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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 "Firm Foundation"
- *Call to Praise Psalm 113:1-4
- *Songs of Praise "The Lord Reigns"
"Holy is the Lord"
"He is Able"

- *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 Isaiah 40:29-31
- Prayer Requests & Testimonies
- Prayer

- Communion Instructions and Prayer
- Call to Remember
- Communion

- Call to Give and Prayer
- Offertory

- Bible Text Exodus 5:1-23 (page 47)
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 "First Steps to Freedom"

- Invitation
- *Closing Song "Step by Step"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“First Steps to Freedom”

Exodus 5:1-23

OBEDIENCE IS CHALLENGED

“Who is the Lord, that I should obey him...?” (Exodus 5:2)

FELLOWSHIP IS CHALLENGED

When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, and they said, “May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.” (Exodus 5:20-21)

PRAYER IS CHALLENGED

“Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.” (Exodus 5:22-23)

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	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Jacob Scoggan	Jacob Scoggan
Sound Technician	Drew Grabon	Drew Grabon
Deacons	Lindy Lindblad	Scott Ahlvers
	Brian Gates	Shelby Gantz
	Tim Hager	Carl Prather
	Brad Mason	Max Wehrman

Announcements

FEBRUARY 18 (today) — A new, young adult (18 to 29ish) Sunday Morning small group has begun! Open to all young men and women, this group meets from 9:30—10:15 a.m. in the East Classroom of the Lower Level of the Education wing. Small groups are a great way to grow in your faith as you develop friendships and bonds in the Body of Christ.



FEBRUARY 19-25 — Meals on Wheels drivers needed! BFCC is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of February 19-25. 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.



FEBRUARY 21 — A new, women’s small group will be starting a study on the book, “Twelve Ordinary Men” by John McArthur (12 lessons). The group will meet at the Mill Street Mission House (312 N. Mill Street) on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. The books are free and workbooks can be ordered for \$15.00. “Who were these men? They weren’t saints. They weren’t scholars. They weren’t even religious sages. What is most amazing about the disciples is that Jesus ever selected them at all.” Call Chris Miller at 785-738-7965 for more information or to register.



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 3:00 p.m. on February 23 and ending at 4:00 p.m. on February 24. 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 \$85.00. Information available in the Welcome Center. You can register online at: <http://mccks.edu/about-mcc/events/womans-world>



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

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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. BFCC is offering full scholarships for either weekend. Talk with any pastor if you are interested.

MARCH 5 — “Questions and Conversation” This informal time of open discussion is led by Pastor Cliff and now takes place in the Church Library 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 become the topic of conversation in a safe, accepting atmosphere. This group is open to everyone. Bring your questioning co-worker or friend!



Looking for a way to serve with a handshake and a smile? Be a greeter! We are looking for volunteers who are willing to hand out bulletins and greet folks as they come to worship with us on Sundays. You can serve at the worship service you would normally attend (8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.) by coming early enough to greet people as they first arrive. Love and genuine friendliness are essential for this ministry, as we help people know they are noticed, and that they matter to God and to us. If interested, please talk with any pastor.



Announcements

Opportunity to Serve: Nursery Childcare Coordinator. BFCC offers childcare at both our 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services with committed people from the congregation who volunteer on different Sundays throughout the year. We still 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 does not need to be in the nursery every Sunday, but oversees volunteers, makes requests for equipment/toys, checks and generally assesses how things are going. Contact Pastor Cliff at cheagy@beloitfcc.org, or 534-0770 if you are interested in more information.



Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are: muffin mix, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, dry pasta, and cereal. 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)



Thank you, BFCC!



“Dear BFCC Church Family: Thank you very much for the sympathy card you sent. How thoughtful and caring of you! I’m looking forward to remembering his life and being with my siblings on February 17. In His grip, Dan Nagel”

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.



Children and Youth Ministries



FUSION
Jr High and High School Youth Group
 Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30!



Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00
This week: God is Eternal!
 Volunteers needed!
 Meal at 5:30, CLASH at 6:00

Everything we see and everyone we know came from somewhere, but where did God come from? God is eternal, with no beginning and no end.

Dig Into the Bible

Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 48:12-13; Psalms 90:1-2; 102:24-28; John 1:1-4; Revelation 22:13

Talk About It

Have you ever heard of an eternal flame? With your child, type “eternal flame” into an Internet search engine, and see what pops up. Eternal flames are most often used to honor deceased people who’ve made significant contributions to society. Unlike human lives that have a beginning and an end on this earth, God always has been and always will be around.

Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP AT

Paul's First Journey (Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28)

Parent Conversation Starters:

How do people hear about Jesus?

What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

What does this story teach me about me?



Ile Hillman/Cheryl Christians

Scholarship Applications are now available!

Talk to Pastor Doug or stop by the Welcome Center!



Christ In Youth

MOVE

July 16 - 20

Siloam Springs, Arkansas

Last year 7 students were baptized at CIY Move. This conference provides a great blend of big group messages and worship along with the opportunity to connect and grow in small group settings. It gives students a chance to get away from some of their routines and everyday challenges to their walk and allows them to focus on God, growing closer to Him and to each other. Students will be challenged to come back home refreshed and renewed with a continued focus on God. CIY costs \$314 per student including meals and lodging for 5 days. Students are required to complete an application and pay a \$25 deposit in order to attend. The student's cost to attend is \$175 (the remaining balance is paid through scholarships and fundraising), however we know there are many students who would like to attend, and would benefit from the conference but simply can't afford it. If you would like to help sponsor a student for CIY Move please visit with Pastor Doug or one of the Fusion adult leaders.

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Carl and Mary Fugate for the birth of granddaughter, Sloane Parker Fugate, born February 8, 2018, to Joe and Samantha Fugate.
- Praise God with Norm and Lyla Newell for the birth of a new great granddaughter!
- Praise God for the Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids programs.
- Praise God for the Weekend to Remember events coming soon in Kansas City.
- Praise God for the Women's World event February 23-24, 2018, in Manhattan.
- Praise God for the young adult Sunday small group that started February 11!
- Praises God for the new Metallic study small group starting Tuesday, February 13, 2018, taught by Terry Shamburg.
- Praise God for the new Women's small group on Twelve Ordinary Men starting February 21, 2018, facilitated by Chris Miller.
- Praise God with Kenny Nelson, for the support he has received following surgery.
- Praise God with George Stroup for people who cleared snow in front of his house.
- Pray with Jan Stouffer for her daughter and son in law Lisa and Paul Rutherford for traveling mercy and good weather as they move from California to North Carolina.
- Pray with Renee Mason for FCA as they encourage students in their Christian faith.
- Pray for Beth Harrison as she is at home with health concerns for her knees.
- Pray with Jodi File for her sister, Cheryl, as she recovers following surgery.
- Pray for Ileen Bean as she recovers in swing bed at the Concordia hospital.
- Pray with Phyllis Behrends for multiple extended family recent concerns.
- Pray with Michelle Drum for her daughter, Jessica, as she travels from India to California.
- Pray for Diane Kolman for tests she will have in the future.
- Pray for Dan Reling as he recovers at home in Beloit.
- Pray for Rob Heller as he adjusts to receiving dialysis three times a week.
- Pray for those battling cancers including Zeb Larson, little Harper, Julie Overmiller and others.
- Pray for the family of Mallory Wittstruck's Mom, Holly, as her funeral was February 10.
- Pray for the family of Terry Behrends, Stanley Behrends' brother, as his funeral will be Monday, February 12.
- Pray for the family of Paul Whipple as his memorial celebration of life will be February 17.
- Pray for the family of Norbert Deneke, Joe Deneke's Uncle, as his funeral will be February 13, 2018.

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:

- 2/20 Hudson Smith
- 2/23 Wauneta Robinson
- 2/24 Julie Gates
- 3/3 Gwen Batchman
- 3/6 Coulter Stewart
- 3/7 Brock Baxa, Gabbie Smith
- 3/9 Megan Helmbrecht, Renee Naasz
- 3/14 Ileen Bean, Nancy English
- 3/17 Courtney Batchman, Curt Christians
- 3/18 Beaver Yeary
- 3/19 Barry Munsey
- 3/20 Barb Grove
- 3/21 Jaytyn Mudd
- 3/23 Nathan Anderes
- 3/24 Lori Lindblad, Lois Simoneau
- 3/27 Vicki Fincham
- 3/29 Joe Prather, Phil Vetter
- 3/30 Isaac Wiles
- 3/31 Charlie Lawrence

Anniversaries:

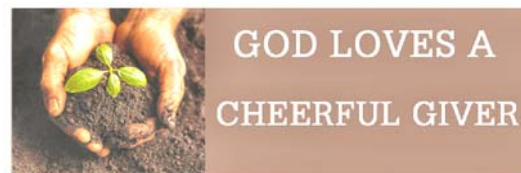
- 2/24 Lindy & Lori Lindblad
- 2/25 Jason & Haley Nelson
- 2/28 JR & Kay Simmons
- 3/3 Blaine & Angela Engelbert
- 3/11 Carl & Kay Prather
- 3/19 Adrian & Ellen Meyer
- 3/20 Joey & Stacy Behrends
- 3/26 Doug & Janet Johnson

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

- 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:

January Giving: \$ 25,477.41
 January Expenses: \$ 31,928.91
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 25,477.41
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 31,928.91

Calendar

February 18 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service (childcare available)
- 9:30 a.m. *Small groups (all ages):* Sunday morning small groups
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)
- 7:30 p.m. Church board meeting with elders - Fellowship Hall

February 19 (Monday) - Church Office Closed (President's Day)

- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare - Family Life Center South Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare for Kids - Family Life Center North Classroom

February 20 (Tuesday)

- 9:00 a.m. *Small group (over 50):* "Metallic Bible Study" - Church Library; Terry Shamburg (785-738-7492)

February 21 (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 (785-738-2573)
- 5:30 p.m. CLASH (elementary students) - Church Sanctuary; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
- 6:00 p.m. *Small group:* "The Minor Prophets" - Church Library; Keith Williams (785-738-2936)
- 7:00 p.m. Fusion (Jr. and Sr. High Students) - Upper Level Youth Room; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
- 7:00 p.m. *Small group (women):* "12 Ordinary Men" - Mill Street Mission House (312 N. Mill Street); Chris Miller (785-738-7965)

February 22 (Thursday)

- 6:00 a.m. *Small group (women):* "Lead Like Jesus" - Church Library; Jeanette Luke (785-738-2135)
- 7:00 p.m. Game Nite - Fellowship Hall; Mary Belknap (785-534-2436)

February 23 (Friday)

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

February 24 (Sunday)

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