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“Pharaoh’s heart is unyielding...
Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to
the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile...”
But [Pharaoh] did not take even this to heart.
Exodus 7:14-15, 23

*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** “My Life Is In You”
- *Call to Praise** Psalm 18:49
- *Songs of Praise** “Blessed Assurance” (hymn #572)
“I Sing Praises to Your Name” (hymn #5)
“As the Deer” (hymn #548)
“Come Just As You Are” (hymn 481)

***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

Exodus 7:8-24 (page 49)

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

“When Our False gods Are Challenged”

Invitation

Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Landon Budke

***Closing Song**

“He is Exalted” (hymn #36)

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“When Our False gods Are Challenged”

Exodus 7:8-24

SIN ENSLAVES US TO LIES

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened...They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.” (Romans 1:21, 25)

THE FALSE GOD OF POWER

“Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake... Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs.” (Exodus 7:10, 12)

- also read Colossians 2:15

THE FALSE GOD OF WEALTH

“By this you will know that I am the Lord: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.” (Exodus 7:17)

- also read Matthew 6:24-33

IN FEAR WE ACCEPT ENSLAVEMENT AS NORMAL

“But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard.” (Exodus 7:22)

- also read 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

GOD OFFERS MERCY TO HARD HEARTS

“And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.” (Exodus 7:24)

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	Phil Vetter	Phil Vetter
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Janet Johnson	Janet Johnson
Sound Technician	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Deacons	Tom Maxwell	Joey Behrends
	Brady Luke	Vernon Adams
	Drew Grabon	Ed Allen
	Loren Heller	Ryan Batchman

Announcements

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!

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.

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.

Announcements

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 Morning Small Groups for all ages at 9:30 a.m.



APRIL 15 — BOOST Praise and Worship night (6:30 - 7:30 pm) right here at Beloit 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: cereal, canned fruit, pasta sauce, tuna, soup (not broth). 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.

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.

Make a donation that will directly help someone here at BFCC: The Elder Love Fund is



a source of financial help for people within the BFCC family. These funds are overseen and distributed by our Elders as they learn of specific needs. Donations given above and beyond regular tithes and offerings supply the fund. If you'd like to contribute, make your check payable to "Beloit First Christian Church," and write "Elder Love Fund" in the memo line.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10)

Children and Youth Ministries



FUSION

Jr High and High School Youth Group

Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30!

Our mission - To connect students and families to the body of Christ by empowering, equipping and encouraging them to be His hands, His feet and His voice.

Congratulations to Landon Budke who is being baptized today proclaiming his faith and trust in Jesus as his Lord and Savior!

Wednesday 5:30 - 7:00 - The meal is served at 5:30!



This week:

Clash Service Project!

We've been working on a secret project where we are giving back to some people who have given a whole lot to us and to our community.

Dig into the bible and talk about it together!

God is Always With Us! - Deuteronomy 4:39; Psalm 139:7-12; Jonah 1:1-4; 2:1-6; Matthew 28:18-20

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

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

Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP AT

Paul's Second Journey (Acts 16:11-34)

Parent Conversation Starters:

Have you ever tasted something so good you had to share it? **How would you know it was good if you didn't taste it?** How is sharing Jesus like sharing something delicious? **What can we do if people reject Jesus?**



Christ In Youth

July 16 - 20

Siloam Springs, Arkansas



MOVE IS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER CONFERENCE OR CAMP - IT'S AN EXPERIENCE! IT'S AN ALL-INCLUSIVE EVENT PROVIDING FOOD, LODGING, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AN AMAZING PROGRAM.

STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED THROUGH INTENSE, INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, DYNAMIC PREACHING, SMALL GROUP STUDY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. STUDENTS AT MOVE NOT ONLY LEARN AND WORSHIP TOGETHER - THEY SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THEIR CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS, DISCOVERING WAYS THAT GOD WILL USE THEM TO IMPACT THE WORLD.

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 feel lead to help in any way please visit with Pastor Doug or one of the Fusion adult leaders.

You can support students going to CIY move this year!

PRAY! - ENCOURAGE! - DONATE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with several ladies from our church family who were able to attend the Women's World event in Manhattan on February 23-24.
- Praise God that Doug and Deana Betts were able to attend the Weekend to Remember in Overland Park February 23-25, 2018.
- Praise God with Kent Miller that Rob Heller was able to attend worship today.
- Praise God with Renee and Phil Scoggan for some spiritual decisions of faith recently made by their youngest daughter.
- Praise God with Deana Betts as there is a confirmed contract to buy their house. Pray that the sale will be completed without complication.
- Praise God for the Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids programs on Monday evenings.
- Praise God for the Metallic study small group with Terry Shamburg on the book of James.
- Praise God for the new women's study on "12 Ordinary Men" that started February 21st.
- Pray with Joey Behrends for his Mom, Joanne Behrends, as she is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.
- Pray with Jean Nyberg for her daughter, Tina, as she recovers from surgery last week.
- Pray with Dave Cordel for Mike Nulty for an ankle problem.
- Pray with Lori Cordel for Pat Piersee for heart health concerns.
- Pray with Dave Blackmore for Patti Blackmore for health concerns.
- 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 the families of those affected by the events in a Parkland, Florida school last week.
- Pray for the family of Charle Green's Uncle Cary "Ike" Logan who passed away.
- Pray for the family of Gladys Miller who passed away.
- Pray for the family of Richard "Dick" Williams as he passed away Feb 23, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Billy Graham who passed away at the age of 99 last week. His funeral will be March 2, 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:

- 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
- 4/8 Brynna Allen, Tyler Allen, Sharayah Smith

Anniversaries:

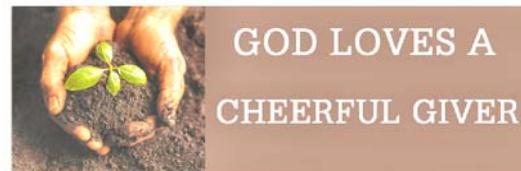
- 3/11 Carl & Kay Prather
- 3/19 Adrian & Ellen Meyer
- 3/20 Joey & Stacy Behrends
- 3/26 Doug & Janet Johnson
- 4/5 Matt & Chelci Kuiack
- 4/6 Merlin & Jackie Fobes
- Nash & Tazsa Smith
- 4/8 Joe & Lori Deneke

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

March 4 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service (childcare available)
Small groups (all ages): Sunday morning small groups
 Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)

March 5 (Monday)

- 6:30 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.

DivorceCare - Family Life Center South Classroom
 DivorceCare for Kids - Family Life Center North Classroom
 "Questions and Conversation" - Church Library

March 6 (Tuesday)

- 9:00 a.m.

Small group (over 50): "Metallic Bible Study" - Church Library;
 Terry Shamburg (785-738-7492)

March 7 (Wednesday)

- 5:30 a.m.
- 6:00 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.

Small group: STRONG exercise group - Family Life Center Gym;
 Gabbie Smith (785-534-9360)
Small group (men): "Man in the Mirror" - Guaranty State Bank;
 Doug Johnson (785-738-2573)
 CLASH (elementary students) - Church Sanctuary; Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Small group: "The Minor Prophets" - Church Library; Keith Williams (785-738-2936)
 Fusion (Jr. and Sr. High Students) - Upper Level Youth Room;
 Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Small group (women): "12 Ordinary Men" - Mill Street Mission House (312 N. Mill Street); Chris Miller (785-738-7965)

March 8 (Thursday)

- 6:00 a.m.

Small group (women): "Lead Like Jesus" - Church Library;
 Jeanette Luke (785-738-2135)

March 9 (Friday)

- 5:30 a.m.

Small group: STRONG exercise group - Family Life Center Gym;
 Gabbie Smith (785-534-9360)

March 11 (Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service (childcare available)
Small groups (all ages): Sunday morning small groups
 Worship Service (childcare and Kid's church available)