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April 22, 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** "Always"
***Call to Praise**
***Songs of Praise** "Great Are You Lord"
 "Come to the Altar"

***Prayer of Invocation**

Announcements

At this time in the 10:30 a.m. service, children in K-4th grade are dismissed for Kid's Church in the upstairs youth room. Parents please accompany your child on their first visit.

Call to Prayer Ephesians 1:18-19
Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember "I Can Only Imagine"
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory "Everything"

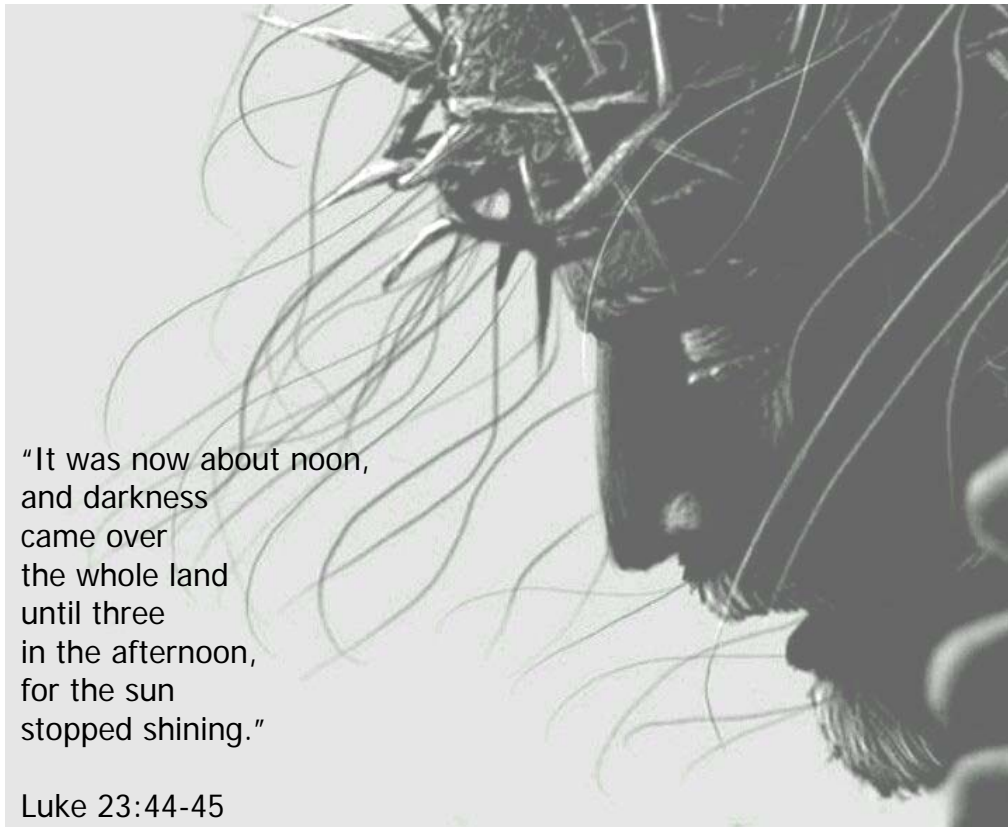
Bible Text Exodus 10:21-29 (page 51)
Page numbers are for Bibles located under many of the seats in the sanctuary. These are available for your use in worship. We have free Bibles to give you at the Welcome Center—ask any Pastor if you'd like to have a Bible to keep for your own.

Message Title "The Heart of Darkness"

Membership (10:30 a.m.) Danny and Jana Pfannenstiel

Invitation
***Closing Song** "More Like Jesus"

**Please stand, if you are able*



"It was now about noon,
 and darkness
 came over
 the whole land
 until three
 in the afternoon,
 for the sun
 stopped shining."

Luke 23:44-45

*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

“The Heart of Darkness”

Exodus 10:21-29

DARK HEARTS AND DARK MOTIVES

“[The Lord] will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.” (1 Corinthians 4:5)

SIN REVERSES GOD’S CREATED ORDER AND BRINGS DEATH

“So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.” (Exodus 10:22)

- also read Genesis 1:2; John 3:19; Romans 1:21; Ephesians 4:18; 1 Corinthians 4:5; John 1:4-5; 1 John 5:11-12

GOD TAKES THE DARKNESS OF OUR SIN ON HIMSELF

“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.” (Luke 23:44-45)

GOD REVERSES THE CURSE OF SIN WITH A NEW CREATION

“No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.” (Exodus 10:23)

- also read Matthew 4:16; Matthew 5:14-16; John 12:46; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8; Colossians 1:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:5; 1 John 2:9-11

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.

BFCC Staff:

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Today’s worship leaders:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Praise Team Leader	Tristen and Ashley Long	Tristen and Ashley Long
Organist	Kay Heller	Bobbi Link
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Elder	Dave Cordel	Dave Cordel
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Drew Grabon	Drew Grabon
Deacons	Brian Gates	Carl Prather
	Lindy Lindblad	Adrian Meyer
	Brad Mason	Vernon Adams
	Jared Schmidt	Max Wehrman

Announcements

APRIL 22 (today) — The board meeting with Elders is tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meeting agenda and reports are available at the Welcome Center.

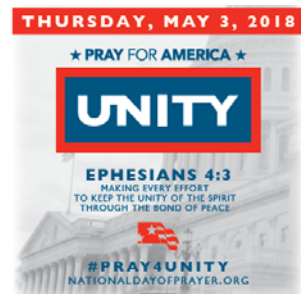
APRIL 29 — Benefit meal and bake sale for Pastor Rick Raymer: Zion



Lutheran pastor Rick Raymer was in a auto accident recently, and is still trying to recover at KU Medical Center. You can help with your prayers and your contributions. On Sunday, April 29, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at the VFW, there will be a Chicken Noodle Soup meal and bake sale auction with proceeds going to the Raymers. You can contribute baked goods by taking them to the VFW on that day. Thank you!



MAY 3 — Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 - 7:45 am, Beloit First Christian Church:



In coordination with the National Day of Prayer, BFCC will act as host for this year's Beloit Area Prayer Breakfast and everyone from our community is invited to come. A free breakfast (free-will offering is taken) will be followed by a program with featured speaker, Rob Hole—a firefighter from Lenexa who is a man of faith, family man, coach to many, married for 28 years with two daughters, and 20 years of fire service. No reservations are required.

MAY 6 — Young Adult (20 to 35ish) Fellowship Dinner at 12 noon: Take a step of faith



and join the Young Adult Group (ages 20-35ish) for a free BBQ meal (all food provided) at BFCC on Sunday, May 6th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our mission as a group is to develop strong, intentional relationships centered around Christ. We are a diverse group of people who have come together for Christ, and we invite you to experience the same joy we have received! Come find out more about our small group, and other active and potential small groups happening (ex: young singles, couples, families, financial need, etc.) If you're able to attend, please RSVP to Brooke Hemmert (785-953-0783) or Ashley Long (620-794-0628).

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MAY 7 — "Questions and Conversation" This informal time of open discussion is led by Pastor Cliff and 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!



JULY 29 - AUGUST 2 — Vacation Bible School is coming, and now is the time to sign-up to help us make and grow disciples of elementary students!



There is a volunteer sign-up table in Fellowship. Stop by and visit with the leaders to hear how you can play a part in making an amazing impact on our community for Christ.

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.



Be a part of a new BFCC photo directory! So far we have received 29 photos, and our goal is at least 125—help us help you get better



connected: Because the Lord has blessed us with so many new folks here at BFCC, we'd love to put together a photo directory to help you better connect faces with names. To be included, just give us a photo to scan, let us take your photo after a worship service, or email or text your individual or family photo, along with name,

address, phone number, and email address to: cheagy@beloitfcc.org OR 785-534-0770. Thank you!

Announcements

What's in a name? A lot! BFCC has always offered “small groups” where people can learn and grow together. We’re changing the name to “Life Groups” because we’ve noticed that Jesus transforms lives most powerfully wherever connect in personal ways, with other ordinary folks, to do real life together; Where we learn to put down our masks as we seek Jesus because we’ve found safe and caring people who share our struggles, doubts, questions, and joys. The back page of our weekly bulletin lists our currently available Life Groups, along with dates, locations, and a contact person to find out more. Many of our Life Groups occur on Sunday mornings for all ages from 9:30 - 10:15 am, which makes it a great opportunity to worship with the entire church family and also connect on a more personal level. Other groups meet throughout the week enabling options for a variety of schedules. Let’s do life together!



CarePortal Needs: The CarePortal Store Room at the First Presbyterian Church of Beloit has ongoing needs for clothing, diapers, hygiene and other items for children in crisis of all ages. The items can be accessed by court and law enforcement officials in emergencies, or by families who serve as short-term Protective Homes or foster care for children. Often when a child must be removed from a home, they leave with just the clothing on their back. Donated clothing can be new or gently used laundered items. We will also accept donations of cash or gift cards that can be used towards the purchase of items necessary for children. The items can be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 East Main in Beloit, Monday-Friday from 4 to 6 p.m., or call 785-738-3091 and leave a message to schedule a different time. Here is a list of items and sizes that are a particular need at this time:



- Infant to Size 5-4 boys and girls clothing: pants, shorts, tops and sleepers.
- Pajamas for boys/girls sizes 5-6 and up.
- Jackets: Toddlers to larger sizes for boys and girls.
- Sweatpants & tops all sizes; especially boys S/M/L sizes.
- Plain T-Shirts: All sizes boys and girls.
- Jeans: All sizes boys and girls.
- Underwear: All sizes especially boys.
- Socks: All sizes. Infants-24 months; Toddler; Boys and girls larger sizes 5-6 and up.
- Diapers: Size 5, Size 2, Size 1 – these do not have to be the large packages.

Children and Youth Ministries

July 29th - August 2nd 6:00 - 8:30 pm



VBS @ BFCC
Vacation Bible School
Beloit First Christian Church

VBS TEAMS FORMING
 Kitchen/Serving Team
 Decoration Team
 Small Group Leaders
 Station Leaders
 Team Members

VBS is a team effort that is coordinated by a few leaders with awesome teams consisting of people just like you who want to use their God given gifts and talents to serve.



Stop by the VBS Volunteer table and say **“Hi!”**

Children and Youth Ministries

WHAT'S UP AT

Why Does God Want Us To Obey Him?

Obedience is our response to God's love for us! Today we'll read 1 Corinthians 1:10-31. Paul wrote that Christians are all connected by faith in Jesus! We are all united in Christ, and together with the power of the Holy Spirit we can better impact the world for Jesus!



FUSION Jr High - High School

Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30!

Christ In Youth - MOVE!

July 16 - 20th

Siloam Springs, Arkansas



We appreciate your support, THANK YOU!

FUSION This week - Questions and Conversations!



APRIL 22nd Earth Day (TODAY!)

Group tree planting and clean up at Waconda Lake. We'll leave the church at 12:45, go plant some trees, clean up, hang out, eat, have fun!

May 2nd - Last Fusion

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Robie Smith for the birth of grandchild #8 named Dagan Joshua Smith, born to Josh and Leni Smith on April 11, 2018.
- Praise God for the Heart Choices Banquet April 10, 2018!
- Praise God that Alex Greenwood continues to heal rapidly with God's touch.
- Praise God for the Boost family worship coming to BFCC on April 15th.
- Praise God with Doug Pruitt for the prayers and support he felt in his recovery.
- Praise God for Lauren and Eric Jensen as her pregnancy continues well.
- Praise God with Kristin Lawrence for Tara Lubber's C-section delivery on April 17th.
- Praise God with Dan Reling for the support he has received the last 3 months.
- Praise God for Drew and Susan Grabon as April 14 was their first date 11 years ago.
- Pray for George Stroup's sister, Karen, who will have hip surgery in Oklahoma April 16.
- Pray for Karen Buser as she recovers following surgery.
- Pray for Howard Wehrman as he recovers from wrist and hand surgery.
- Pray for Phyllis File as she recovers following surgery.
- Pray for Lawrence "Trippy" Tripp as he recovers following surgery.
- Pray for Charlie and Kristin Lawrence's daughter Tiffany's father in law, Chris, as he had mild heart attack and he will be having bypass heart surgery in the future.
- Pray for Zeb Larson as he continues to battle cancer.
- Pray for Dick Wise as he recovers from a heart surgery in Wichita on April 13.
- Pray for Linda Mealiff's Mom as she is in a Bartlesville, OK hospital with undiagnosed pain.
- Pray for Pastor Rick Raymer as he recovers at KUMC.
- Pray for Vernon Adams as he recovers at Mitchell County Hospital.
- Pray for Beth Harrison for all that concerns her and her health challenges.
- Pray for Ileen Bean as she recovers at the Concordia hospital.
- Pray for Rob Heller for all that concerns him and his health concerns.
- Pray for God's wisdom for our government leaders about the Syria crisis.
- Pray for rain to come to North Central Kansas soon.
- Pray for those in Oklahoma affected by recent fires.
- Pray for the family of Barbara Staley, as her memorial service was be April 12th.
- Pray for the family of Lisa Novak's great uncle Burnel Davis who passed away in Florida.
- Pray for the family of Noah Smith as they remember his passing on April 16, 2016.

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:

- 4/22 Keighlee Armstrong, Becky Staley
- 4/24 Carl Lafferty, Karen Stortz
- 4/25 Jodie Gantz
- 4/26 Luke Shamburg
- 4/27 Kiera Rabe
- 4/30 Lauren Roush
- 5/3 Lynne Gates
- 5/5 Heidi Silvia
- 5/6 Patty Allen, Holli Stewart
- 5/7 Charlie Luke, Dalton McMillan
- 5/8 Dennis Mihm
- 5/10 Melinda Kimple, Tom Maxwell
- 5/11 Kay Simmons
- 5/12 Leta Dameron
- 5/14 Ann Fugate, Brendon Mason
- 5/17 Loren Heller
- 5/19 Sherry Angell
- 5/22 Austin Davis, Mitch Eck, Terri Engelbert

Anniversaries:

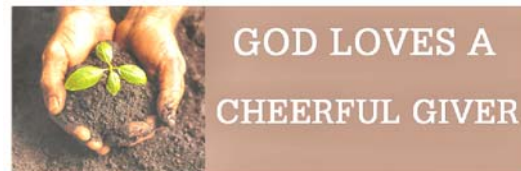
- 4/22 Mitch & Tami Eck
- 4/23 Steve & Kim Hlad
- 4/27 Jeff & Jenny Wessling
- 5/2 Greg & Beth Harrison
- 5/10 Tyler & Stacey Allen
- 5/15 David & Janice Stouffer
- 5/22 Max & Leann Wehrman

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:

March Giving: \$ 35,621.40
 March Expenses: \$ 29,619.38
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 84,190.91
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 103,210.45



Get Connected in a Weekly Life Group!



DAY	TIME	AGE/GROUP	NAME/FOCUS	LOCATION	LEADER
Sundays	9:30 am	Toddler, Pre-K, Kind.	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Jan Stouffer
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 1-2	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Cathy Rice
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 3-4	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Gwen Batchman
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 5-6	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Ellen Meyer
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 7-12	Bible Study	Upper Level Youth Room	Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study - 1 Kings	FLC Gym	Cliff Heagy (785-534-0770)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (men and women)	"Hope for Hurting Hearts"	FLC North Classroom	Dave Mealiff (785-738-0039)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (women)	Bible Study - Philippians	Church Library	Leni Smith (785-614-0798)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (men)	"Man Up"	FLC South Classroom	Kent Miller (785-738-7388)
Sundays	9:30 am	Young Adults (men and women 18 to 35ish)	Bible Study	Lower Level East Classroom	Brooke Hemmert (785-953-0783)
Mondays	6:30 pm	Adults (men and women)	"DivorceCare"	FLC South Classroom	Dave or Lori Cordel (785-534-1661)
Mondays	6:30 pm	Children (ages 5-12)	"DivorceCare 4 Kids"	FLC North Classroom	Julia Rabe (319-210-6314)
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Adults (men and women over 50)	Bible Study - James	Church Library	Terry Shamburg (785-738-7492)
Wednesdays	5:30 am	Adults (men and women)	"STRONG exercise group"	FLC Gym	Gabbie Smith (785-534-9360)
Wednesdays	6:00 am	Adults (men)	"Man in the Mirror"	Guaranty State Bank Community room	Doug Johnson (785-738-7752)
Wednesdays	6:00 pm	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study	Church Library	Keith Williams (785-534-0715)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Adults (women)	"12 Ordinary Men"	312 N. Mill Street	Chris Miller (785-738-7965)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Youth (grades 7-12)	"Fusion"	Upper Level Youth Room	Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Thursdays	6:00 am	Adults (women)	Bible Study - James	Church Library	Jeanette Luke (785-738-8463)