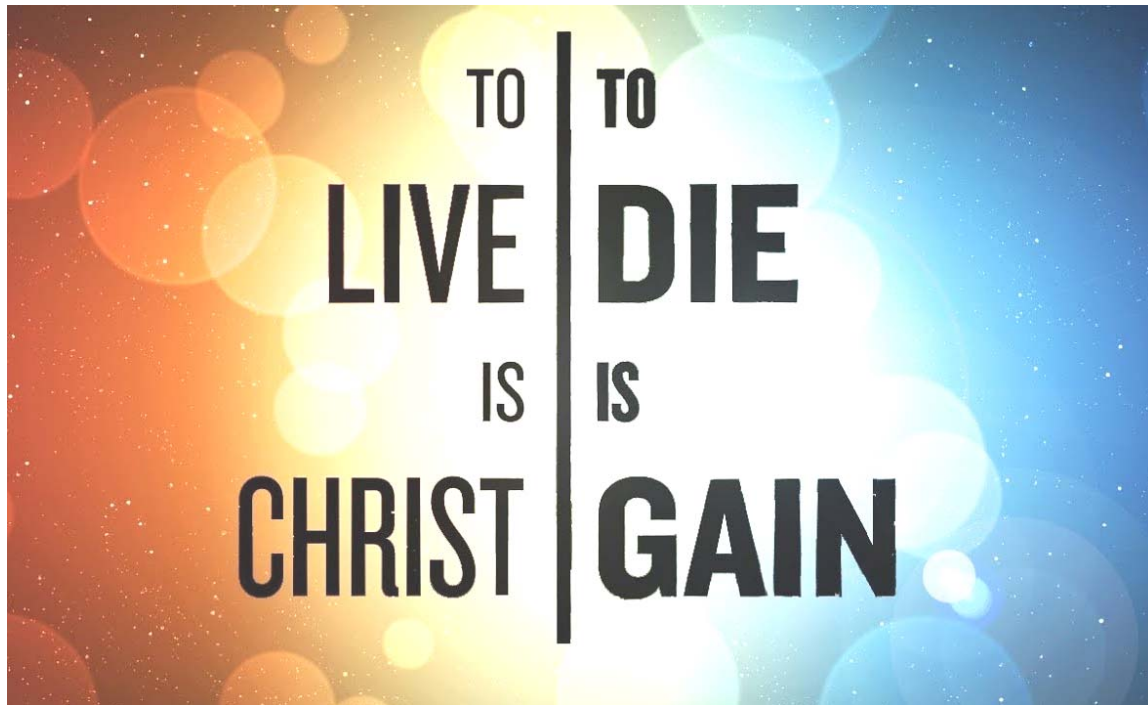




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**October 28, 2018**



*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** "Lay Me Down"
- Announcements**
- \*Call to Praise**
- \*Songs of Praise** "Reckless Love"  
"Our God"
- \*Prayer of Invocation**
- Call to Prayer**  
*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** "You Say"
- Offertory**
- Bible Text** Acts 7:51 - 8:3 (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 and Dying for Christ"
- Membership (8:00 am)** Terry Jennings
- Invitation**
- \*Closing Song** "My Lighthouse"

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

## Message Notes

“Living and Dying for Christ”

Acts 7:51 - 8:3

### DEATH REVEALS WHAT WE LIVE FOR THE MOST

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

### COMMITMENT TO CHRIST WILL BRING PERSECUTION

“You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him” (Acts 7:51-52)

- also read John 15:20; Matthew 10:34-39

### SEEING JESUS AS DEFENDER

“When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:54-55)

- also read Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25

### SEEING JESUS AS FORGIVER

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7:59-60)

## 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	Youth Praise Team	Youth Praise Team
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Ken Moeller	Ken Moeller
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Drew Grabon	Drew Grabon
Deacons	Loren Heller	Shelby Gantz
	Brian Gates	Carl Prather
	Tom Maxwell	Adrian Meyer
	Brady Luke	Scott Ahlvers

## Announcements

**NOVEMBER 1 — “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 4 — Young Adult Life Group Gathering:** Come and connect with other young adults on Sunday, November 4, at 5 pm here at Beloit First Christian Church. We’ll meet in the Family Life Center Gym for some snacks, games, and fellowship. Bring some other young adults with you!



**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 2 — Breakfast Fellowship and Congregational Voting Meeting, 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Family Life Center Gym:** Come and enjoy a some food and fellowship between our 8 am and 10:30 am worship services. We’ll provide the main dish of breakfast casseroles and drinks, and there is a sign-up sheet available at the Welcome Center for those who would like to provide cinnamon rolls, coffee-cakes, muffins, bread, or fruit.



Near the end of the meal (around 10 am) ballots will be handed out for members to vote on the 2019 nominees for leadership positions, and the 2019 church budget. The list of nominees and proposed budget will be available at the Welcome Center after the November 18 board meeting. Because of practicing for the Kids’ Christmas Program, students are encouraged to take their breakfast foods up to their classrooms.

## Announcements

**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.



**Thank you, BFCC**



“What a comfort...for us to know that our burden of grief was shared by our friends. Thank you for your prayers, love, cards, and help with Grampy’s memorial service. —Keith & Bev Williams and Family”

**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.

**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!

## 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](mailto: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

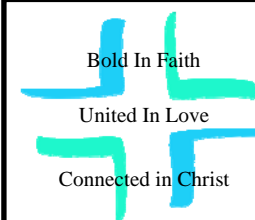
were encouraged to begin praying for the people who had packed and sent the boxes. Then the teachers took it one step further when they said, ‘Pray that you will see God’s provision in the items you receive, and then enjoy the generosity of Christians who have prayed for and remembered you.’

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



# NO FUSION

## Wednesday October 31st



DO NOT LET  
**ANYONE**  
LOOK DOWN ON YOU  
BECAUSE YOU  
ARE **YOUNG**  
BUT SET AN  
**EXAMPLE**  
FOR BELIEVERS  
IN SPEECH, IN LIFE  
IN **LOVE,**  
AND IN PURITY.

-1 Timothy 4:12

Sunday Evening December 2nd  
Keats, KS  
FREE - Sign Up at Welcome Center to go



## 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.

NO **CLASH** Wednesday October 31st  
Children Loving And Serving Him



## Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Bruce and Karen Wright for the safe healthy birth of a grandson.
- Praise God for the birthdays of Rod Pearson, Leann Wehrman, Dina Budke, Susan Grabon's Sister and Dad!
- Praise God with Lorna Jones for the caring card she received and that she is able to worship with us today!
- Praise God for the good recovery so far for Doug Dillner after lung transplant surgery.
- Praise God with Teresa Moncrieff that Paul was able to get help for his shoulder from a chiropractor.
- Praise God with Jean Nyberg for her brother who broke his leg 5 months ago and now he is walking.
- Praise God with Tiffany Bockover for her Dad and Grandmother being with her in worship today.
- Praise God with Jeanette Luke for her testimony about God's help through prayer and baking special matza bread.
- Pray with Cliff and Laura Heagy for their grandson Theo, as he has been diagnosed as deaf in one ear.
- Pray for Ray Howland as he recovers following knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for Jolene Adcock and Gene Schneider for medical concerns.
- Pray with Diane and Verlin Kolman for Heath Kolman and Yanelly as they are returning with group of young people today from the Dominican Republic.
- Pray for Jerry Brown from Glen Elder, KS as he has serious medical concerns.
- Pray for Pat Piersee for serious medical concerns.
- Pray for Roger Thelander for medical concerns.
- Pray with Joni Adams for her relative, Baylea Williams, as she will have more medical tests.
- Pray with Drew Grabon for our country for wisdom as we approach elections.
- Pray with the family of Carl Prather's Aunt Shirley Prather as her funeral was October 19, 2018.
- Pray with Lisa Novak for a family friend, Matthew Cox, who passed away.
- Pray with the family of Joice Kimerer as she passed away. She is Kelly Kimerer's Mom and Morgan Schmidt's Grandmother.

## 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:

10/28 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  
 11/18 Natasha Mudd  
 11/19 Aaron Adams  
 11/21 Della Bletscher, Dan Streit  
 11/25 Dave Crawford, Marshall Green

### 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  
 11/23 Clint & Tiffany Bockover  
 Justin & Cathy Rice

### Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

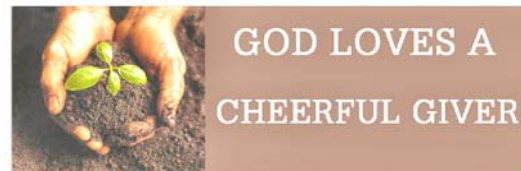
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

### 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)