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*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** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (hymn #1)
***Call to Praise** Psalm 100
***Songs of Praise** "Day by Day"
"Good, Good Father"

***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

3 John 3-4

Prayer Requests & Testimonies
Prayer

Communion Instructions and Prayer
Call to Remember
Communion

Call to Give and Prayer
Offertory

"Things We Leave Behind"

Bible Text

Acts 4:32 - 5:11 (page 885)

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

"Challenges to Generosity"

Invitation

***Closing Song**

"Enough"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“Challenges to Generosity”

Acts 4:32 - 5:11

BECOMING GENEROUS PEOPLE

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.” (Romans 8:29)

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

GENEROSITY FLOWS FROM EXPERIENCING GREAT GRACE

“And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” (Acts 4:33-35)

GENEROSITY IS CHALLENGED BY MIXED MOTIVES

“Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” (Acts 5:4)

FEAR REVEALS OUR HEARTS

“Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.” (Acts 5:11)

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.

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Today’s worship leaders:

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Praise Team Leader	Linda Mealiff	Linda Mealiff
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Robert Davis	Robert Davis
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller
Deacons	Tim Hager	Vernon Adams
	Brad Mason	Norm Newell
	Drew Grabon	Joey Behrends
	Jared Schmidt	Ed Allen

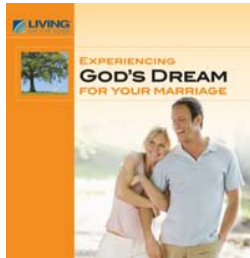
Announcements

SEPTEMBER 16 (today) — Bless Our Schools Sunday: Moms in Prayer International has



designated today as a special day to pray for children and schools. To bless our schools, please pray: That Christian students stand firm in their faith, showing God’s love on their campus so many will come to Christ this school year; That there may be unity and high moral standards among teachers, administration, school board and support staff, and may all decisions be based on biblical values. May God strengthen, refresh, and bless those serving in our schools; That there may be safety—God’s hand of protection upon the students, school, and staff, that any plans for evil will be quickly thwarted.

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 Teresa Moncrieff. You must register at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER 17 — There is still time to join DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This group meets in the



Family Life Center South Classroom, and provides help, healing, and hope for people who may be struggling with separation or divorce...plus encouragement for their children (ages 5-12). 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 for more information. There is no cost to participate.

Announcements

SEPTEMBER 17 - 23 — Meals on Wheels drivers needed! BFCC is scheduled to deliver



Meals on Wheels the week of September 17-23. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center, or you may contact Karen Buser (569-1212) with any questions. If you are available even one day, this is a great way to serve Jesus by serving others: *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”* (Matthew 25:40)

SEPTEMBER 20 — “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!

SEPTEMBER 29 — “Shoe Box Drive-In,” Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser from 5 -



7 pm at BFCC: On Saturday, September 29, from 5 - 7 pm you can pull into a parking space here at Beloit First Christian Church and we will come to take your order. The menu options are hamburger or cheeseburger or hot dog, along with chips, dessert, and bottled water. The cost is \$5 per person (and all other donations are cheerfully accepted). All proceeds will go toward the costs of shipping for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our grateful thanks to Sonic for their generous donations to our fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child!

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 or call 738-3433. Take a step for LIFE!

Announcements

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. You don't have to be a member to participate! Those who submit a photo will have instant 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) before September 30 to cheagy@beloitfcc.org OR text it to 785-534-0770. After you send your photo, you will receive email instructions for accessing the online directory.

OCTOBER 7 — Pizza with the Pastors: If you are newer to BFCC and want to make some stronger connections, you are invited to "Pizza with the Pastors" at 12 noon in the Family Life Center Gym 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 and let us know how many will be coming. We look forward to visiting with you!



Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are: soda crackers, juice, canned fruit, tuna, 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.

Stay connected and informed 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 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!

Children and Youth Ministries

There is always a need for volunteers in Children and Student Ministries. If you feel led to serve in one of the ministries but have questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Your prayers for the students and leaders are always greatly appreciated - Pastor Doug



FUSION 7th - 12th Grade Students

Wednesday - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

DEAR YOUNGER ME...

THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR CHOICES

We are all responsible for our choices regardless of our circumstances. We make choices every day, some are big and some not so big. Every choice that we make comes with a consequence, they all have a result or an effect. Like our choices some are good, and some are not so good. We live with the results of the choices we make... they don't define who we are, but they do influence who we are becoming. Sin, our disobedience to God has consequences. The greatest consequence is separation from God. Our sin also has consequences in how we live. How can we live a life in obedience to God and His will?



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PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS

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1ST - 6TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY
6PM - 7 PM

WHY DID GOD CREATE ME?

KEY SCRIPTURES:
EPHESIANS 2:10;
ROMANS 5:8-11;
PSALM 139:1-12



Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God the Mason family for Bryce Mason's 17th birthday on September 11!
- Praise God with Bill Angell for the response to the "Every Man A Warrior" study.
- Praise God for Terry Jennings' testimony about the benefits of Divorce Care.
- Praise God that Beth Link, is recovering from surgery last week.
- Praise God with Angela Engelbert as her friend in Topeka has improved health.
- Praise God with Jean and Terry Nyberg that they attended a granddaughters wedding in Utah, were protected safe in two car wrecks on the way home.
- Praise God with Ellen Meyer that Christmas Shoebox bake sale raised \$500.
- Pray for Dennis Lutgen as he had a heart attack in California.
- Pray with Ashley Scoggan for her Dad, Gary Wallis as he had a heart attack.
- Pray with Jonathan Milbers for his great aunt in Texas who has a heart attack.
- Pray with Stephanie Simmons for her family as they support her Dad who has a difficult brain cancer diagnosis.
- Pray with Joey Behrends for his sister in Kansas City who has MS complications.
- Pray with Louise Sutton for her nephew, Doug Dillner, as he waits for surgery
- Pray for Molly Wiese as she is in a Wichita hospital.
- Pray with Dave Cordel for Lori Cordel as she is home sick.
- Pray with George Stroup for his granddaughter who is in the hospital in Salina.
- Pray with Susan Grabon for a friend waiting for a medical update.
- Pray with Marcia Belyea for a friend by the name of Melissa with cancer.
- Pray with the Betts family as Aryanne Hawk will be moving to live with her sister.
- Pray with Karen Buser for the Meal on Wheels sign up on the Welcome Center.
- Pray with Max Wehrman for the men attending the Salina Men's Encounter.
- Pray for Rod Pearson as he adjusts to his move to Hilltop Nursing Home S-23.
- Pray for the CLASH the leaders and students as it will start September 19, 2018!
- Pray for those affected by the recent flood especially in Manhattan, KS.
- Pray for the family of Wayne Noffsinger whose funeral was last week.
- Pray for the family of Bob Dowlin as his funeral was last week.
- Pray for the family of Ron Zentz's brother, Dick Zentz, who passed away.
- Pray for the family of Wyatt Frohling's Dad, Merlin Frohling, who 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:

- 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
- 9/23 Hazel Peterson, Bev Williams
- 9/26 Bobbi Link
- 9/27 Sally Williams
- 9/28 Angie Ahlvers
- 9/30 Janet Johnson, Mike Stewart
- 10/2 Irene Fobes
- 10/3 Caylen Chancellor, Lennox
Smith
- 10/4 Brody Batchman, Derek
Fobes, Terry Jennings, Mary
Maxwell
- 10/5 Greg Drum, Sharon Keister,
Jordy Schmidt, Perry
Williams, John Yeary

Anniversaries:

- 9/18 George & Judy Stroup
Clint & Jen Scheck
- 9/19 Robie & Linda Smith
- 9/22 John & Beaver Yeary
- 10/2 Kenny & Deanna Nelson
- 10/3 Jerry & Karen Buser
- 10/6 Rex & Sharon Keister
- 10/7 Tim & Rhonda Mehl

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

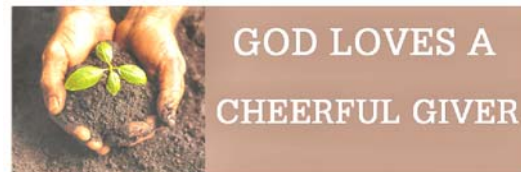
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Lois Guipre-Simoneau (Rm 704)

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



The Latest Financial Report:

August Giving: \$ 24,229.74
 August Expenses: \$ 29,919.29
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 239,596.92
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 238,784.71



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 (785-667-2662)
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 1-2	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Gabby Smith (785-534-9360)
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 3-4	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Gwen Batchman (785-526-7224)
Sundays	9:30 am	Grades 5-6	Bible Study	Upper Level Classroom	Ellen Meyer (785-534-9832)
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)	"Unshakable Hope"	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	Brooke Hemmert (785-953-0783)
Tuesdays	6:00 am	Adults (women)	Prayer Group: Moms in Prayer	Church Library	Linda Mealiff (785-738-8043)
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)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Adults (women)	Bible Study: Psalms	312 N. Mill Street	Chris Miller (785-738-7965)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Youth (Jr and Sr High Students)	Fusion Student Ministry	Upper Level Youth Room	Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Thursdays	6:00 am	Adults (women)	"Crafted Prayer"	Church Library	Jeanette Luke (785-738-8463)
Thursdays	9:30 am	Adults (men and women)	"The Holy Spirit"	Church Library	Diane Kolman (785-738-0095)