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November 4, 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** "The Comforter Has Come" (hymn #386)
"Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome"

Announcements

***Call to Praise** John 14; Galatians 5 selected verses
***Songs of Praise** "Spirit Song" (hymn #384)

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (hymn #391)
"Holy Spirit, Light Divine" (hymn #392)

***Prayer of Invocation**

Call to Prayer Psalm 29:1-2
*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 8:4-25 (page 889)
*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 "The Gift and Power of the Holy Spirit"

Invitation

***Closing Song** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (hymn #393)

**Please stand, if you are able*

Message Notes

“The Gift and Power of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 8:4-25

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN EVERY BELIEVER

“The Spirit of truth... lives with you and will be in you... You are in me, and I am in you” (John 14:17, 20)

“The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you” (Romans 8:11)

- also read John 14:15-23; Romans 8:9-11

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

“Don’t get drunk with wine...Instead, be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18)

THE SPIRIT FILLS US WITH LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

“Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there... So there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 8:5, 8)

THE SPIRIT FILLS OUR HEARTS WITH NEW MOTIVES

“You thought you could buy the gift of God...Your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you”... Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.” (Acts 8:20-22, 24)

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	Donna Munsey	Donna Munsey
Announcements	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Aaron Adams	Aaron Adams
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Rob Heller	Rob Heller
Deacons	Brad Mason	Max Wehrman
	Tim Hager	Ryan Batchman
	Brady Luke	Shelby Gantz
		Norm Newell

Announcements

NOVEMBER 4 (today) — 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!



NOVEMBER 8 — “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 18 — Missionaries Russ and Etta Bauck will share from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. BFCC has supported Russ and Etta as missionaries in the Philippines for many years through OC International. Come and hear what the Lord has been doing through them, and about life transitions for the Baucks as they share from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gym.



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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.

DECEMBER 9 — Missionary Taylor Wiese will share from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Taylor works through Student Mobilization, which strives to build spiritual leaders for Christ from the college campuses of the world. The ultimate goal is the great commission—to make disciples of all nations. Taylor works with the StuMo Traveling Team that calls and motivates students to missions. Come and hear Taylor share about what the Lord is doing from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gym.



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.



Announcements

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!

Thank you, BFCC



"Thank you for the card I received in the mail with all the signatures! I certainly appreciate your congregation keeping me in your prayers. The prayers were a significant part of my recovery, and continue to help me. Sincere thanks! —Dennis Lutgen"

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"

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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")

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

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.



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!



Sunday Morning is a perfect time to connect in a Life Group! Every week BFCC provides opportunities for you to connect in personal ways with other ordinary folks to do real life together. It's in these relationships that we learn to put down our masks because we've found safe and caring people who share our struggles, doubts, questions, and joys. The back cover of our weekly bulletin lists our currently available Life Groups, along with dates, locations, and a contact person to find out more. Many of our Life Groups occur on Sunday mornings for all ages from 9:30 - 10:15 am, which makes it a great opportunity to worship with the entire church family and also connect on a more personal level. Other groups meet throughout the week enabling options for a variety of schedules. Jesus works his changes in us through regular community with others!

Additionally, every Sunday during our 10:30 a.m. worship service we offer a high-energy, age-appropriate Kid's Church experience for students from Kindergarten through Grade 4. This enables the whole family to participate and experience meaningful worship that helps establish a real and growing, daily relationship with God. Make this year a spiritual turning point year for you and your family by plugging into both Sunday morning small groups and worship.

Welcome New Member Terry Jennings!

Terry Jennings recently joined BFCC in membership on October 28, 2018. Membership is an outward sign of the Holy Spirit's work to connect people in the Body of Christ, and so we give God thanks for connecting Terry with us. We asked Terry to answer a few questions so you can get to know him even better.

What people or circumstances were helpful in leading you to know Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior and Lord?

My mom "insisted" that my brother and I attend Sunday School. My Jr. High Sunday School teacher pushed us to get to know Jesus in a personal, one-on-one relationship. I was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior as a teenager at the Methodist Church in Lebanon.

Where have you lived over the course of your life, and how did you come to live in North Central Kansas?

I grew up in Lebanon, KS, and attended Vo-Tech here in Beloit. I worked on harvest crews and farmed for many years near Lebanon. We moved to Smith Center and I worked at Smith Co. EMS for 6 years as an EMT-I. In 2009 we moved to Beloit and I started working at Carrico Implement in the Parts Department.



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What initially attracted you to BFCC, and what encouraged you to continue a connection with us?

We visited BFCC and instantly noticed how it felt like a family—like we were “home.” I helped with the youth group for a couple of years and went on a Mission Trip to New Mexico in 2012 as a sponsor. Since then, I have been in small groups and attending worship here at BFCC. It feels like a family.

Tell us about your work, talents, and interests:

My daughter Haylei is a freshman at Adams Central High near Hastings, NE. It seems I spend quite a bit of time traveling to watch her school and band events. My daughter Carli lives in Omaha, and son Terran and his wife live in Platte City, MO. So traveling is going to be picking up.

Name a few favorite books, movies, or experiences:

The Mission Trip in 2012 to New Mexico was a great experience.

Is there anything else about yourself that might help people get to know you better?

I enjoy getting texts from my kids about things going on in their lives. It seems every evening one of them will text and we can spend an hour just keeping in contact.

Children and Youth Ministries



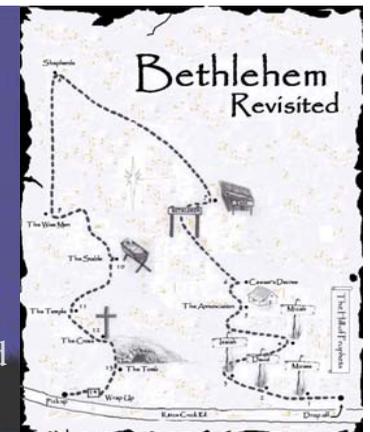
DO NOT LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE IN LOVE, AND IN PURITY.

-1 Timothy 4:12

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



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.



Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Terry Jennings as he decided to become a church member on October 28, 2018!
- Praise God with Louise Sutton for the good recovery so far for Doug Dillner after lung transplant surgery.
- Praise God for pastor Doug Betts and all the good things happening in the lives of many young people.
- Praise God that Gene Foster is doing better on his health at marine boot camp and that he is also gaining weight.
- Pray with Sharon Keister for Betty Gentleman as she is in Mitchell County Hospital with multiple medical concerns.
- Pray for Melissa as she receives chemotherapy.
- Pray for Mandy Fincham for control of her high blood pressure during her pregnancy.
- Pray for Roger Thelander for medical concerns.
- Pray with Dave Cordel for our country for wisdom as we approach the elections on November 6, 2018.
- Pray for more volunteers to help with providing filled shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes program.
- Pray for more volunteers to help with the meals on wheels program the week of October 29, 2018.
- Pray for the church youth groups for all ages of young people.
- Pray for those who need to be reminded of God's constancy and to never give up.
- Pray for God's provision for those who need a job.
- Pray with the family of Joice Kimerer as her graveside funeral service was of October 26, 2018.

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:

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
 11/26 Landon Budke
 11/28 Tami Eck
 12/3 Scott Ahlvers
 12/6 Jeff Baxa, Cadyn Carter
 12/8 Grady Stewart, Brooke
 Wehrman

Anniversaries:

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
 11/27 Phil & Kristi Vetter
 12/2 Dan & Becky Staley

Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

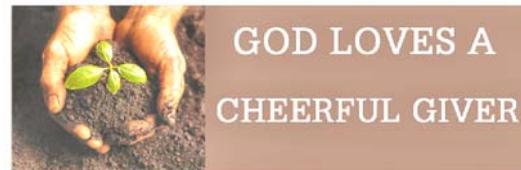
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

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)	"Ephesians"	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"	Boost Blessing House Campbell and 2nd St.	Jeanette Luke (785-738-8463)
Fridays	6:30 am	Adults (men)	Bible Study: Romans	Church Library	Dave Cordel (785-545-7137)