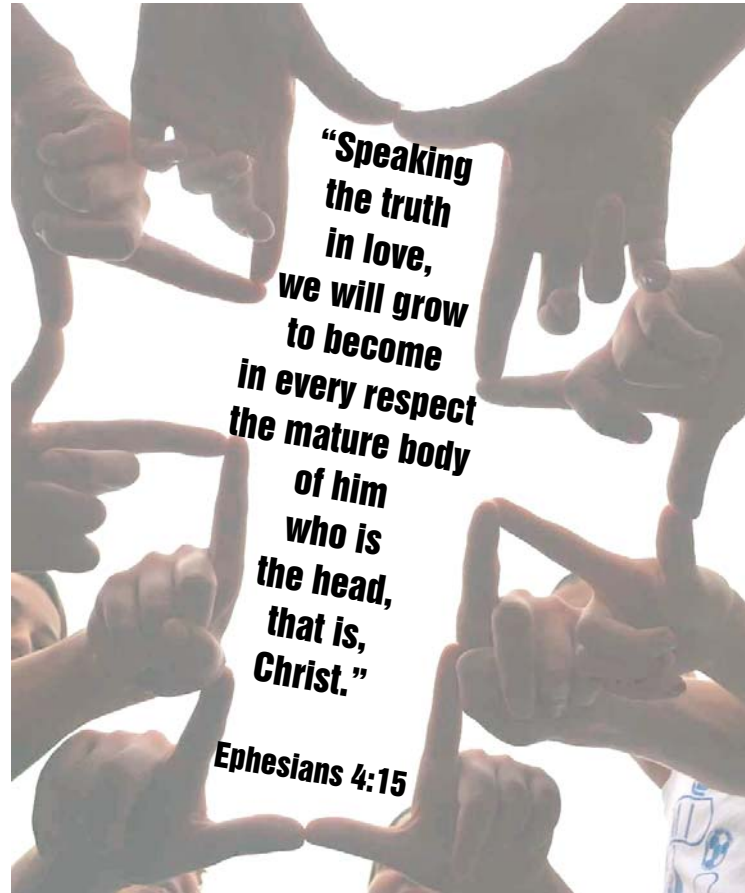




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September 30, 2018



*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 "Living Hope
- Announcements
- *Call to Praise Psalm 9:1-2
- *Songs of Praise "Met By Love"
"How He Loves Us"
"Your Great Name"

- *Prayer of Invocation

- Call to Prayer Mark 1:35
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
- Offertory "New Wine"

- Bible Text Acts 6:1-7 (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 "Growing Pains"

- Invitation
- *Closing Song "Your Great Name"

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“Growing Pains”

Acts 6:1-7

WE GROW BY EXPERIENCING DIVERSITY

“In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.” (Acts 6:1)

WE GROW BY FACING PROBLEMS WITHOUT DEFENSIVENESS

“So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together” (Acts 6:2)

WE GROW BY EMPOWERING OTHERS FOR MINISTRY

“Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.” (Acts 6:3)

WE GROW WHEN WE SERVE THE LEAST OF THESE

“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7)

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	Ashley Scoggan	Ashley Scoggan
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	Jacob Scoggan	Jacob Scoggan
Sound Technician	Rob Heller	Rob Heller
Deacons	Tim Hager	Vernon Adams
	Brad Mason	Norm Newell
	Drew Grabon	Joey Behrends
	Jared Schmidt	Ed Allen

Announcements

SEPTEMBER 30 (today) — 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!

SEPTEMBER 30 (today) — 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) by 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 4 — NO "Immerse" worship this Thursday. There will be no Immerse



IMMERSE WORSHIP

Worship this coming Thursday, October 4. Immerse worship will continue the following Thursday, October 11. "Immerse" is 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!

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 and let us know how many will be coming. We look forward to visiting with you!

Announcements

OCTOBER 9 — Financial Peace University Group is Beginning! Tuesdays at 7 pm



(starting October 9), BFCC will host a Dave Ramsey "Financial Peace University" group in the Family Life Center South Classroom. Learn to gain control of your finances according to Biblical principles. If interested, you must register by calling 785-738-3071 or email cheagy@beloitfcc.org. This group will be led

by Robert Davis.

Mitchell County Food Pantry special needs this month are: jelly, canned fruit, juice,



pancake mix, syrup, hamburger helper, 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!

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) to set up a

time to talk about it and ask questions. This meeting does not commit you to join, but is a first step to thinking and praying about it.

Announcements

Stories from Operation Christmas Child: Operation Christmas Child takes place in November, and BFCC will once again take part in packing, collecting, and shipping shoeboxes. Be encouraged that the Lord uses even small things, like a shoe box filled by you with gifts, to make an eternal difference in the lives of people around the world:



“Alex was 7 years old when the massive genocide in Rwanda occurred. He survived and was placed in an orphanage, as nearly all his family was killed. Alex recounts that time: ‘I had lost all hope. I was standing in the school yard one day with 250 other orphans when brightly colored boxes were given away—one for each orphan. I’ll never forget it. The moment I opened the gift I realized that it was mine. Someone, a stranger I didn’t know, had packed it for me and I remember the joy that day. Answers to the question, “Why am I still alive?” started to crystallize when I comprehended that someone did care. I just didn’t know the person’s name, but I heard they cared because of Jesus Christ.’

Eventually, Alex accepted Christ as Savior because of this experience of love at his darkest time. Alex’s testimony is the fruit that comes from the seed planted on our side of the shoeboxes. Alex has graduated from a Bible college and has now returned to his village in Rwanda to plant a church. He says, ‘What makes the shoe box powerful is the love that prompts each item and the prayer that accompanies the box. If people just pack boxes of toys without believing it can change a kid’s life, they are missing the point. And they are missing something greater still—that it can change their lives too!’

So when packers fill boxes, we ask them to pray as they shop, pray as they make selections, pray as they pack, pray as they send, pray as the box is delivered, pray as it is received, and pray as it is used. That’s a lot of praying, but the Bible says, ‘Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.’ (Colossians 3:17) (excerpt from Franklin Graham’s book, “Operation Christmas Child: A Story of Simple Gifts”)

Thank you, BFCC!

Thank you

“Thank you to those at First Christian Church for all your prayers, thoughts, and support. Zeb was so grateful for everyone’s support during his fight. We didn’t think this would be the end result. It’s a very sad time for us, but we are so grateful for the support we have been given from the community. Love, the Larsons”

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...

It’s ok to have fun... what’s fun?

Sometimes it helps to just have some good clean fun!

Wisdom from the Community

We’ll be sharing wisdom in the form of “Dear Younger Me” videos and letters from people in our community. If you would like to be a part of this we’d love to gain some wisdom from the on piece of advice you would have given your younger self. God tells His story through each and every one of us. We’d love to hear yours! To find out how you can take part in this visit with



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



Most recommended items to pack in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox:

- school supplies – chalkboards with chalk, pencils, scissors
- toys – soccer ball with pump, dolls
- make-your-own crafts – add your personal touch
- non-liquid hygiene items – bar soap, toothbrush
- clothing accessories – tops, shoes, socks, hair bows, gloves, scarves
- a personal note from your family

Items that should not be included in your shoebox:

- used or damaged items
- war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures
- Chocolate, candy or food – due to customs regulations
- liquids or lotions – these can spill and get all over the other items
- medications or vitamins
- breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers

Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Mallory Wittstruck and Clint Shoemaker for their wedding on September 22, 2018.
- Praise God for Hazel Peterson's 101st birthday today 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 on September 30.
- Praise God with Venette Davis that she was protected from injury during a fall.
- Praise God with Deana Betts for the youth praise team music.
- Pray with Micah Scoggan for Gary Wallis for his recovery after bypass surgery.
- Praise God with Teresa Moncrieff for God's help with recent travel arrangements.
- Praise God with Jeanette Luke as she shared her testimony about how serving the Fusion students last year abundantly helped her spiritual journey!
- Pray with Ellen Meyer for Adrian Meyer as he will have back surgery in Oklahoma City this week.
- Pray with Angela Engelbert for her Step Dad as he battles pneumonia and for her mom to have strength to support him.
- Pray for Roger Thelander as he recovers after being in MCH last week.
- Pray with Judy Stroup for her son, Thomas Crisp, for health concerns.
- Pray with Teresa Moncrieff for Paul Moncrieff for healing of a shoulder injury.
- Pray for Dennis Lutgen as he recovers following heart bypass surgery.
- Pray for Darrell Fulhage as he continues chemo treatments in Salina.
- Pray for Jessica Reimer as her cancer has come back.
- Pray for Lorna Jones as she recovers from a recent fall.
- Pray with Louise Sutton for her nephew, Doug Dillner, as he waits for surgery
- Pray with Renee Mason for the FCA See You at the Pole event September 26.
- Pray for the CLASH the leaders and students as it started September 19!
- Pray for the family of Keith Williams' Dad, Virgil Perry "Grampy" Williams, as he passed away September 13th and his memorial service will be October 13th.
- Pray for the family of Bonnie Gaskill who passed away.
- Pray with Diane Kolman for a family who just lost their Mother.

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:

- 9/30 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
- 10/18 Preston Doyle, Jenni Reling, Levi Roush
- 10/20 Larry Behrends

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
- 10/16 Monte & Ileen Ehrsam-Bean
- 10/19 Alan & Julie Snyder

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

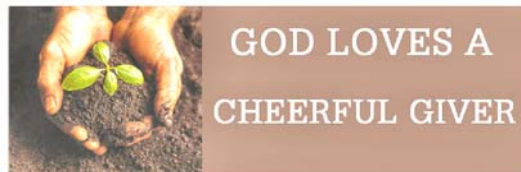
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

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)