coordinator. BFCC offers childcare at both



NURSERY CARE

our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, and this is accomplished through committed volunteers from the congregation who sign-up to do childcare on particular Sundays throughout

the year. Because we have a variety of leaders who do this, we have a need for one person to serve as a Nursery Care Coordinator. Charle Green has served so well in this role for the last several years, but is now transitioning to other opportunities. The Nursery Childcare Coordinator oversees the needs of the nursery, makes requests for equipment/toys, checks in with our volunteer leaders to assess how things are going, and implements any changes that will enable us to minister to families and their children like Jesus would have us. If you are interested in learning more about using your gifts and talents in this way for God's Kingdom, please contact Pastor Cliff at cheagy@beloitfcc.org, or 534-0770. Thank you!

Welcome New Members Nathan and Tracy Anderes!

Nathan and Tracy Anderes recently joined BFCC in membership on December 3, 2017. Membership is an outward sign of the Holy Spirit's work to connect people in the Body of Christ, and so we give God thanks for bringing Nathan, Tracy, and their daughter Raylynn to us. We asked Nathan and Tracy to answer a few questions so you can get to know them better.



What people or circumstances were helpful in leading you to know Jesus Christ and accept his as your Savior and Lord?

Nathan: When I was in Junior High a new preacher came to town and started a youth group. That was the most helpful for getting me to know the Lord.

Tracy: Growing up my mom made sure that we were in church every Sunday. Nathan has been very helpful over the last 12 years encouraging me in my walk.

Where have you lived over the course of your life, and how did you come to live in North Central Kansas?

Nathan: I grew up in Gypsum, KS moved to Mankato for a job, got married and moved to Glen Eder.

Tracy: I grew up in Cottonwood Falls, KS. After high school I moved to Manhattan, KS where I lived for 5 years before marrying Nathan and moving out here to "God's Country" (I was sure He was the only one who lived out here in North Central Kansas. Wide open spaces, flat fields and no one for miles!)

Welcome New Members Nathan and Tracy Anderes!

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What initially attracted you to BFCC, and what encouraged you to continue a connection with us?

Nathan: My wife wanted come here, so here we are.

Tracy: My friend Mary Fugate was kind enough to tell me about her awesome church, our first visit was in June 2011 (I think), and 6 years later we are still here!

Tell us about your work, talents, and interests:

Nathan: I drive a truck and custom harvest.

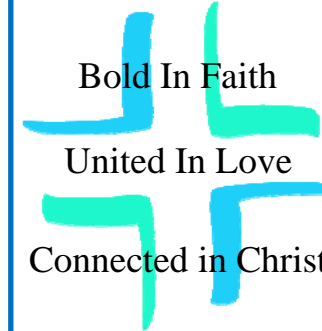
Tracy: I joke that I am a jack of all trades and a master of none. I am a stay a home mom, EMT for Mitchell County EMS, City Council Member for Glen Elder, Firefighter for City of Glen Elder, Secretary for Nathan, and help with the custom harvesting during summer.

Name a few favorite books, movies, or experiences:

Nathan: I like to read books that explain the bible.

Tracy: I am not to much of a reader, I do like a good comedy or action movie.

Children and Youth Ministries



Bold In Faith

United In Love

Connected in Christ

FUSION

Jr High and High School Youth Group

Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30!

Walk of Faith?

This week we are discussing what it looks like to walk our faith. All of us stand somewhere in relation to Jesus Christ. We maybe running hard right after Him, running hard away from Him or we're somewhere in between. The first step is to find out where we are on this walk, the next step is to take a step closer to Jesus... followed by another and another. We know there will be difficult roads ahead, but we all want to be on the path to Jesus... We'll discuss where we are on this narrow road and how we get to where we want to go!



Clash will be starting back up on January 31st!

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

We will be 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 Ellen Meyer for the wedding of Meghan Meyer and John Forrest on January 5, 2018, in Colorado.
- Praise God with Kay Prather for the wedding of a daughter, the 10th birthday of a granddaughter and the new birth of a granddaughter!
- Praise God with Dave Blackmore for answering the prayers of our church pastors and for blessing Dave's life recently
- Praise God for the new Sunday small group on "Discover BFCC".
- Pray for Dan Reling as he recovers following foot and ankle surgery in Wichita.
- Pray for Rod Pearson as he was in Mitchell County Hospital to be treated for pneumonia last week.
- Pray for Rob Heller as he was in Salina Regional Health Center for surgery and being treated for multiple health concerns.
- Pray with Leann Wehrman for her cousin baby Harper as she will have cancer surgery soon.
- Pray for Don Hollway, Jeanne Boland's nephew, who is in need of prayer as he is the Stormont Vail Hospital.
- Pray for Lisa Novak's cousin, Brecken, as he recovers from brain surgery in Colorado.
- Pray for Paul Whipple for his ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Zeb Larson as he battles cancer and as he will have brain surgery to remove a tumor on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
- Pray with George Stroup for Eric Kadel as he will have surgery in January 12, 2018.
- Pray with Judy Stroup for Gail Neilson as he struggles with liver problems in Arizona.
- Pray for the family of Krystal Link as her funeral was January 3, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Jason Rabe's Grandmother as her funeral was last week.
- Pray for the family of Donald Clark, Tom Maxwell's cousin as his funeral was January 5, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Terry Nyberg's Mom, Esther Nyberg, as her funeral was January 5, 2018.
- Pray for Kenny Adams family as his funeral was January 6, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Carol Trickett, Rebecca Jones' Mom, 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:

- 1/14 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
- 2/11 Beth Harrison
- 2/14 Aurora Symphony
- 2/15 Greg Kopsa

Anniversaries:

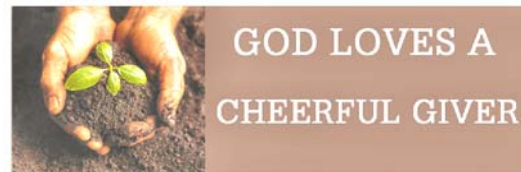
- 2/1 Cliff & Laura Heagy
- 2/8 Greg & Debbie Geyer
Jerry & Betty Hale
- 2/9 Randy & Linda Doggett
- 2/14 Bill & Sherry Angell
Dave & Brenda Crawford

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 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)
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group:* Young Adults (18 to 29ish) small group - 312 N. Mill Street; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)

January 17 (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 18 (Thursday)

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

January 19 (Friday)

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

January 21 (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 Pot-blessing meal open to everyone; Annual Vision meeting for everyone follows the meal (childcare available) - Family Life Center Gym
- 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