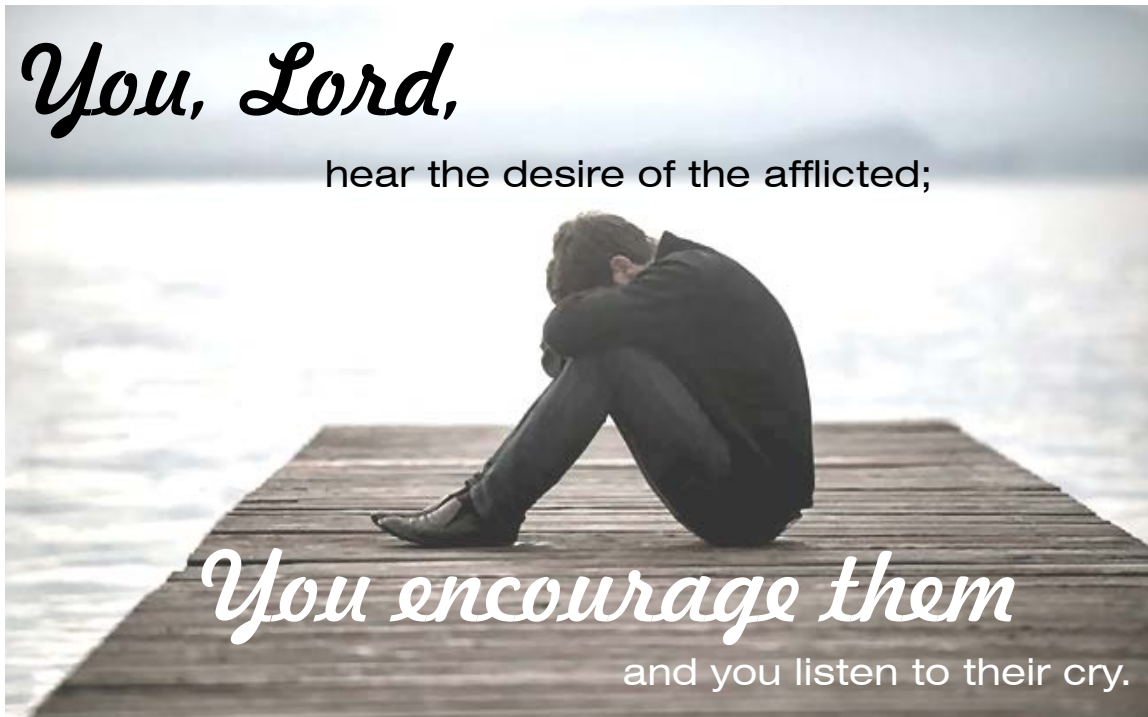




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February 25, 2018



Psalm 10:17

*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 Will Follow"
***Call to Praise** from Isaiah 35
***Songs of Praise** "Desert Song"
"Over and Over Again"

***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 Philippians 4:6-7
Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember "The Old Rugged Cross"
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You"

Bible Text Exodus 6:1-12 (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 "Discouraged Faith"

Invitation
***Closing Song** "It Is Well"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“Discouraged Faith”

Exodus 6:1-12

DISCOURAGEMENT POISONS OUR FUTURE WITH THE PAST

Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor...Moses said to the LORD, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?” (Exodus 6:9, 12)

GOD REVEALS OUR LIMITS SO WE CAN BOAST IN HIS POWER

“Now you will see what I will do...” (Exodus 6:1)

- also read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

GOD PROMISES FREEDOM FROM OUR PAST

“I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.” (Exodus 6:6)

GOD PROMISES HIS FAITHFUL, LOVING PRESENCE

“I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.” (Exodus 6:7)

GOD PROMISES PROVISION FOR OUR FUTURE

“And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.” (Exodus 6:8)

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:

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Praise Team Leader	Tristen Long	Tristen Long
Organist	Kay Heller	Bobbi Link
Announcements	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Elder	Kris Kimple	Kris Kimple
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 25 (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.



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-got questions? 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!

MARCH 9-11 — Invest in your marriage with “Weekend to Remember” Marriage



Conference: This two-and-a-half day getaway weekend 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 18 — The next monthly Church Board meeting with Elders will take place Sunday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. (please note this new time!) in Fellowship Hall. Ministry Chairpersons should submit any written reports they have by noon on Thursday, March 15 by email to cheagy@beloitfcc.org. The meeting agenda and reports will be available March 18 at the Welcome Center.

Announcements

MARCH 29 — Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. (childcare available). In preparation for a great celebration of our Lord's resurrection, come and join us for a unique service of remembrance, repentance, and renewal where we focus on Jesus' suffering and death on our behalf. Childcare is available for this worship service.



APRIL 1 — Easter Sunday worship services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (childcare available at both services). Christ is risen! Invite family and friends and join us in celebrating Jesus' amazing victory over death and the grave, proving himself to be the Savior and Lord over all. In addition to our two worship services, there is also Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.



APRIL 15 — BOOST Praise and Worship night (6:30 - 7:30 pm) right here at First Christian 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 open to everyone, as we unite to give God glory! For more information about Boost, contact Kristi Arasmith at boost@boostministries or 785-251-3135.



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.



Announcements

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, talk with any pastor.

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](https://www.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!

“What in your life needs to DIE, so that you can truly LIVE for Christ?”



Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00

**This week:
God is Holy!**

Dig Into the Bible

Luke 1:26-38; Jeremiah 32:17, 26-27; Leviticus 19:2; Numbers 23:18-19

Talk About It

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? The ability to be invisible when you want to be? The ability to fly? The ability to run faster than anyone?

Even superheroes, it seems, find there's something they can't do. And God is the same way. He is unable to lie or be evil, and that will never change. God is unable to be unholy!

What difference does it make in your life to know that God is holy? If God could or would sin, would your trust in him be the same? Talk with your child about how it feels to know that God won't ever sin, no matter what.

Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP AT

Christ Alone (Acts 15:1-35)

Parent Conversation Starters:

How do people hear about Jesus?

How were the Jews making salvation too complicated?

What do we need in order to be saved?



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 Kenny Nelson that his mother in law was unhurt in a car accident.
- Praise God with Phyllis Kjellberg as she appreciates her daughter and son in law providing transportation for her eye health care.
- Praise God with Charle Green that her brother Kip improved to no longer need dialysis but he still has heart health concerns.
- Praise God with Deana Betts as there is a confirmed contract to buy their house.
- Praise God for the Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids programs.
- Praise God for the Metallic study group led by Terry Shamburg.
- Pray with Jean Nyberg for her daughter, Tina, who will have surgery Thursday.
- Pray with Lori Cordel for Pat Piersee for heart health concerns.
- Pray with Phyllis Kjelberg for her Mom as she is in hospice care.
- Pray for Linda Mealiff as she recovers following gall bladder surgery last week.
- Pray for Derek Budke as he has been in a Wichita hospital last week.
- Pray for Lisa and Paul Rutherford as they moved form California to North Carolina.
- Pray for the families of those affected by the events at Parkland, Florida school.
- Pray with Joni Adams for young people for them to make good choices.
- Pray for Austin Davis for his tooth to completely heal in the correct position.
- Pray with Brady Luke for Eddie Yeager as he continues a long recovery.
- Pray with Kristen Lawrence for Abi's illness to not spread to the rest of the Lubbers family.
- Pray for Beth Harrison as she is at home with health concerns for her knees.
- Pray for Ileen Bean as she recovers following leg surgery at the Salina hospital.
- 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 with Aaron Adams for rain.
- Pray with Judy Stroup that II Chronicles 7:14 will be true for our country.
- Pray for the family of Terry Behrends as his funeral was Monday, February 12th.
- Pray for the family of Norbert Deneke as his funeral was February 13th.
- Pray for the family of Tracy Anderes' Grandmother, Dorothy Kirkham, as she passed away.
- Pray for the family of Dora Lee Williams as her funeral was February 15th.
- Pray for the family of Phyllis Rasdall as her funeral was February 17th.
- Pray for the family of Paul Whipple as his memorial celebration of life was February 17th.

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:

- 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
- 4/3 Mya Mihm
- 4/4 Stacey Allen, Beau Batchman
- 4/5 Gus Rice, Linda Smith

Anniversaries:

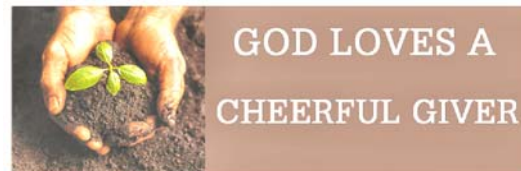
- 2/25 Jason & Haley Nelson
- 2/28 JR & Kay Simmons
- 3/3 Blaine & Angela Engelbert
- 3/11 Carl & Kay Prather
- 3/19 Adrian & Ellen Meyer
- 3/20 Joey & Stacy Behrends
- 3/26 Doug & Janet Johnson
- 4/5 Matt & Chelci Kuiack

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 25 (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)

February 26 (Monday)

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

February 27 (Tuesday)

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

February 28 (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)

March 1 (Thursday)

- 6:00 a.m. *Small group (women):* "Lead Like Jesus" - Church Library; Jeanette Luke (785-738-2135)

March 2 (Friday)

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

March 4 (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)