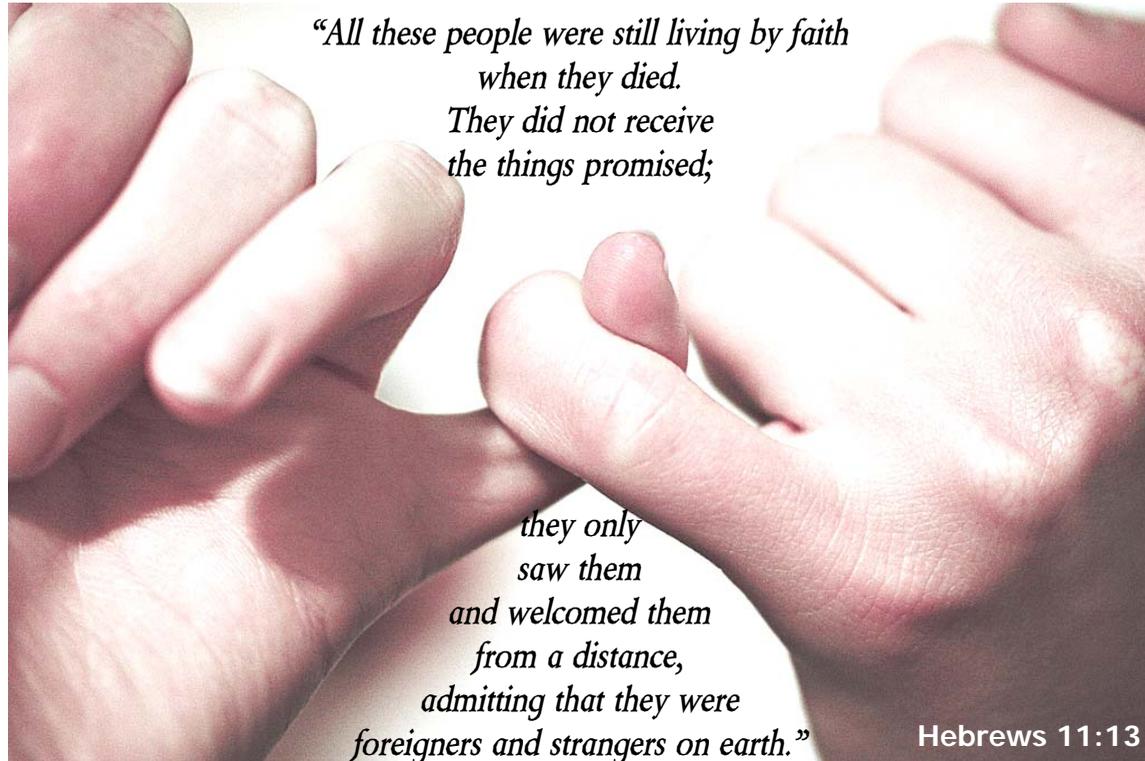




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Hebrews 11:13

*We are an ordinary group of loved and forgiven sinners
set free to be children of God and saints who follow Jesus Christ,
We seek to **make disciples** of lost sinners for Christ,
and **grow disciples** in joyfully obeying all of Jesus’ commands
to express love for God and all 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** “God With Us”
- Announcements**
- *Call to Praise** Jeremiah 17:12-14
- *Songs of Praise** “You Alone Can Rescue”
“Your Great Name”
- *Prayer of Invocation**
- Call to Prayer** 1 King 8:56-57
*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** “Carry Your Name”
- Communion**
- Call to Give and Prayer**
- Offertory** “In Christ Alone”
- Bible Text** Acts 7:1-16 (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** “Living on Promises”
- Invitation**
- *Closing Song** “Your Grace Is Enough”

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“Living on Promises”

Acts 7:1-16

PROMISES THAT POINT TO THE GREATEST PROMISE

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth...Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.” (Hebrews 11:13, 16)

SETTLING FOR LESSER THINGS KEEPS US FROM TRUE FULFILLMENT

“He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.” (Acts 7:5)

FEAR OF SURRENDER KEEPS US FROM ABUNDANT LIFE

“Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles.” (Acts 7:9-10)

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	Angie Ahlvers	Angie Ahlvers
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Ken Moeller	Ken Moeller
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller
Deacons	Loren Heller	Shelby Gantz
	Brian Gates	Carl Prather
	Tom Maxwell	Adrian Meyer
	Brady Luke	Scott Ahlvers

Announcements

OCTOBER 14 (today) — Financial Stewardship Committee Meeting: There will be a Financial Stewardship Committee meeting today, Sunday October 14, at 6 pm in the Family Life Center South Classroom.

OCTOBER 17 — Community Food Drive for Mitchell County Food Pantry: Simply leave your non-perishable food items on your front porch or step (visible from the street) by 9 am on Wednesday, October 17, and St. John's students will pick them up for the Mitchell County Food Pantry. It couldn't be easier to help those in need!



OCTOBER 18 — "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

OCTOBER 20 — Opportunity for men to serve for one day at Salina Rescue Mission: Several men from BFCC have volunteered to go to the Salina Rescue Mission and help with a service project on Saturday, October 20. If some other men from the BFCC would like to come along and help, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. We will be painting the lines in their parking lot and re-installing parking stops. If you are interested in helping out, contact Kent Miller, 534-2633 (cell). All the equipment, etc. will be provided. All we have to do is to show up and serve. I will get in contact with you as to our time of departure on the morning of October 20. Please let me know by Wednesday, October 17 if you would like to go with us. Thank you.



OCTOBER 20 and 21 — Soup Supper Fundraiser for Heart Choices at St. John's High School Cafeteria: Saturday, October 20 from 5 - 7 pm, and Sunday, October 21 from 9 am - 12 noon, the Knights of Columbus will offer home-made chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups to raise money for the purchase of an ultrasound machine for Heart Choices Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Center.



Announcements

NOVEMBER 5 — "Questions and Conversation" This informal time of open discussion is led by Pastor Cliff in the Church Library on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. This is not a pre-programmed study, but rather a place where your questions become the topic of conversation in a safe, accepting atmosphere. This group is open to everyone. Bring your questioning co-worker or friend!



DECEMBER 9 — Kids' Christmas Program at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All Sunday morning students are beginning to practice during their regular Sunday morning classes for their roles in the annual Kids' Christmas Program. Students should arrive Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. sharp to start practicing for our celebration of baby King Jesus. You won't want your kids to miss this opportunity! Sunday morning classes run every Sunday morning between the two worship services, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. There are classes for every age.



The printed edition of the 2018 BFCC Photo Directory is now available at the Welcome Center. Anyone is invited to take a directory (please one copy per household), whether you are a long-time member, recent attender, or first time visitor. And you can still be instantly included in the online edition of the directory by sending us a photo (or allowing us to take one), along with your name(s), address, phone #, and email. You will then be sent directions on how to access the directory through any web browser, or through a free smartphone app. Our goal is to print a new directory each year, so get your photo in now for the next printed edition. Our prayer is that this directory will put names to faces, and encourage you to reach out to one another in loving friendship in Christ.



Announcements

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.

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:

“In the Philippines, a Christian school was the recipient of shoebox gifts entrusted to the faculty to distribute. The teachers had been instructing the children about giving, even out of their own poverty, and how to receive with thankful hearts. The children were encouraged to begin praying for the people who had packed and sent the boxes. Then the teachers took it one step further when they said, ‘Pray that you will see God’s provision in the items you receive, and then enjoy the generosity of Christians who have prayed for and remembered you.’

The day the shoeboxes arrived, an eight-year-old girl prayed before she opened her box and said, ‘Please send my little sister a dress.’ The teachers were moved by her selfless prayer, but knew that she had been given a box marked for a girl her age, not for her sister who was considerably younger.

Carefully the little girl lifted the lid. Her eyes grew big when she pulled out a brand new dress that would perfectly fit her one-year-old little sister. She jumped for joy and said, ‘I knew it. I knew it,’ as she looked up toward heaven and said, ‘salamat’ (thank you).

Did the packers mistake the age category they had chosen? There is no way to answer that question, but what can be said is that God answered the selfless prayer of a big sister who had a very big heart. (excerpt from Franklin Graham’s book, “Operation Christmas Child: A Story of Simple Gifts”)

Children and Youth Ministries



Sunday Evening December 2nd
Keats, KS
FREE - Sign up to go

www.gracebchurch.org/ministry/bethlehem-revisited
Bethlehem Revisited

FUSION 7th - 12th Grade Students

Wednesday
7:00 - 8:30
PM

CONGRATULATIONS
Preston Doyle!

Preston gave his life to Jesus and was baptized Wednesday night at Fusion. Please encourage and congratulate Preston in this awesome step of faith!



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PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS
Group page - @bfccparentpage

Children and Youth Ministries

Serving in 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, concerns or reservations and would like to learn more please visit with Pastor Doug.

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Workshop.

If you're interested in attending a workshop to learn more about children and youth ministry, how you might fit in and answers to your "what if?" questions please visit with Pastor Doug or sign up at the welcome center.



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

SERVING - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE, AN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION. THEIR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE LOCAL PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD WITH SHOEBOXES FILLED WITH SMALL TOYS, HYGIENE ITEMS, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AS A MEANS OF REACHING OUT TO CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST. WE SHIP THESE SIMPLE GIFTS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO CHILDREN AFFECTED BY WAR, POVERTY, NATURAL DISASTER, FAMINE, AND DISEASE; AND TO CHILDREN LIVING ON NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS IN THE U.S.



Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Jadon Adams for many answered prayers of the church family when he had a medical crisis at a football game 7 years ago on October 7, 2011.
- Praise God for Tim and Rhonda Mehl's wedding anniversary on October 7!
- Praise God for George Stroup's 92nd birthday on October 7, 2018.
- Praise God for Carol Tolbert's birthday on October 7, 2018.
- Praise God for Preston Doyle's baptism scheduled for October 10, 2018!
- Praise God with Becky & Dan Staley as they will miss our church as they move.
- Praise God with Rita Rowh that Jay Rowh's sister, Carla, did not have a severe reaction to her third chemo treatment.
- Praise God for the Heart Choice Walk Run 4 Life on September 30.
- Pray with Janice Stouffer for blessings on the wedding of Brenda Stouffer and Brad Willenberg on October 13, 2018, in Kearney, NE.
- Pray for Jolene Adcock, as she recovers after knee surgery.
- Pray with Sharon Keister for her Mom, Betty Gentleman, as she is in the hospital.
- Pray for Mary Ann Severance as she recovers after tongue cancer surgery.
- Pray with Rita Rowh as she will start 5 day a week trips to Manhattan for radiation treatments on October 8, 2018.
- Pray with Jodi File for Charlie File as he recovers following surgery.
- Pray for Randy Doggett as he recovers after being in the hospital last week.
- Pray for Gerald Briney as he has been in Mitchell County Hospital.
- Pray for Adrian Meyer as he recovers following back surgery.
- Pray for Shirley Prather as she battles brain cancer and receives hospice care.
- Pray with Louise Sutton for her nephew, Doug Dillner, as he waits for surgery
- Pray with Justin Rice for 6 ladies from our church who are attending the Women's Encounter October 5-7, 2018, in Salina.
- Pray for the new Financial Peace University life group starting October 9, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Doug Berndt's cousin, Jo Lynn Keller, whose memorial service will be October 7, 2018, in Glasco.
- 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.

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:

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
 10/21 Rod Pearson, Leann Wehrman
 10/23 Mary Lou Heller, Kent Miller
 10/26 Amanda Seyfert
 10/27 Stacy Behrends, Louise Sutton
 10/28 Ben Wehrman
 10/29 Justin Rice
 10/31 Lisa Novak
 11/1 Andrew Prather
 11/3 Jeremy Bowers, Shirley Lafferty, Deanna Nelson, Judy Stroup, Grace Wiles
 11/4 Jason Rabe
 11/5 Mary Belknap, Jill Ehram, Linda Mealiff, Breckyn Smith, Haddie Smith, Karrie Wiles
 11/6 Ryder Allen
 11/7 Karlene Smith

Anniversaries:

10/14 Mike & Marcia Nulty
 10/16 Monte & Ileen Ehram-Bean
 10/19 Alan & Julie Snyder
 10/28 Wil & Sue Hoestje

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

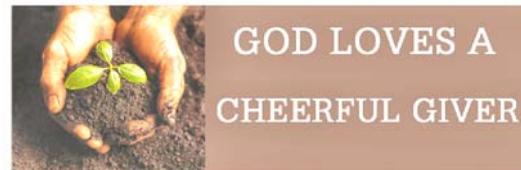
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Lois Guipre-Simoneau

The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



The Latest Financial Report:

September Giving: \$ 33,123.74
 September Expenses \$26,573.08
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 272,720.66
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 265,357.79



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 over 50)	"Metallic" Bible Study	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)
Fridays	6:30 am	Adults (men)	Bible Study: Romans	Church Library	Dave Cordel (785-545-7137)