



# Message Notes

Acts 3:11-26

The ACTS of the Holy Spirit

**Be Aware**

**Be Bold**

**Be who Christ calls you to be**

# 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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| <b><u>Today's worship leaders:</u></b> | <b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>  | <b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Praise Team                            | Keighlee Armstrong, Tristan Armstrong, Ally Betts, Lauryn Betts, Landon Kadel, Sage Prochaska, Randi Robinson, Haddie Smith, Sharayah Smith, Tristan Thompson, Abby Vetter |                          |
| Announcements                          | Doug Betts   | Doug Betts               |
| Prayer Leader                          | Dave Mealiff   | Dave Mealiff             |
| Elder                                  | Robie Smith  | Robie Smith              |
| Preacher                               | Doug Betts   | Doug Betts               |
| Projection Operator                    | Doug Johnson   | Doug Johnson             |
| Sound Technician                       | Drew Grabon  | Drew Grabon              |
| Deacons                                | Brian Gates  | Max Wehrman              |
|  | Tom Maxwell  | Scott Ahlvers            |
|  | Lindy Lindblad   | Shelby Gantz             |
|  | Loren Heller   | Carl Prather             |

## Announcements

**TODAY — 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!

**Pizza with the Pastors:**



**\*\*RESCHEDULED FOR A LATER TIME AND DATE\*\***

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but due to a birth in the family Pastor Cliff is unable to be here today. We feel that it is best to reschedule this event to give those attending a chance to visit with and get to know all of our pastors. Thank you for your understanding and we'll let you know as soon as we have a new time and date set.

**TONIGHT — 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.

**AUGUST 30 — "Immerse" weekly worship on Thursdays at 7 pm:**



IMMERSE WORSHIP

Come out on 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!

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**SEPTEMBER 4 — Young Adult Casual Gathering:** Looking to connect with others in



your same stage of life while strengthening your faith? Join the young adults in the community for a casual gathering on September 4th, at 7 pm. We will meet at the park south of Port Library. We will provide resources to encourage growth in your faith, ways to stay connected with others, and how to

tackle tough questions about who God is.

**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 6— A new Life Group begins: "The Holy Spirit"**. The Holy Spirit is often the least understood, and most ignored, person of the Trinity. Who is he? What is his mission? And how is he involved in your life? John Bevere's interactive study reveals the personality of the Spirit, his language, three levels of relationship with him and more. Includes daily devotions and discussion questions. (6-8 weeks) The study book will cost \$10.00 and will be held in the church library from 9:30—10:30ish. Diane Kolman will be facilitating, her contact information is: [dkolman@nckcn.com](mailto:dkolman@nckcn.com) or call at 785-738-2481 (home) or 785-738-0095 (cell).

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### 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.

### 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.

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**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.

### SEPTEMBER 30 — Heart Choices Walk/Run for Life: The Heart Choices Walk Run for



Life will be held on Sunday, September 30, at Chautauqua Park in Beloit. Activities will begin at 3:00 PM and will include a 5k run, 5k walk, 1 mile walk, kids' races and activities.

Teams are encouraged for some fun competition for fundraising! To register or for more information, go to [heartchoicesbeloit.com](http://heartchoicesbeloit.com) or call 738-3433. Take a step for LIFE!

### SEPTEMBER 30 — Deadline for the first printing of the BFCC Photo Directory! We



continue to receive individual or family photos for the BFCC Photo Directory. Those who submit a photo have access to the online directory, which is available through any computer or through a free smartphone app (android or iPhone). We are also going to make printed versions of the photo directory in October. If you want to be in this

first printing, please send your photo (along with name, address, phone, and email) to [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org) OR text it to 785-534-0770. The deadline is Sunday, September 30. After you send your photo, you will receive email instructions for accessing the online directory.

### 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



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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.

**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](https://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.



**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.



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**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.



**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!



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**Stay connected on the BFCC Email List:** From urgent prayer requests to timely information, you can stay connected by joining the BFCC Email list. Simply text your email address to 785-534-0770 or email it to [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org) and we'll add you. We promise not to flood your inbox, but occasionally you'll receive important updates on people you can be praying for, ways you can serve, or changes in schedules that will keep you well informed. And you can unsubscribe at any time. Help us be a community that connects and cares about one another!



**CarePortal brings the needs of hurting children and families in our community to your attention.** Child welfare workers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. BFCC passes along these needs through our prayer email updates. One particular, local aspect of CarePort is the CarePortal Store Room at First Presbyterian Church of Beloit. Often when a child must be removed from a home, they leave with

just the clothing on their back. The Store Room 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. Donated clothing can be new or gently used laundered items. Cash or gift card donations that can be used towards the purchase of items necessary for children are also gratefully accepted. The items can be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 East Main in Beloit, Monday-Friday from 4 to 6 pm, 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:

- GIRLS: 24 mo. pajamas, 3T pajamas, 4T shirts, 4T pajamas, size 8 jeans, size 12-14 shirts, size 14-16 pants/jeans/ size 10 and up underwear
- BOYS: infant-2T clothing, size 10 and up underwear, men's socks
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: baby shampoo (any size, but travel size is helpful), baby lotion (any size, but travel size is helpful)

## Children and Youth Ministries

*Hey Y'all! I just wanna thank you for your unconditional support towards the youth program. It's absolutely amazing and it blows my mind. Your love and support has given us the opportunity to go grow to love and follow God and none of us will forget it.*

*- Randi Robinson (HEBREWS 11:3)*



### FUSION 7th - 12th Grade Students

Wednesday - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

DEAR YOUNGER ME... "Wisdom"

Why is our theme "Dear younger me"?

We as leaders have wisdom, through our testimonies, to share with students. Having wisdom means applying knowledge, experience and good judgment. Gaining wisdom typically requires failure, frustration, or disappointment in some form... it's

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you SO much for giving not only me, but all of us the opportunity to go to CIY. This week I grew so much stronger in my faith I grew so close to the people around me. It gives me confidence that us high schoolers have the power to change our school I thank you so much for the continuing support and prayers.*

*- Alisyn Bowers*

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Dear Church,

*I want to express my sincere appreciation for your prayers, financial support and love you have shown the students & adult leaders of Fusion. You were the hands and feet of Jesus to the kids that went to CIY. I witnessed prayers being answered! Students who came with many burdens, leaving them behind to follow Christ! Others who released quiet shame and self-hatred for the love of Christ Jesus. Walls came down this week and unity and love replaced them. We took a group of mis-matched, disjointed, and separated students and we came back a family on fire to change our homes, school and community! Thank you just doesn't begin to scratch the surface of the gratitude I feel towards all of you! May your treasures be piled high in heaven.*

*In Christ's Love, Deana Betts*

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## Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Tate and Sara Arnold for the birth of Elowyn Della Arnold on August 17, 2018.
- Praise God with Brooke Hemmert as she shared a report on her Kenya mission trip during the August 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday school time in the gym!
- Praise God for the inspirational Boost Conference attended by over 200 ladies.
- Praise God with Phyllis Behrends that Kelby who was bitten by a dog is healing.
- Praise God with Bobbi Link for the good report that the cancer is gone except for one spot on her lung.
- Praise God with Connie Kopsa that her Mom and a friend were here at worship.
- Praise God with Teresa Moncrieff that Melva McGuin has had safe travel.
- Praise God for the Fusion Back-to-School **Party** last week.
- Pray God with the Heagy's for Abby's pregnancy and for a safe healthy delivery.
- Pray for Sue Hoestje's brother in law, David, as he continues to recover at home.
- Pray for Dorothy Katsiyiannis' house to sell in Tipton, KS.
- Pray for Carolyn Gottfried, Emi and Mia Katsiyiannis as they will move to Estes Park, CO next week.
- Pray for Hazel Peterson as her eye sight and legs are weak.
- Pray with Phyllis Kjellberg for her daughter and son in law as they are moving his Dad from Missouri to Beloit this weekend.
- Pray for the MIPI Back to School event August 21.
- Pray for Linda Mealiff's Mom, Helen Norcross, as she is in a special care hospital to get her medicine adjusted.
- Pray for all the folks who started school recently.
- Pray with Lorelei Dohl for two family members as one will start teaching school in Natoma and another will start going to college.
- Pray for the Every Man A Warrior meal and information meeting August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for all the new life groups starting soon.
- Pray for the Beloit Ministerial Association to received gifts to help needy area people.
- Pray with the Reling's as they had a pet dog, Kenzie, who was put to sleep.
- Pray for the family of June Reynold's Dad, Richard Frasier, as he passed away.
- Pray for the family of Opal Glauser, Sharon Fletchall's Mom, as she died.

## 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:

8/26 Tori Bowers  
 8/27 Max Wehrman  
 9/2 Matthew Cordel  
 9/4 Suzanne Wehrman  
 9/5 Joni Adams  
 9/7 Jerry Buser  
 9/8 Khylie Mihm  
 9/11 Bryce Mason  
 9/12 Braden Hager  
 9/16 Lorna Jones  
 9/17 Susan Grabon  
 9/18 Kendra Rowh  
 9/19 Michelle Baxa  
 9/20 Alisyn Bowers,  
 Lindy Lindblad,  
 Ingrid McMillan  
 9/22 Brooke Hemmert,  
 Ken Moeller

### Anniversaries:

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  
 9/6 Blake & Linda Miller  
 9/18 George & Judy Stroup,  
 Clint & Jen Scheck  
 9/19 Robie & Linda Smith

### Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

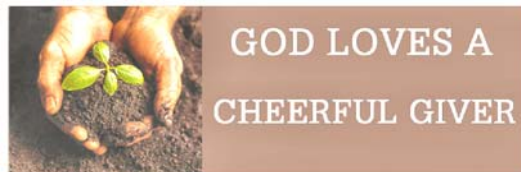
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

### 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)    |