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**August 12, 2018**

They were continually devoting themselves to.....

- the apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer

**Acts 2:42**

*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** "Hosanna"  
**\*Call to Praise** Romans 12:1-2  
**\*Songs of Praise** "God With Us"  
 "Eagle's Wings"  
 "Word of God, Speak"

**\*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**  
**Prayer Requests & Testimonies**  
**Prayer**

**Communion Instructions and Prayer**  
**Call to Remember** "Table of Grace"  
**Communion**

**Call to Give and Prayer**  
**Offertory**

**Bible Text** Acts 2:41-47 (page 882)  
*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** "Different by the Spirit"

**Invitation**  
**\*Closing Song** "Speak, O Lord"

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

## Message Notes

“Different by the Spirit”

Acts 2:41-47

### DOING SIMILAR THINGS WITH A DIFFERENT MOTIVATION

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day...enjoying the favor of all the people” (Acts 2:41, 47)

### RELENTLESS DEVOTION, NOT CASUAL INDIFFERENCE

“They devoted themselves... Every day they continued to meet together” (Acts 2:42, 46)

### AWED FEELING, NOT ROUTINE FORMALITY

“Everyone was filled with awe... with glad and sincere hearts, praising God” (Acts 2:43, 46-47)

### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY, NOT LEGALISTIC GIVING

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)

### JOYFUL COMMUNITY, NOT ISOLATED CLIQUES

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47)

## 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	Angie Ahlvers	Angie Ahlvers
Organist	Kay Heller	
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Elder	Robie Smith	Robie Smith
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller
Deacons	Brian Gates	Max Wehrman
	Tom Maxwell	Scott Ahlvers
	Lindy Lindblad	Shelby Gantz
	Loren Heller	Carl Prather

## Announcements

**AUGUST 16 — “Immerse” weekly worship on Thursdays at 7 pm:** Come out on



IMMERSE WORSHIP

Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to explore “Immerse,” a new worship ministry inspired from John 4:23 - “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” It is a time full of worship, reflection, and prayer for all who desire to connect with the Creator!

**AUGUST 18 — Boost Women’s Conference at Beloit Jr/Sr High School, 9 am to 4 pm:**



You are invited to the 2nd annual Boost Your Journey Women's Conference! During this personal but community event, you will experience inspiring presentations from several speakers, musical worship, and break-out sessions for further spiritual development. Lunch will be from 11:30am-1:00pm and there are several options: You may bring a sack

lunch and eat at the conference location; Concessions with lunch options will be available on-site and will support a local club; Dine at a local restaurant. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$25 per person to help absorb event costs and support Boost Ministries in growth. For every food pantry item brought the day of the event, you will be entered into a drawing to win fabulous prizes! Please email [boost@boostministries.com](mailto:boost@boostministries.com) with any questions.

**AUGUST 19 — The next monthly Church Board meeting with Elders** will take place Sunday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ministry Chairpersons should submit any written reports they have by noon on Thursday, August 16 by email to [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org). The meeting agenda and reports will be available August 19 at the Welcome Center.

## Announcements

**AUGUST 21 — Back to School Prayer Event, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, First United Methodist**



**Church:** Have a heart to pray for your children? Feel nervous or concerned about your child’s school year? Moms in Prayer invites you to join other moms and grandmas for a community-wide evening of prayer for our children and their schools and teachers.

What a great way to start the school year! Join us on Tuesday, August 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Parlor at First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Bell St., Beloit. Childcare provided! Questions? Call or email Joyce McKinney (785-738-3120 or [jmckinney@nckcn.com](mailto:jmckinney@nckcn.com)) or Linda Mealiff (738-8043).

**AUGUST 26 — Promotion Sunday, 9:30 am in the Family Life Center Gym for Students in Sunday Morning Life Groups!** Join us in celebrating the children who are moving up to a new class, and for the children being awarded with new Bibles. The children’s choir will sing during the 10:30 am service on this day, too!

**AUGUST 26 — Pizza with the Pastors:** Whether you are new here at Beloit First



Christian Church, or just desiring to take a next step to better connect with what God is doing, you are invited to “Pizza with the Pastors” at 12 noon in the Family Life Center South Classroom on Sunday, August 26. This is an informal time to eat together, ask questions, and hear how you can grow as a follower of Jesus

Christ. To register, either text 785-534-0770 or email [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org) and let us know how many will be coming.

**AUGUST 26 — Every Man a Warrior Free Meal and Informational Meeting at 6 pm:**

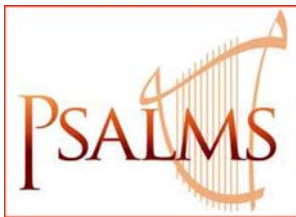


All men ages 21 and over and encouraged to come to a free meal and informational meeting on Sunday, August 26 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center Gym to consider becoming a part of a new men’s life group. You’ll enjoy some great food and hear from other men who have already benefitted from participating. These groups focus on important and

practical issues of life: walking with God, marriage, raising children, money, sex, work, hard times, and making your life count. There is a sign-up table in Fellowship Hall.

## Announcements

**SEPTEMBER 5 — A new women’s Life Group begins: “Book of Psalms”** An exciting new women’s Life Group study on the book of Psalms will be starting Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the mission house, 312 N Mill. Psalms is a book of prayer, every conceivable type of prayer: prayers of worship and praise, confession and acknowledgment, intercession and supplication, protection and deliverance, vindication and forgiveness, renewal and restoration, reward and thanksgiving. Many prayers in the Psalms look back at God’s deliverance and give hope and confidence in God’s sovereignty for everything that awaits us. The purpose of this study is to broaden and deepen our understanding and experience of prayer by looking at our spiritual ancestors in the Psalms. The study book, which will cost \$10.00, is from the Life Change Series by NavPress. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can contact Chris Miller at 738-7965.



**SEPTEMBER 7 - 9 — Men’s Encounter Weekend Retreat at Webster Conference Center, Salina:** Men’s Encounter is a time for men to get away and encounter God. Organized by ordinary men from all walks of life who have experienced freedom in Christ and are now working to share it with other men. Men’s Encounter is an individual and personal experience. What takes place during the weekend is between you and God. He has a gift for you. The cost for the weekend is \$125, but BFCC has scholarships to cover this if you let us know of your interest. For more information, contact Max Wehrman (785-770-7013 or [beef-\\_\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:beef-__@hotmail.com)), or visit the website at [www.encounterthecross.com](http://www.encounterthecross.com) to register.



**SEPTEMBER 10 — Every man’s battle doesn’t have to be fought alone! A new men’s support group, “Conquer: The Battle Plan for Purity,” begins Mondays, 6:30 pm at 312 N. Mill Street.** We live in an unprecedented age where temptation bombards us from every direction. But there is hope in the battle with the power of God’s Spirit, God’s Word, and a community of men that doesn’t judge or condemn. The “Conquer” video series is one of the best resources for gaining control and winning in this battle of life. Come on Mondays at 6:30 pm, or call 785-534-0770 for more information.

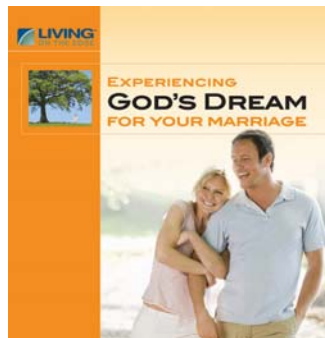


## Announcements

**SEPTEMBER 10 — Spread the word in our community: A new DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids is forming!** On Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning September 10 and ending December 3, BFCC will again be offering two important groups that provide help, healing, and hope for people who may be struggling with separation or divorce...plus help if their children (ages 5-12) may be hurting. Children must have a parent in the adult DivorceCare group to participate in the DivorceCare for Kids group. Talk with any BFCC pastor, call the church office (738-3071), or email [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org) to register, or for more information. There is no cost to participate, and you will receive all your materials at the first meeting.



**SEPTEMBER 16 — New Life Group begins: “Experiencing God’s Dream for Your Marriage.”** This topical series by Chip Ingram will meet Sunday evenings at 6 pm from September 16 through December 9 in the Family Life Center South Classroom and Gym. A meal will be shared each time, and childcare will be available to those who need it. Books will be given to participants at the first meeting. This study examines God’s design for marriage, with practical instruction to help you make your marriage what God desires it to be. The group will be led by Paul and Teresa Moncrieff. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.



Thank you, BFCC!



“Another CIY! How awesome to be part of the youth filled with the Holy Spirit. I wish all of you could have seen and felt God moving among them. There is an amazing thing happening in our church. Don’t stay on the sidelines—get involved. See where God will take us all. Thanks for your support financially!  
—Karen Buser”

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### Thank you, BFCC!



"We would like to express our very heart-filled gratitude for all that you have done in our lives. The past 4 years have been a tremendous blessing to our family and huge contribution to our personal knowledge and growth in relationship with Christ. Words could not begin to express just how unique and special we believe this church body is, and how amazing your outreach to the people in our community. This week, our family will be moving [to McPherson] and we hope to find another church home as wonderful as the one we have found here at BFCC. And we want to wish you well and encourage you all to keep doing what you are doing. The fruits of the Spirit are truly present in it all! Being only a short drive away, we all look forward to visiting...probably on a donut Sunday! With much love, Clint, Jen, Hayden, Leo & Hugh Scheck."

### Thank you, BFCC!



"Dear Pastor Cliff, Pastor Dave, Pastor Doug, and the BFCC Family: Thank you for the wonderful prayers and cards you sent me during my two major surgeries. Your prayer support helped tremendously! I am gaining strength and will visit my oncologist August 7 about future treatments. I also have wonderful news about my sister who had serious health problems for about six weeks: Lana also is grateful for your prayers as her body has healed and will not need a dangerous surgery that the surgeon was hoping to avoid! Thank you again for your heartwarming support. — Rita Rowh"

**Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are:** canned tomatoes, corn, peas, cereal, bar soap, and monetary gifts (made out to the Beloit Ministerial Association). Monetary gifts pay for food vouchers for those who come to the Food Pantry, for the purchase of needed additional groceries for the Food Pantry, and to provide emergency assistance for other needs. 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

**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.



**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](http://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](http://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.



**Sunday Morning is a perfect time to connect in a Life Group!** Every week BFCC provides opportunities for you to connect in personal ways with other ordinary folks to do real life together. It's in these relationships that we learn to put down our masks because we've found safe and caring people who share our struggles, doubts, questions, and joys. The *back cover 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. Jesus works his changes in us through regular community with others.

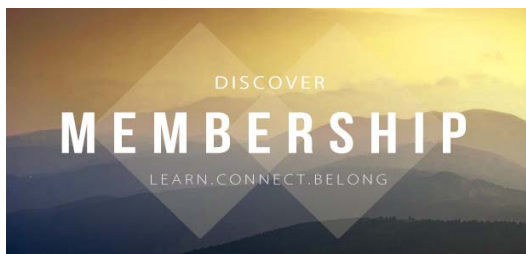


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**Worship that meets kids where they're at!** Every Sunday during our 10:30 a.m. worship service we offer a high-energy, age-appropriate Kid's Church experience for students from Kindergarten through Grade 4. This enables the whole family to participate and experience meaningful worship that helps establish a real and growing, daily relationship with God. Make this year a spiritual turning point year for you and your family by plugging into both Sunday morning small groups and worship.



### Interested in membership here at BFCC?



If you are a follower of Jesus Christ who feels a connection with us here at BFCC, we encourage you to consider celebrating and going deeper through membership. Pastor Cliff invites you to contact him (785-534-0770 or [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org)) to set up a time to talk about it. It will be a time where you can ask questions and have a good conversation about who we are as a church, and where the Lord is leading us. This meeting does not commit you to join, but is a first step to thinking and praying about it. If you later choose to join, we believe membership can glorify God in several ways. First, membership becomes a public declaration of your faith in Christ—and Christ is glorified in those who are not ashamed to be called by His name (Romans 10:9-13). Second, membership is an excellent sign that points to the work of the Holy Spirit who unites different believers together into the one Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-14). Third, membership reflects the commitment and faithfulness of God's character as we bind ourselves together with promises to worship, learn, teach, give, receive, grow, serve and be served...together! (1 Corinthians 12:26-27) Fourth, membership expresses trust to work with and encourage the servant-leaders the Lord has called in His church (Hebrews 13:17). Membership is a great next step for growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

## Children and Youth Ministries

*Thank You, Anybody who donated to our church to go to CIY. It was a great experience and I accepted Christ as my Savior! I even got baptized along with 10 other people! None of this would have happened if you didn't donate. So thank you so, so much! You guys are blessings!*

*-Madilyn Shaffer*

*This was the best week of my life. I grew so close to God & my 3 best friends got baptized & made their first commitment to follow Christ! I made so many new friends & worshipped with them all week. It was amazing & I just want to thank you all for your prayer & financial support.*

*-Lauryn Betts*

*Hey BFCC, this week was life changing! I grew so much closer to God and my friends. It was great seeing God work through me and everyone else. Thank you BFCC for donating!*

*-Tristan Thompson*

## Children and Youth Ministries

*Dear BFCC, I want to thank everyone who donate anything to our CIY trip. This trip has changed so many lives this week. And I can't thank you enough. Watching people, especially high schoolers, grow deeper in their faith and giving their lives to Christ. It's so renewing. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.*

*To the Church,  
I just want to start off with saying I'm never gonna forget everything that happened this week. I have made so many new friends that I know I'll be able to count on when needed. I came into this week thinking that I'm fine and I'm close enough to the Lord right now. But as I'm writing this card I realize just how much closer I can get to Jesus, I can't get close enough because that's just how amazing God's love is. This trip has changed me and has shown me how much I truly am loved! Thank you for your loving, giving hearts!  
Love a daughter of the King,  
-Haddie Smith*

## Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God for the amazing VBS program last week with super kids and awesome volunteers as they studied the Shipwrecked theme that "Jesus rescues"!
- Praise God with Sally Williams for a good report from her doctor last week.
- Praise God with Karen Buser for the safe healthy birth of a great grandson, Hendrix Wayne.
- Praise God with Janice Stouffer for Stacy Towne for her healing and recovery.
- Praise God with Teresa Moncrieff for the safe transport of their belongings.
- Praise God with Brooke Hemmert as she will share a report on her Kenya mission trip during the August 12th Sunday school time in the gym!
- Praise God with Gerald Briney as he was released from Mitchell County Hospital.
- Praise God for his protection for Robert Davis as he was not hurt in a fall in a pit.
- Pray for the Clint and Jen Scheck family as they will be moving to McPherson.
- Pray with Laura Heagy for Abby as she has possible pregnancy complications.
- Pray with Karen Stortz for Adam Stortz for possible surgery this week.
- Pray for Khyllie Mihm as she is in National Guard Boot Camp for several weeks.
- Pray with Melva McGuin for Jennifer McGuin for health concerns.
- Pray with Melva McGuin for safe travel as she goes to Florida to visit family.
- Pray for Kathy Marozas as she recovers after heart surgery.
- Pray for Myrna Prewett as she recovers after knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for Jolene Gengler as she continues a long recovery after a concussion.
- Pray for Sue Hoestje's brother in law, David Allan, as he is in a hospital in Grand Forks, ND.
- Pray for health concerns for Pat Piersee.
- Pray with Karen Buser for more volunteers to help deliver meals on wheels.
- Pray for the CIY students for each of their continuing spiritual journeys.
- Pray with the family of Bill Campbell as he passed away.
- Pray for the family of Fred Junior Hirsch as he 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:

- 8/14 Kay Prather
- 8/15 Bill File, Casey Smith
- 8/16 Blake Miller, Patty Sporleder
- 8/17 Merlin Fobes, Tim Hager, Rob Heller
- 8/18 Sadie Allen, Gary Reynolds, Verlin Kolman
- 8/23 Adelyn Pfannenstiel
- 8/24 Alana Budke, Alexis Budke, Greg Harrison
- 8/25 Phyllis Behrends, Kristi Vetter
- 8/26 Tori Bowers
- 8/27 Max Wehrman
- 9/2 Matthew Cordel
- 9/4 Suzanne Wehrman
- 9/5 Joni Adams

### Anniversaries:

- 8/14 Jeremy & Tori Bowers
- 8/15 Greg & Michelle Drum
- 8/17 Harold Seely & Leta Dameron
- 8/18 Leon & Terri Engelbert
- 8/23 Keith & Bev Williams
- 8/24 Aaron & Joni Adams  
Kent & Chris Miller
- 8/27 Jesse & Natasha Mudd
- 8/28 Dennis & Amber Mihm
- 8/31 Scott & Angie Ahlvers  
Matt & Holli Stewart
- 9/1 Tim & Connie Hager
- 9/2 Dan & Vera Streit

### Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

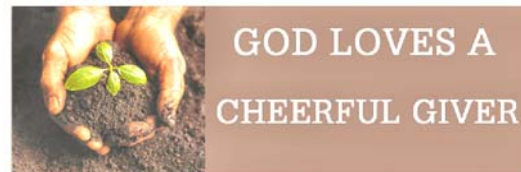
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

### Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Lois Guipre-Simoneau

### The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



### The Latest Financial Report:

July Giving: \$ 41,457.08  
 July Expenses: \$ 28,273.16  
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 215,367.18  
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 208,865.42



## Get Connected in a Weekly Life Group!



DAY	TIME	AGE/GROUP	NAME/FOCUS	LOCATION	LEADER
Sundays	9:30 am	Toddler, Pre-K, Kindergarten	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: Colossians	FLC Gym	Cliff Heagy (785-534-0770)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (men and women)	"Is Genesis History?"	FLC North Classroom	Dave Mealiff (785-738-0039)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (women)	"Eve's Daughters"	Church Library	Leni Smith (785-614-0798)
Sundays	9:30 am	Young Adults (men and women 18-35)	Bible Study	Lower Level Classroom	Venette Davis (785-640-0873)
Tuesdays	9:00 am	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study: Ecclesiastes	Church Library	Teresa Moncrieff (307-220-2512)
Wednesdays	6:00 am	Adults (men)	"Man in the Mirror"	Guaranty Bank Community room	Doug Johnson (785-738-7752)
Wednesdays	6:00 pm	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study: Minor Prophets	Church Library	Keith Williams (785-534-0715)
Thursdays	6:00 am	Adults (women)	Bible Study: James	Church Library	Jeanette Luke (785-738-8463)