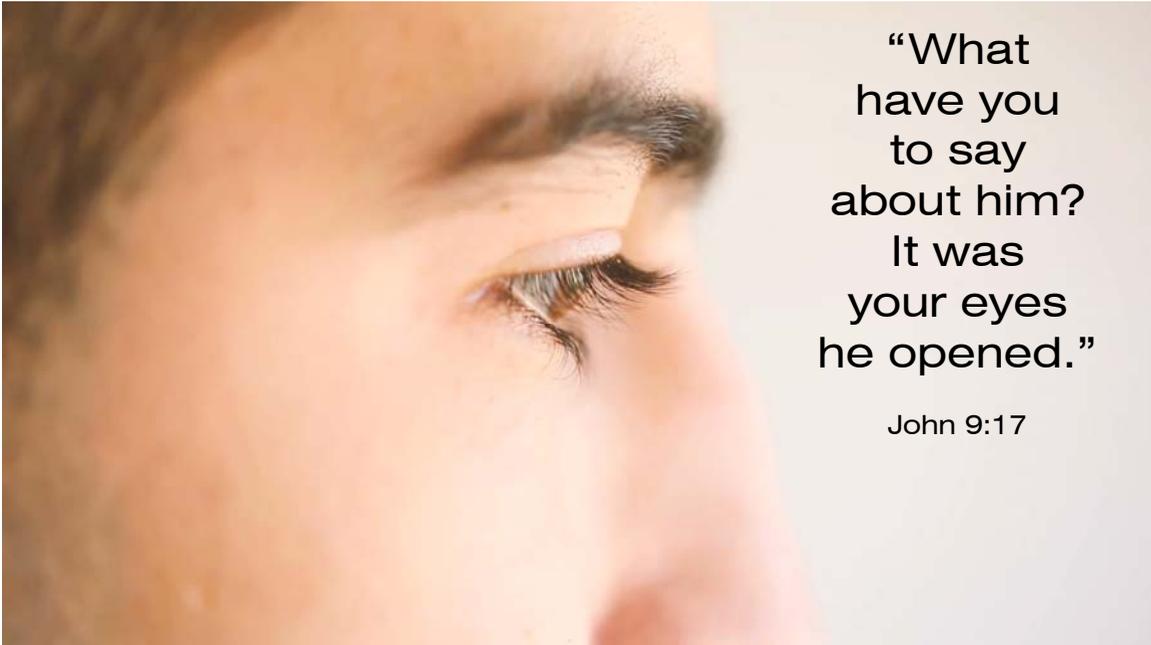




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“What  
have you  
to say  
about him?  
It was  
your eyes  
he opened.”

John 9:17

*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** “We Want to See Jesus Lifted High”  
**Announcements**  
**Call to Worship** Psalm 98:1-6  
**\*Songs of Praise** “Shout to the North”  
“Grace Alone”

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

*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.*

**Call to Prayer** Lamentations 3:22-24  
**Prayer Requests & Testimonies**  
**Prayer**

**Communion Instructions and Prayer**  
**Call to Remember**  
**Communion**

**Call to Give and Prayer**  
**Offertory** “Ancient Words”

**Bible Text** John 9:13-23 (page 869)  
*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** “Tell Your Story, Give God Glory: Challenged”

**Invitation**  
**\*Closing Song** “By Faith”

*\*Please stand, if you are able*

## Message Notes

**“Tell Your Story, Give God Glory: Challenged”**

**John 9:13-23**

### **YOUR STORY WILL BE CHALLENGED BY EXPECTATIONS**

*Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath...Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” (John 9:14, 16)*

### **YOUR STORY WILL BE CHALLENGED BY UNBELIEF**

*“They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents.” (John 9:18)*

### **YOUR STORY WILL BE CHALLENGED BY REJECTION**

*“His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.” (John 9:22)*

## 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:**

	<b><u>8:00 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 a.m.</u></b>
Praise Team Leader	Angie Ahlvers	Angie Ahlvers
Announcements	Doug Betts	Doug Betts
Prayer Leader	Dave Mealiff	Dave Mealiff
Organist	Kay Heller	
Elder	Carl Fugate	Carl Fugate
Preacher	Cliff Heagy	Cliff Heagy
Projection Operator	Doug Johnson	Doug Johnson
Sound Technician	Blake Miller	Blake Miller

## Announcements

**JANUARY 13 (today) — A new Sunday morning adult Life Group begins!** This group is open to all adults and will meet in the Family Life Center North Classroom to hear and discuss the DVD study by John Ortberg, “Eternity is Now in Session.” For Christians, perhaps the deepest expression of what we’re waiting for is found in the phrase “eternal life.” But what is eternal life? Why do we want it? And how do we know if we have it? Bestselling author John Ortberg takes you on a radical journey of rediscovery, dispelling the myth that eternal life is something way out in outer space that we can only hope to experience after we die. Instead, John unpacks the reality that the moment we trust Christ, we are initiated into “eternal living” with God as a here-and-now reality, one that will continue beyond our life on this earth. We can truly know God, experiencing His presence, favor, and resurrection power right here on this earth—in the details, tasks, and challenges of daily, ordinary life. And as we begin to know God this way, we’ll realize each moment of our lives is a vehicle to the eternity we’ve been longing for all along. This study is led by Pastor Dave and Linda Mealiff.

**JANUARY 13 (today) — Deacons’ meeting in the church library at 7:00 p.m.** All Deacons are encouraged to come to this important time where we’ll introduce new Deacons, go over serving procedures, and discuss why this role is defined in the Bible as a critical part of the church’s health and growth.

**JANUARY 17 — American Cancer Society’s Road to Recovery Program in Mitchell County:** On Thursday, January 17, at 2 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Beloit, there will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society’s Road to Recovery Program in Mitchell County. This vital program provides cancer patients free rides to and from treatment appointments. Come and hear how you can help and participate.



## Announcements

**JANUARY 20 — Breakfast Fellowship and Testimony Meeting, 9:30 - 10:15 am in the Family Life Center Gym:** Come and enjoy 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. Annual Reports will be available for everyone, and throughout the meal we’ll provide opportunity for people to share the good news of how the Lord has been faithful to them. There will be no Sunday morning Life Groups on this day so everyone can participate.



**JANUARY 27 — HeartChoices will host a special free showing of the FaithLife feature-length film, “Like Arrows: Parenting is a Journey” at 4 pm in the BFCC Sanctuary.** Refreshments will be provided, and childcare is available for ages 6 and under. There is no admission charge. A free-will donation will be accepted for HeartChoices.



**JANUARY 28 — Deadline for half-price “Weekend to Remember” in Kansas City on February 22-24 or March 8-10.** Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges. Find out what over 1.5 million couples worldwide have experienced at Family



Life’s Weekend to Remember. It’s your turn to make a great marriage happen. And now through January 28, 2019 you can enjoy the “50% Off Marriage Weekend” special price promotion! In addition to this discount, BFCC offers generous scholarships to cover nearly all of the other costs so you can focus on your marriage and not the expense. BFCC has had about 14 couples from our church family who were able to benefit from this program in the past few years. More details are available at [www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember](http://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember). Please contact Pastor Dave Mealiff before registering so we can help you qualify for the most discounts and scholarships under our church group name “BELOIT”

## Announcements

**JANUARY 30 — CLASH begins for students in grades 1-6!** CLASH meets every Wednesday from 6-7 pm in the church sanctuary beginning January 30. It's a great time for students to grow in their understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to make and grow friendships, and to experience being loved by wonderful adult leaders and helpers.

Students are encouraged to invite and bring their friends, too. This semester's theme is, "Friend Me!" with a focus on how Jesus' love enables us to love others. Don't miss out!

**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2, 2019 — Men's Encounter Weekend Retreat at Webster Conference Center, Salina:** Men's Encounter is a time for men to get away and encounter God, perhaps like never before; A time to consider, give thought to our lives, and discover solutions to the unique challenges facing men. The cost for the weekend is \$125, but

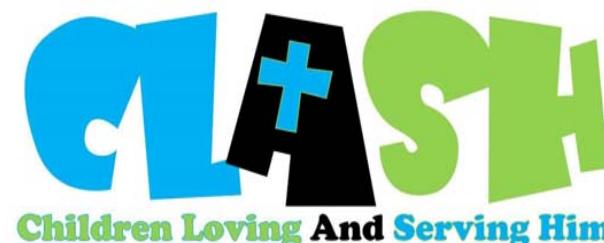
BFCC has scholarships to cover this if you let us know of your interest. For more information, contact Max Wehrman (785-770-7013), or register online: [www.encounterthecross.com](http://www.encounterthecross.com)

**FEBRUARY 22-23 — Save the date for Woman's World conference in Manhattan, KS.** Woman's World is a non-denominational, overnight event that helps women understand their significance in God's eyes. The program includes practical seminars, a dynamic keynote speaker, buffet meals, times of worship, and lots of other surprises. This year's theme is, "Everyday Heroes." More details are coming soon!

**Volunteers needed to help at Mitchell County Food Pantry:** Would you please pray about the opportunity to help serve at the Mitchell County Food Pantry as part of our First Christian Church family? Each church in our area provides a team of volunteers who serve on a rotating schedule (typically, around once every 7 weeks) on Tuesday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. BFCC already has some volunteers, but needs a few more since everyone may not always be available for a scheduled week. The Mitchell County Food Pantry is located at the old Armory Building (12th and Walnut St). The work involves stocking food donations on shelves, pre-filling bags for distribution tubs, and helping clients receive food assistance. Please contact Pastor Cliff for more information at 785-534-0770 or [cheagy@beloitfcc.org](mailto:cheagy@beloitfcc.org)



## Children and Youth Ministries



[facebook.com/clashbfcc](https://facebook.com/clashbfcc)

**CLASH begins January 30th**  
**Friend Me - Being a Good Friend, God's Way!**

We'll explore what it means to be a true friend--like Jesus is to us!

**Register Online**

<https://goo.gl/forms/d1ICTg7K8rjpCAD12>

**CLASH LEADERS**  
**NEEDED!**

**CLASH Walk-Through**  
**January 23rd at 6:00 pm**

### Upcoming Youth & Children Ministry Schedule!

**1/16 7p-** Alexis Stout shares testimony  
Part 1 - Dealing with Pain and Struggles

**1/23 7p-** Part 2 Dealing With Pain and Struggles

**Dealing with Pain and Struggles**

Talk About It (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Let Go of It (Luke 17:3-4)

Grow From It (James 1:2-4)

**1/23 6p- CLASH leader Walk Thru**

**1/30 7p -** Deana Betts - Dear Younger Me

Testimony - Choosing who we surround ourselves with

**1/30 -6p** CLASH Being a Good Friend God's Way

**2/6 7p -** FUSION Healthy Relationships

Being the Men and Women God Created you to be

**2/6 6p -** CLASH Accepting Others

I am not God,  
I am not the Holy Spirit.  
I cannot change  
anyone but I can love  
a few!  
#leadsmall

### **Serving in Children & Youth Ministries**

There is always a need for volunteers in Children and Student Ministries. If you feel led to serve in one of these ministries but have questions, concerns or reservations & would like to learn more please visit with Pastor Doug.



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.

## Children and Youth Ministries

### Sage Prochaska Baptism!



We are constantly looking for opportunities to help young people take on leadership roles in the church as well as various other ministries. If you are interested in Student Leadership, or would like more information contact Pastor Doug 785.488.5047 [dbetts@beloitfcc.org](mailto:dbetts@beloitfcc.org)

**Student  
LEADERSHIP**

## CIY Move Conference



Current 8th - 12th Grade Students. Applications can be picked up at the Welcome Center, Fusion room or visit with Pastor Doug!  
**July 15 -19, 2019**

## Prayer requests from last Sunday

- Praise God for the Christmas Eve worship service on December 24, 2018.
- Praise God with Deana Betts for the wonderful Youth Praise Team training program in Branson December 27-29, 2018.
- Praise God with Robie Smith for Baillie's baby boy born on December 4th and Hannah's baby girl, Rivalee Noahell, born December 25!
- Praise God with Robie Smith and Terry Shamburg for Gabbie Smith and Luke Shamburg's engagement.
- Praise God with Rita Rowh for her former vocal student being here today.
- Pray with Joni Adams for her granddaughter Haley who is in labor.
- Pray with Drew Grabon for his Mom as she was in the emergency room recently.
- Pray with Drew Grabon for his Dad as he waits for an opening in a nursing home.
- Pray with Tami Eck for her husband Mitch Eck as he will have heart valve replacement surgery at KUMC on January 9, 2019.
- Pray for Terri Sadler as she recovers following surgery.
- Pray with Chris Jones for his brother, Curtis Jones, as he recovers in a Lincoln, NE hospital with complications after surgery.
- Pray with George Stroup for four of his children who need Jesus.
- Pray with Dan Reling as he thanks God for medical help and as he seeks more complete healing.
- Pray for the family of Jackie Fobes as her funeral was December 27, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Neva Howland as her funeral will be December 31, 2018.
- Pray for the family of Ashley Long's Grandma Betty who passed away.

## 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:

- 1/13 Larry Girard, Gabe Rice
- 1/14 Lori Deneke, Ellen Meyer
- 1/15 Emilie Sadler
- 1/16 Reid Behrends
- 1/18 Shirley Conley
- 1/21 Leni Smith
- 1/22 LaDonna Snyder
- 1/23 Charle Green
- 1/24 Brady Luke, Dan Staley
- 1/26 Wil Hoestje
- 1/30 Venette Davis
- 1/31 Kasey Franks, Keith Williams
- 2/2 Ryan Batchman, Joey Behrends
- 2/3 Laura Heagy, John Redmon
- 2/4 Janet Allen, Natessa Mudd
- 2/5 Bob Belknap, Jim Gates
- 2/7 Brooke Davis, Tristen Long, Tristan Thompson
- 2/8 Brooke Vetter
- 2/9 Don Robinett
- 2/11 Beth Harrison
- 2/13 Ariana Armstrong
- 2/15 Greg Kopsa
- 2/16 Gerald Briney

### Anniversaries:

- 2/1 Cliff & Laura Heagy
- 2/8 Greg & Debbie Geyer
- 2/9 Randy & Linda Doggett
- 2/14 Bill & Sherry Angell
- Dave & Brenda Crawford

### Hilltop Lodge Nursing Home

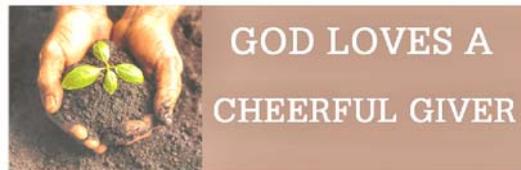
- Betty Melton
- Rod Pearson
- Hazel Peterson
- LaDonna Snyder
- Gerald Briney

### Mitchell County Hospital Residential Care Center

- Lois Guipre-Simoneau
- Leta Dameron

### The Nicol Nursing Home (Glasco)

- Harold Seely



### The Latest Financial Report:

November Giving: \$ 20,394.18  
 November Expenses \$ 38,308.48  
 Year-to-Date Giving: \$ 317,541.26  
 Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 332,790.59



## 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)	"Eternity is Now in Session"	FLC North Classroom	Dave Mealiff (785-738-0039)
Sundays	9:30 am	Adults (women)	Bible Study: "Ephesians"	Church Library	Leni Smith (785-614-0798)
Sundays	9:30 am	Young Adults (men and women 18-35)	Bible Study: "Revelation"	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	7:00 pm	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study: "Revelation"	FLC Gym	Phil Scoggan (785-534-7129)
Wednesdays	6:00 am	Adults (men)	"Man in the Mirror"	Guaranty Bank Community room	Doug Johnson (785-738-7752)
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Adults (men and women)	Bible Study: "Revelation"	Belknap home at 112 N. Broadway	Keith Williams (785-738-2936)
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)	"The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi"	Boost Blessing House 120 N. Campbell Ave.	Jeanette Luke (785-738-8463)
Fridays	6:30 am	Adults (men)	Bible Study: "Romans"	Church Library	Dave Cordel (785-545-7137)