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October 21, 2018



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** "Made to Worship"
Announcements
***Call to Praise** Psalm 109:30; 29:2
***Songs of Praise** "Be Unto Your Name"
"How Great is Our God"
"I Give You My Heart"

***Prayer of Invocation**

Call to Prayer Isaiah 40:12-14
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

Bible Text Acts 7:17-50 (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 "When Worship Becomes Idolatry"

Invitation
***Closing Song** "That's Why We Praise Him"

**Please stand, if you are able*

*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.*

Message Notes

“When Worship Becomes Idolatry”

Acts 7:17-50

WORSHIPERS WHO RESIST GOD

“You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!” (Acts 7:51)

- also read Exodus 32:4-6

WORSHIP AND OUR HANDS (action and obedience)

“But our ancestors refused to obey him.” (Acts 7:39)

- also read Romans 12:2; Isaiah 1:11-15; Acts 7:52

WORSHIP AND OUR HEARTS (motive and passion)

“Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt...[They] reveled in what their own hands had made.” (Acts 7:39, 41)

- also read Matthew 15:7-9

WORSHIP AND OUR HEADS (truth and reason)

“Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don’t know what has happened to him!” (Acts 7:40)

- also read 1 Peter 3:15; Psalm 42:5

WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them... Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” (Acts 16:25, 28)

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	Linda Mealiff	Linda Mealiff
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Greg Harrison	Greg Harrison
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Jacob Scoggan	Jacob Scoggan
Sound Technician	Rob Heller	Rob Heller
Deacons	Loren Heller	Shelby Gantz
	Brian Gates	Carl Prather
	Tom Maxwell	Adrian Meyer
	Brady Luke	Scott Ahlvers

Announcements

OCTOBER 25 — “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

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

The Nominating Committee to create a ballot of nominees for 2019 ministry leadership positions has been formed. These nominations will be voted on at the December 2, 2018 Congregational Voting Meeting. If you have suggestions for ministry leadership positions, please confidentially pass along names to anyone on the Nominating Committee: Aaron Adams, Venette Davis, Ken Moeller, Brooke Hemmert, and Greg Harrison. Your prayers for this team are appreciated!

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.

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) to view videos of all of our past services and sermons. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel (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.



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.



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:



“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



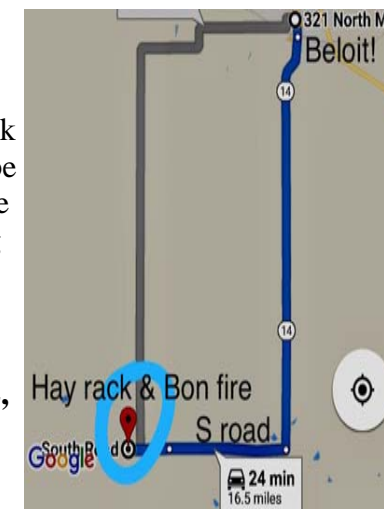
FUSION 7th - 12th Grade Students
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Hay Rack Ride and Bonfire

Tonight at Tim Mehl’s Farm 5:30 - 8:30

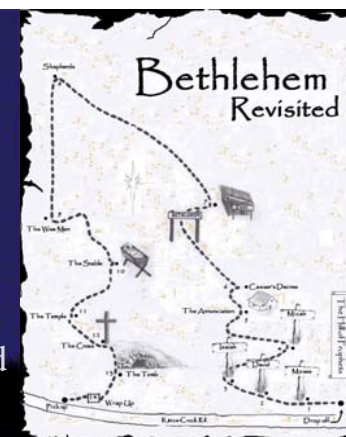
Jr High and High School students are invited to a hay rack ride and bonfire tonight at Tim Mehl’s farm. There will be food, games, music, and other activities in addition to the hay rack ride and bonfire. Bring a friend and come hang out!

I would like to invite all 7th-12th students even if you’ve NEVER BEEN TO FUSION BEFORE, come hang out with us... we’re not so bad!



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

www.gracebchurch.org/ministry/bethlehem-revisited
BETHLEHEM REVISITED



Children and Youth Ministries

BE WHO
YOU NEEDED
WHEN YOU
WERE YOUNGER

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.



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Children Loving And Serving Him

FUSION @fusion.bfcc

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS
Group page - @bfccparentpage



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

WHY DIDN'T GOD MAKE US LIKE ROBOTS?

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE CHOICES. IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE WE HAD NO SAY ABOUT ANYTHING! WHAT IF GOD, WHO CAN DO ANYTHING, SIMPLY FORCED US TO LOVE HIM?



Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God for Preston Doyle's baptism on October 10, 2018 at Fusion!
- Praise God with Janice Stouffer for the wedding of Brenda Stouffer and Brad Willenberg on October 13, 2018, in Kearney, NE.
- Praise God for Doug Dillner as he had successful lung transplant surgery!
- Praise God with Dan and Jenni Reling for Jake's 26th birthday on October 14!
- Pray for Jolene Adcock, as she recovers following multiple medical concerns.
- Pray for Dakota Ellis as he continues cancer treatments.
- Pray with Jeanette Luke for the Hope for Justice prayer week.
- Pray with Diane and Verlin Kolman for their son, Heath and his wife Yanelly, as they will be taking a group of young people to a church camp in the Dominican Republic October 19-21.
- Pray with Terri Engelbert for Cami Engelbert for safety as she drives through snow on October 14, 2018.
- Pray for Jerry Brown from Glen Elder, KS as he has serious medical concerns.
- Pray with Ally Betts for Gene Foster IV as he has pneumonia and needs to gain weight for marine boot camp.
- Pray for Heidi Silvia as she recovers following knee surgery.
- Pray with Beverly Roman for her 75-year-old Aunt Ruth as she waits in Florida for relatives to rescued her from her hurricane damaged house.
- Pray with Lori Cordel for Pat Piersee as she is in the hospital with serious medical concerns.
- Pray for Gerald Briney as he has been in Mitchell County Hospital last week.
- Pray with Joni Adams for her relative, Baylea Williams, as she will have more medical tests.
- Pray with Kent Miller for the men who are volunteering to help the Salina Rescue Mission next Saturday.
- Pray with Aaron Adams for the church nominating team as they seek church leaders for 2019.
- Pray for the family of Keith Williams' Dad, Virgil Perry "Grampy" Williams, as his memorial service was on October 13th.
- Pray with the family of Carl Prather's Aunt Shirley Prather as her funeral will be October 19, 2018, at the Roberts Family Funeral Home.

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:

- 10/21 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
- 11/8 Brenda Crawford, Donna Munsey
- 11/12 Tate Ahlvers
- 11/14 Jana Pfannenstiel
- 11/17 Dave Mealiff

Anniversaries:

- 10/28 Wil & Sue Hoestje
- 11/10 Eddie & Charle Green
- 11/13 Kasey Franks & Jessalee Kelley
- 11/15 Mark & Jennifer Bean
Drew & Susan Grabon

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

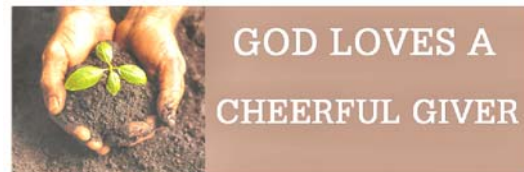
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

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)