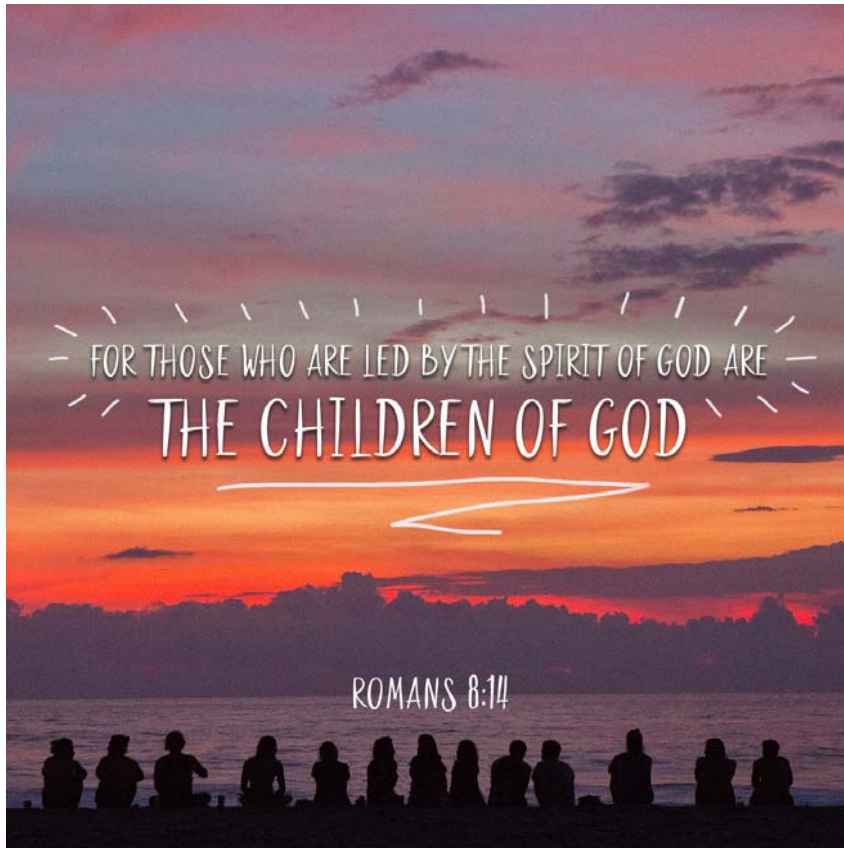




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**November 11, 2018**



*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** "Our God"
- Announcements**
- \*Call to Praise** Psalm 86:9-10
- \*Songs of Praise** "Great I Am"  
"Majesty (Here I Am)"
- \*Prayer of Invocation**
- Call to Prayer** Psalm 77:10-12  
*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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- Bible Text** Acts 8:26-40 (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 Spirit Speaks and Guides"
- Invitation**
- \*Closing Song** "You, You Are God"

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

## Message Notes

### “The Spirit Speaks and Guides”

Acts 8:26-40

#### THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAKS IN DIFFERENT WAYS

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ... The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” (Acts 8:26, 29)

#### THE SPIRIT GUIDES US TO BE A CLOSE, GRACE-FILLED PRESENCE

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” (Acts 8:29-31)

#### THE SPIRIT GUIDES US TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.” (Acts 8:35)

- also read Isaiah 56:3-7

## 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.

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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	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 12 — Boost Ministries Coat Drive:** Do you have coats you or your kids no longer need? Ready to upgrade to a bigger size or different style? Just need a winter coat? All are welcome to share, trade, or just grab what you need to stay warm this winter. Come to the Boost Blessing House at 120 N. Campbell Avenue to drop off your coats from 8-10 a.m. The Coat Drive itself will take place from 12 noon to 2 p.m.



**NOVEMBER 15 — “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.



**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 3 — “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 — 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.



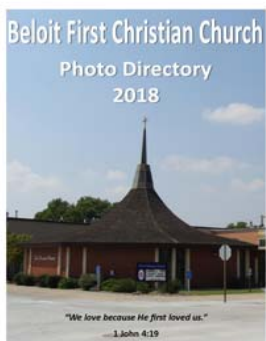
**The Nominating Committee to create a ballot of nominees for 2019 ministry leadership positions has been formed.** These nominations will be voted on at the December 2, 2018 Congregational Voting Meeting. If you have suggestions for ministry leadership positions, please confidentially pass along names 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

**Help support and send the Youth Praise Team to a winter conference:** The youth praise team is doing a fundraiser for a conference called "Winter Xtreme." The team will be traveling to Branson, MO in December and is selling calendars to help pay for expenses. 2019 calendars with photos from BFCC's children and youth ministries will be for sale after both services for a suggested donation of \$15 (or whatever the Lord prompts in you!). Your support of the youth is so appreciated!!!



**The 2018 printed edition of the 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.



### Thank you, BFCC



"We wanted to thank you all for your continuous support in our life group. Thank you for books, financial support, and all prayers. We are so blessed to have a great church family to support us in the growth of our faith. — Young Adult Life Group"

### 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"

## Announcements

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](http://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.



## 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”)

**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.

## 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.



## Welcome New Member Terry Jennings!

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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.

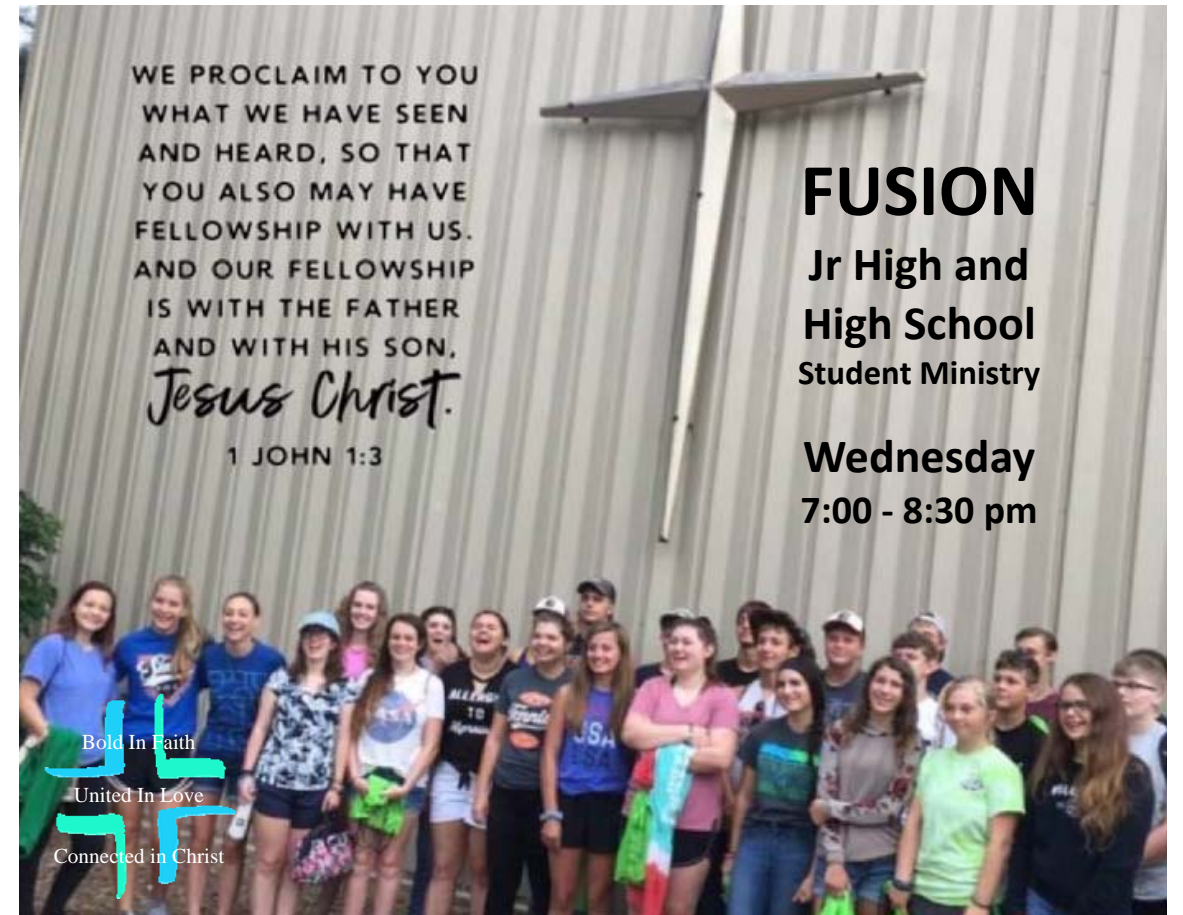
### **Name a few favorite books, movies, or experiences:**

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



## 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.



**Families are invited to our last CLASH.**

**Wednesday November 14th.**

**The kids will share what they've been learning and doing at 6:00**

**Meal at 6:30!**



In Kid's Church we focus on fun. It's important that kids have an opportunity to learn about God... but it's so much easier to learn when they're having fun!

Each week a video lesson and discussion is prepared, an activity or activity page is done and the kids get to share about their lives. It's kids doing

## Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God with Terry Jennings as he joined the church on October 28!
- Praise God with Todd and Marla Catlin as they welcomed the birth of a new granddaughter on October 26 with the birth of Sloane Monroe!
- Praise God with Kristi Vetter for the talented BHS students who will presenting the musical Shrek next week!
- Praise God with Roger Thelander for recent health improvements.
- Pray with Sharon Keister for Betty Gentleman as she was in Mitchell County Hospital last week and back to Hilltop Nursing Home now.
- Pray for Mandy Fincham for the healthy delivery of her baby on November 8.
- Pray for Reid Behrends for healing of three broken bones in his hand.
- Pray for Stacy Towne as she continues more cancer treatments in Tulsa.
- Pray for Dakota Ellis as he has cancer treatments at MD Anderson in Houston.
- Pray for Justin Halbgewachs as he recovers following the removal of a non-cancerous brain tumor.
- Pray with Bill Angell for safety for all involved in the fall ag harvest season.
- Pray with Tim Mehl for Jenny Isbell for a medical concern for her ear.
- Pray with Jessica Reimer (Peck) for health concerns of possible cancer.
- Pray with Jeanette Luke for her cousin Gregg Tanner as he has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Pray with Jeanette Luke for safe travel for she and Charlie and the prayer envelops they will be taking to Jerusalem.
- Pray for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due back to the church by November 18th.
- Pray for the church stewardship team and nominating team.
- Pray for the elections in our country on November 6.
- Pray with Jennifer Weaver for the family of her Aunt Doris (Hiserote) Schramek as her funeral was last week.
- Pray with Connie Hager for the family of her Uncle Dick Siskosky as his funeral will be November 7, 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:

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  
 12/9 Drew Grabon  
 12/10 Joanne Behrends, Bruce Wright  
 12/11 Randi Robinson  
 12/13 Doug Johnson, Vera Streit  
 12/14 Jodi File  
 12/16 Ashley Long

### Anniversaries:

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  
 12/20 Kris & Melinda Kimple

### Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

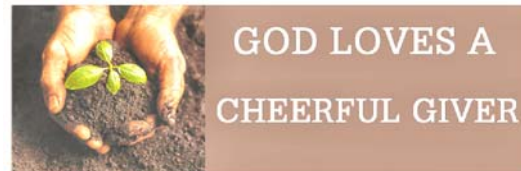
- Lela File
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

### Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Lois Guipre-Simoneau

### The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Neva Howland



### The Latest Financial Report:

October Giving: \$ 24,426.42  
 October Expenses \$29,124.32  
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 297,147.08  
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 294,482.11



## 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)