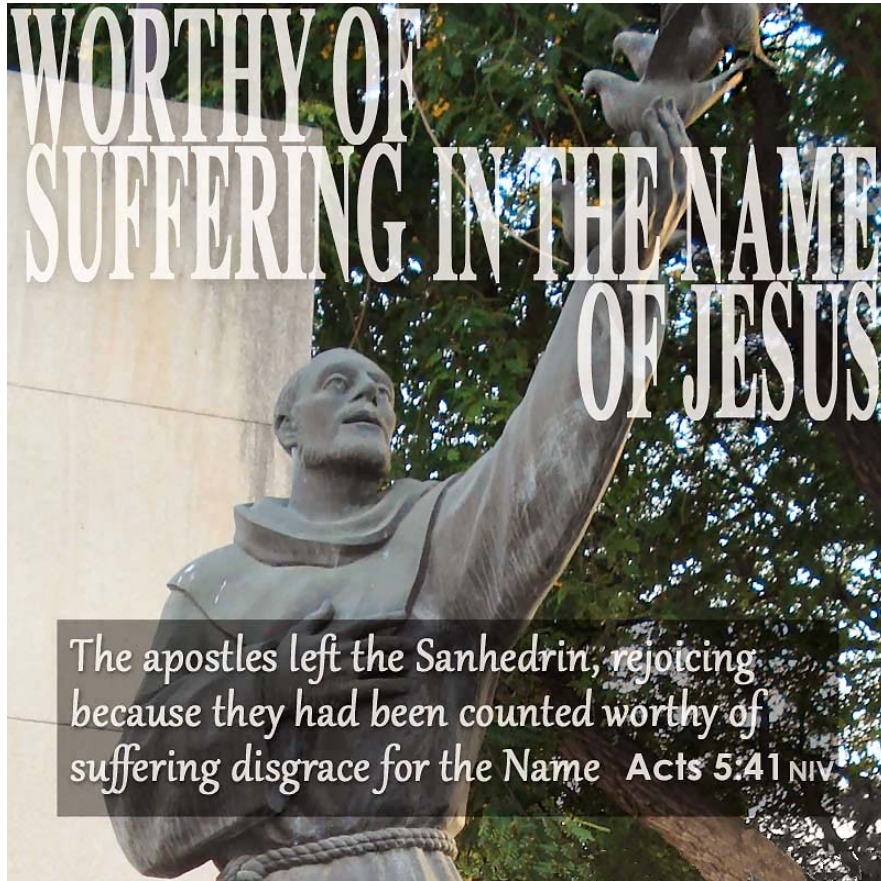




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September 23, 2018



*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** "10,000 Reasons"
- Announcements**
- \*Call to Praise**
- \*Songs of Praise** "Lay Me Down"  
"Fierce"
- \*Prayer of Invocation**
- Call to Prayer** Psalm 27:1  
*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.*
- Prayer Requests & Testimonies**
- Prayer**
- Communion Instructions and Prayer**
- Call to Remember**
- Communion**
- Call to Give and Prayer** "Live Like That"
- Offertory**
- Bible Text** Acts 5:12-42 (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** "Worthy of Suffering Disgrace for the Name"
- Invitation**
- \*Closing Song** "Marching On"

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

## Message Notes

**“Worthy of Suffering Disgrace for the Name”**

**Acts 5:12-42**

### **FEAR, FAITH, AND JOY**

*“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” (Acts 5:41)*

### **DESIRING BLESSINGS, BUT FEARING PERSECUTION**

*“No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.” (Acts 5:13)*

### **DESIRING SIGNIFICANCE, BUT FEARING OTHERS**

*“...filled with jealousy...the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.” (Acts 5:17, 26)*

### **DESIRING TO ACT, BUT FEARING DOUBT**

*“[They] were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to...They were furious and wanted to put them to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel [said], “If it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.” (Acts 5:24, 33-34, 39)*

### **IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?**

*“Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number...The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” (Acts 5:14, 41)*

## 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:**

Cliff Heagy, Senior Pastor .....cheagy@beloitfcc.org or 785-534-0770  
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Karen Buser, Office Secretary .....kbuser@beloitfcc.org or 785-738-3071  
Marilyn Kruse, Church Custodian ..... 785-738-8620

### **Today's worship leaders:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Praise Team Leader	Youth Praise Team	Youth Praise Team
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	Drew Grabon	Drew Grabon
Deacons	Tim Hager	Vernon Adams
	Brad Mason	Norm Newell
	Drew Grabon	Joey Behrends
	Jared Schmidt	Ed Allen

## Announcements

**SEPTEMBER 24** — 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](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org) for more information. There is no cost to participate.



**SEPTEMBER 27** — “Immerse” weekly worship on **Thursdays at 7 pm**. 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!



IMMERSE WORSHIP

**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!



## Announcements

**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. 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](mailto: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, October 7th. 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. 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

## Announcements

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](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!



### 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

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 BATTLE FOR CONTROL

SPIRIT VS, SIN

One of the biggest struggles many of us have is control. We want control... we want to be in control. But the truth of the matter is the only thing we really control is what we allow to have control over us. We were born into sin, but we were created in the image of God. Every day there is a spiritual battle going on for control over us. Are we going to give the Holy Spirit control and allow God to work in our lives, or are we going to give control over to sin and allow it to separate us from God and His will for our lives? This Wednesday we'll talk about the biggest battle you'll ever face, and you'll face it every day - Spirit VS. Sin.



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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 for MIPI and for many prayers for those involved in schools!
- Praise God for Hazel Peterson's 101st birthday coming on September 23.
- Praise God for the Christmas Child Shoebox driving fund raiser September 29.
- Praise God for the Heart Choice Walk Run 4 Life September 30.
- Praise God for the men who attended the Salina Men's Encounter.
- Praise God for the amazing response to the EMAW life groups!
- Praise God with Lori Cordel for answered prayers for healing for her.
- Praise God with Tracy Anderes prayers for the details of their family relocation.
- Praise God with George and Judy Stroup for their 13th wedding anniversary.
- Praise God with Teresa Moncrieff for healing of health concerns.
- Praise God with Sherry Angell that her Mom is out of the hospital.
- Pray for Dennis Lutgen as he recovers following heart bypass surgery.
- Pray with Ashley Scoggan for Gary Wallis as he recovers after bypass surgery.
- Pray for Darrell Fulhage for health concerns.
- Pray for Jessica Reimer as her cancer has come back.
- Pray for Lorna Jones as she had a fall recently.
- Pray for Jolene Gengler as she fell and had another concussion.
- Pray with Louise Sutton for her nephew, Doug Dillner, as he waits for surgery
- Pray for Emily Hamilton as she recovers from a broken ankle.
- Pray for Jared and Morgan as they adjust from the move to the Delphos area.
- Pray with Renee Mason for the FCA See You at the Pole event September 26.
- Pray for Gene Foster IV as he will be going to Marine boot camp soon.
- Pray for the BHS football team as several guys are out with injuries.
- Pray for the CLASH the leaders and students as it will start September 19!
- Pray for those affected by the recent fires in Boston.
- Pray for those affected by the hurricane Florence.
- Pray for the family of Dick Zentz, whose memorial was September 11.
- Pray for the family of Wyatt Frohling's Dad, Merlyn Frohling, whose funeral was September 11th.

## 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:

- 9/23 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, John Yeary
- 10/6 Tom Naasz
- 10/7 George Stroup, Carol Tolbert
- 10/8 Cassie Luke
- 10/11 Linda Miller
- 10/12 Ann Girard, Casey Seyfert
- 10/13 Brycn Corbett
- 10/14 Michelle Drum
- 10/15 Lee McMillan, Mike Nulty
- 10/17 Tristan Armstrong, Dakota Follett

### Anniversaries:

- 10/2 Kenny & Deanna Nelson
- 10/3 Jerry & Karen Buser
- 10/6 Rex & Sharon Keister
- 10/7 Tim & Rhonda Mehl
- 10/12 Shane & Glenda Thompson
- 10/14 Mike & Marcia Nulty

### 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:

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	6:00 pm	Children (Grades 1-6)	CLASH (Children Loving and Serving Him) Student Ministry	Church Sanctuary	Doug Betts (785-488-5047)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Adults (women)	Bible Study: Psalms	312 N. Mill Street	Chris Miller (785-738-7965)
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Youth (Grades 7-12)	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)
Fridays	6:30 am	Adults (men)	Bible Study: Romans	Church Library	Dave Cordel (785-545-7137)