

# November 2011 **The Scroll**

## **Beloit First Christian Church...**

*We are forgiven sinners set free to be followers of Jesus Christ, making disciples for him of lost sinners, and growing disciples together in fully expressing love for God and people*

## **Sunday Schedule**

Sunday Morning  
Worship Services  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School for all ages  
**9:30 a.m.**

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## **Love. Grow. Serve.**

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## **Some Examples Worth Imitating**



**Cliff Heagy**  
**Senior Pastor**

When we began our current sermon series going through 1 Thessalonians, we observed the apostle Paul highlighting the confidence we can have to grow as disciples when we have good Christian examples and mentors in our lives. Paul stated, ***"You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord."*** (1 Thessalonians 1:5-6) In another letter, Paul commanded, ***"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."*** (1 Corinthians 11:1) We can know we're growing in the right direction if we follow in the footsteps of those who are faithfully following Jesus.

In light of that, I want to draw your attention to some examples worth

imitating: our Deacons. Some know our Deacons primarily as the men who serve the communion elements and pass the offering plates each Sunday morning in our worship services. That, in itself, is an act of service worth noting, but they do more than that. At their meetings, your Deacons pray for you as a church. Many Deacons have chosen to participate in our voluntary "Deacon Care" program, signing up to check in on elderly and shut-in folks on a regular basis. This past spring, the Deacons delivered plants to these aging saints in order to brighten their days with a tangible, ongoing expression of love. And now, this last weekend, the Deacons made more visitations where they delivered small loaves of bread they had baked themselves!

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## Associate pastor of Caring Ministries



**Dave Mealiff**  
Associate Pastor  
of Caring Ministries

**“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.” Joshua 1:7 NIV**

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane

Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark.

When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children? Leading their families at home in a God-honoring way takes real courage.

The **“Courageous”** movie is story we can all benefit from seeing. I still can feel the emotions that were stirred in my heart when I saw **“Courageous”** at the Salina Central Mall. I was challenged to go back and rethink the whole process of my commitment to be the husband to my wife and the Dad to my kids that God wants me to be. I am now more committed than ever before to be a courageous husband and Dad, with God's help.

The men in this story don't just say they want to change, but they demonstrate what it is like to practically answer the call of God to courageous living. This task is challenging and costly but it also life changing.

Joshua received the command from God in the passage at the top of this page to be strong and courageous. He also received the command to obey all of God's law. God wants the same from all of us today. Men and women of faith, what will your answer be?

I hope you will respond like Joshua who said in Joshua 24:15, “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Don't miss the movie **“Courageous”** when it comes to the Solomon Valley Cinema soon. My prayers continue for you as you consider this valuable resource. God bless you as you count your blessings and continue your spiritual journey!

Caringly in Jesus,

Dave Mealiff

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## Our Faith In Action



**Arick Johanson**  
Associate Pastor  
of Youth Ministries

As a pastor, I don't think there is anything more encouraging than seeing the living faith of another Christian in action as they serve and meet a real need in someone's life. It is "by grace, (we) have been saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8), and an active faith is so vitally important if we are to fulfill our mission to make and grow disciples for the glory of God. I'm reminded of James words when he wrote, "14

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:14-17).

It is true that one of the ways in which we can know we are growing in our faith is if we are becoming more and more others-centered in life. Jesus calls us to "love our neighbors as ourselves" and when the focus of our life becomes helping and loving other people sacrificially we fulfill that God-given command.

### Numana's Heartland Against Hunger

On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, I got to see the faith of 14 JH and HS students and 2 other adult sponsors in action. These students and adults from BFCC were a part of a group of some 300 volunteers that attended Numana's Heartland Against Hunger event in Belleville KS. This event helped raise \$30,000 to make 100,000 meals for people who are starving in the Horn of Africa (Kenya, Somalia, Uganda) due to severe drought and famine. Each life-sustaining meal

consists of rice, soy protein, freeze-dried beans, and 21 vitamins and minerals that are specifically designed to help the immune system of malnourished people. As a group we measured each ingredient and placed them into bags which were sealed, boxed, and prepared for shipment. After our short time of service was over, we had made over 2,400 meals for people who are starving in Africa. 2,400 meals or even a 100,000 meals, doesn't seem like a lot when you consider that an estimated 500,000 starving people (mostly Somalis) will be living in a refugee camp in Kenya by December of this year. However, each of us realized that any one of those meals could mean the difference between life and death for someone who is starving. I believe that is the reason I had so many students who said they wanted to stay and help make more meals after we

had finished volunteering. I saw God working in their hearts, challenging them to look beyond their own needs and blessing them as they sacrificed their time for the benefit of other people.

### Next Step Mission Trip

This summer we have a wonderful opportunity to work with Next Step Ministries and the Navajo Nation Community of New Mexico. Crownpoint, NM is close enough to Gallup, NM to mention but far enough away to be forgotten, the Navajo nation continues to battle extreme poverty. Houses are deteriorating and lack many of the amenities that Americans take for granted. With no running water, many elderly residents are forced to use out houses, which at their age, is a difficult task.

Projects are endless and local workers are few. While, in New Mexico, we will make much-needed repairs to existing homes, such as roofing, siding, drywall, stucco, flooring, ramps and other projects. Through this important physical labor, we will show the Navajo Nation how much we—and more importantly, God—loves and cares for them.

The mission trip will be from July 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This

***"The mission trip will be from July 7 - 14, 2012 for both adults and students."***

# Prayer List

The following are regular items on our prayer lists, each with a brief description. Use this list for your intercessory prayer.

## Our Church Staff and Families:

- ◆ Cliff, Laura, Ben & Grace Krogh, Abby and Hannah Heagy
- ◆ Dave, Linda, Julie, Pamela, Sarah Jean, Daniel, Katie, Kimberly, Elsie and Heidi Mealiff
- ◆ Arick, Kacy and Mason Johanson
- ◆ Elaine, Ron, Joseph, Cassie and Carol Botka
- ◆ Marilyn, Pat, Kayla, Cole and Kalli Kruse.

## Our Missionaries:

- ◆ Ron & Debbie Abram in Senegal, West Africa
- ◆ Russ & Etta Bauck in the Philippines
- ◆ Benjamin & Jody Baum in Guinea, West Africa
- ◆ Enrique & Blanca Colorado in Amealco, Mexico
- ◆ Harry & Robin Durgin in Colorado
- ◆ Don & Julie Flower in Paraguay
- ◆ Rich & Sara Musgrave in Amealco, Mexico
- ◆ Steve and Linda Walters in Nebraska
- ◆ Gary & Judy Woods in Kenya and Tanzania
- ◆ Disciple Heritage Fellowship
- ◆ Heart Choices/Heartbeat Pregnancy Center in Beloit

## Church Family in the Nursing Home:

- ◆ Barbara Stewart
- ◆ Jeanie Baird
- ◆ Mary Ann Walker
- ◆ Lois Bean

## Pray for our Ministry Team Leaders:

- ◆ Vera Streit (Secretary)
- ◆ Mary Fugate (Treasurer)

- ◆ Todd Catlin (Evangelism)
- ◆ Amy Williams (Children's Discipleship)
- ◆ Janet Johnson (Refreshment)
- ◆ Jeanette Luke (Adult Discipleship)
- ◆ Pat Adams (Hospitality)
- ◆ Carl Fugate (Missions)
- ◆ Ron Zentz (Facility Maintenance)
- ◆ Jim Gates (Financial Stewardship)
- ◆ Connie Hager (Youth Discipleship)
- ◆ Doug Johnson (Worship)
- ◆ Gary Allen (Deacons Chairman)
- ◆ Jim Gates (Trustees)
- ◆ Kent Miller (Men's Ministries)
- ◆ Chris Miller (Women's Ministries)
- ◆ Barbara Quakenbush (Historian)

***“It is written,  
‘My house  
shall be a  
house of  
prayer.’”***

**—Luke 19:46**

## Pray for Military Personnel:

- ◆ Casey Hackett
- ◆ Cody Prochaska
- ◆ Levi Porter
- ◆ Christopher Brummer
- ◆ Matt Hessenflow
- ◆ Anthony Harris
- ◆ Raul Riedel
- ◆ Evan Zilliox
- ◆ David Williams
- ◆ Christopher Coco
- ◆ Scott Williamson
- ◆ Taylor Marsh
- ◆ Joe Wildfong
- ◆ Paul Moncrieff
- ◆ David Goth
- ◆ Jason Robison
- ◆ Thomas Katsiyannis
- ◆ Brandon Back
- ◆ Joshua Griffith

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# Prayer List

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- ◆ Doug Clingman
- ◆ Weston Hlad
- ◆ Richard Shamburg
- ◆ Eric Kohler
- ◆ Altland Fraley
- ◆ Mike Haeffele
- ◆ Daniel Lee Reling
- ◆ Eric Allen
- ◆ Jesse Mudd
- ◆ William Lorenz

For the most recent and up-to-date prayer listings, please visit our web site: [www.beloitfcc.org](http://www.beloitfcc.org)  
10/16/2011

- Praise God for the Numana Food for Africa project that some of our young people will help with in Belleville, KS this afternoon.
- Praise God with George Stroup for the prayers of the church family and for his safe recovery from heart stent surgery.
- Praise God with Lela File for Ron File's progress on recovery in Mitchell County Hospital. Pray for his recovery to continue.
- Praise God with Kris Kimple for his daughter, Jessica Hodges, being here for her birthday and for her baby Ezra to be with here along with Kris' parents who came to visit also.
- Praise God for Rod Pearson's birthday this week.
- Praise God for the many new and continuing small groups.
- Praise God for the Women's retreat in Rock Springs October 21-22.
- Praise God for the 2012 church nominating team as they seek to create a ballot of nominees for

***“Jesus said to them,  
‘Pray  
that you  
may not  
enter into  
temptation.’”  
—Luke 22:40***

the 2012 church ministry leadership positions.

- Pray for Jadon Adams as he continues in a coma at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.
- Pray for Faith Peters, the 17 year old niece of Robie and Linda Smith from Delphos, as she experienced a back injury from a 4 wheeler accident. She is now in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita for medical care.
- Pray for Jim Sutton as he is in Mitchell County Hospital.
- Pray for Lois Bean and Aileen McHenry as they recent moved home to continue on their recovery.
- Pray for Doris Fowler, Connie Kopsa's Mom, as she has recently learned that she has cancer and she is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, October 19.
- Pray with Dave Crawford for his daughter, Kelsey, as she has been sick for about 10 days.
- Pray with Alisyn Bowers for Harold Schmidt who is in a nursing home for him to eat more and get up and walk more.
- Pray for Jill Ehram for general health concerns.
- Pray with Dan Reling for his brother, Dennis, for health concerns.
- Pray for Connie Chapin as she continues to recover from a leg injury.
- Pray for God's touch for the health concerns of Matthew Mahin, Jim Sutton, Bev Kadel, Lisa Cordel and others.
- Pray for the family of Cayden Michael Dunstan, the 2 year old great nephew of Phil Vetter, as he passed away Saturday from injuries from a farm accident.
- Pray for the family of Marilyn Ballinger, a former

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# Prayer List

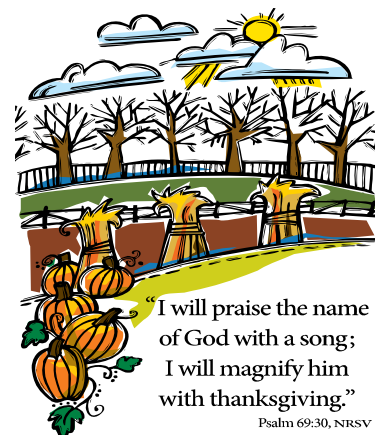
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church member and twin sister of Margaret Gasley. The memorial service for Marilyn was October 15 and the burial of her cremains will be Sunday afternoon at Elmwood Cemetery.

- Pray for the families of Richard Anderson and Nathaniel Grabast as their funerals were last week.

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- Praise God with Richard English for Michelle English's birthday today. Pray for safe travel for a family gathering to celebrate this event.
- Praise God with Kim and Steve Hlad for the safe healthy delivery of their first grandchild, Lexi, in Ohio. Pray for safe travel for Kim and she will go to visit the family there.
- Praise God with Ilene Bean for a blessing in the life of Jill Ehram.
- Praise God with Fran McDonald for the good progress her twin great-grandsons are making in an Ohio hospital.
- Praise God for Rod Pearson's birthday this week.
- Praise God for the many new and continuing small groups.
- Praise God for the Women's retreat in Rock Springs October 21-22.
- Praise God for the high school and college gals' free event coming November 6 called "A different Kind of Love".
- Praise God for the healing Connie Chapin has experienced in her leg but now she has a knee problem that will require more time and rest to heal.
- Praise God for the 2012 church nominating team as they seek to create a ballot of nominees for the 2012 church ministry leadership positions.
- Pray for Jadon Adams as he has been transferred to the Madonna Rehab Hospital in Lincoln, NE for his ongoing recovery.
- Pray for Faith Peters, the 17 year old niece of Robie and Linda Smith from Delphos, as she recovers from a back injury from a 4 wheeler accident. She is now in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita for medical care.
- Pray for Jim Sutton as he is in Mitchell County Hospital.
- Pray for Ron File as he has been released from the hospital to continue his recovery at home.
- Pray with Arick Johanson for his Dad, Rick Johanson, as he faced several challenging health concerns.
- Pray with George Stroup for service men returning from Iraq.
- Pray with Jan Moeller for Ken Moeller's Dad, Dennis Moeller, as he has been admitted to the hospice program and he needs constant care.
- Pray for Connie Kopsa's Mom, Doris Fowler, as she recovers from cancer surgery last week.
- Pray with Dave Crawford for his daughter, Kelsey, as she has been sick for about two weeks now.
- Pray with Dan Reling for his brother, Dennis, for health concerns.
- Pray for God's touch for the health concerns of Matthew Mahin, Jim Sutton, Bev Kadel, Lisa Cordel and others.
- Pray for the family of Leon Holl, Raymond and Joyce Holl's son, as he passed away Saturday, October 22, 2011.



"I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

# Finance Report

September Total Expenses .....	\$ 28,649.09
September Giving .....	\$ 28,961.68
Year to Date Giving .....	\$ 284,243.87
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses .....	\$ 285,127.11
Year to Date Total Expenses .....	\$ 285,670.86
Year to Date Expected Budget Needs	
9/12 of Budget .....	\$ 299,475.00



*“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”*

(2 Corinthians 8:12)

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Birthdays:**

- 11/1 Andrew Prather
- 11/1 Kevin Williams
- 11/3 Jeremy Bowers
- 11/3 Judith Stroup
- 11/3 Katie Mealiff
- 11/3 Deanna Nelson
- 11/3 Judy Stroup
- 11/4 Greg Koenig
- 11/5 Jill Ehram
- 11/5 Mary Belknap
- 11/5 Linda Mealiff
- 11/6 George Link
- 11/8 Brenda Crawford
- 11/8 Donna Munsey
- 11/11 Vincent Engelbert
- 11/12 Tate Alhvers
- 11/12 Elaine Mitchell
- 11/14 Heidi Mealiff
- 11/16 Eric Allen
- 11/17 Bryce Black
- 11/17 Terran Jennings
- 11/17 Eugene Kinser
- 11/17 Dave Mealiff
- 11/18 Mackenzie Haeffele
- 11/18 Natasha Mudd



- Birthdays &*
- 11/19 Aaron Adams
  - 11/19 Tammy Eilert
  - 11/19 Haylei Jennings
  - 11/21 Dan Streit
  - 11/22 Connie Chapin
  - 11/23 JoAnn Simmons
  - 11/23 Micky Poelma
  - 11/25 David Crawford
  - 11/25 Sue Wise
  - 11/26 Aileen McHenry
  - 11/28 Tami Eck
  - 11/28 Amy Williams
  - 11/29 David Hughes
  - 11/29 Marilyn Kruse
  - 11/30 Thelma Slaven
- Anniversaries*

**Anniversaries:**

- 11/15 Mark & Jennifer Bean
- 11/23 Justin & Cathy Rice
- 11/26 Danny & Mary Henk
- 11/27 Phil & Kristi Vetter

*We list those birthdays and anniversaries of which the church office is aware. If you have additions or corrections please contact Elaine at: 738-3071 or ebotka@beloitfcc.org*



# October Elder Board Minutes

*\*These minutes have not yet been formally approved, but are offered here for your information\**

## Beloit First Christian Church Elder Board Meeting

**Meeting Date** October 16, 2011

**Members Present:** Aaron Adams, Randy Doggett, Carl Fugate, Jim Gates, Greg Harrison, Doug Johnson, Lindy Lindblad, Tom Maxwell, Keith Portenier, Dan Reling. **Pastors Present** Cliff Heagy, Arick Johanson, Dave Mealiff

### Review and Approval of Elder Board Meeting

**Minutes** Motion by Jim Gates, seconded by Tom Maxwell to accept the September minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report** Motion by Carl Fugate seconded by Dan Reling to accept the treasurer's report with one typographical error corrected. Motion passed.

### Review of Ministry Team Reports

**Evangelism** A Sunday School Class will begin October 30; the focus will be evangelism. Todd Catlin and Everett Mastin will team teach the class.  
**Todd Catlin**

**Missions** Discussed summer 2012 mission trip. Will consider Next Step Ministries in South Dakota or Mississippi or Nav ministry in Chicago. Will try to make a tentative decision by next meeting.

Discussed giving update thru August.

Discussed Missions Sunday on 11/20. Harry Durgin will preach on missions on Sat night at 7pm on "Listening Prayer" which will help us learn to open ourselves to hear God's voice. During Sunday school on 11/20 will show DVD's from each missionary and help the congregation to understand their role in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Discussed need for new committee members to help with our mission. Discussed asking Jeremy

Hughes to speak about his summer in Africa.

**Carl Fugate**

**Worship** Memorial funds for Gordon Snyder and Dorothy Fuller were used to purchase new pew Bibles and friendship pads. **Doug Johnson**

**Hospitality** Working to coordinate volunteers to paint the nursery/childcare area. **Pat Adams**

**Refreshment** No Report **Janet Johnson**

**Adult Discipleship** No Report **Jeanette Luke**

**Youth** The youth programs (FUSION) are up and going strong. We have many activities now til the end of the year. October will be a fall party for the kids, a retreat, and ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) this is an opportunity for the kids to do some service work. Wednesday evening, Pastor Arick is doing a study by Francis Chan - Surrender, and Sunday morning they are studying the book of Hebrews. Both of these are great for the kids to be challenged and also help them to grow in their faith. We pray that God will provide a replacement for Korlynn Applegate and anyone willing to serve on our committee. I leave you with this last thought that keeps rolling around in my head. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into HIS harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38. **Connie Hager**

**Children's Discipleship** No Report **Amy Williams**

**Facility Maintenance** The urinal has been replaced in the men's restroom. **Ron Zentz**

**Financial** The preliminary 2012 Budget was circulated. Jim explained proposed changes and the breakdown of the pastors' salaries since the church pays no social security or health insurance for them.  
**Jim Gates**

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**Women's Ministries.** No Report **Chris Miller**

**Men's** Eleven men from our church (including Steve Williams, Keith's son from Wichita) attended the "Iron Sharpens Iron" Conference in Kansas City October 1st. Kenny Luck and Eric Boles were the featured speakers. Over 400 men were in attendance at the event sponsored by "Iron Sharpens Iron" and "People Matter Ministries" (Dr. Dan Erickson). Those attending from our church were: Keith Williams, Steve Williams, Dan Reling, Justin Rice, Derek Fobes, George Stroup, Kent Miller, Tom Maxwell, David Crawford, Greg Harrison, and Richard Tice.

Men's Ministries is also planning a Trap Shoot at the Dick Wise farm on Saturday, October 29th at 2:30 p.m. Bring your shotguns and shells. Lunch will be provided. No charge, but will welcome contributions  
**Kent Miller**

**Deacons** No Report **Gary Allen**  
**Trustees** No Report **Jim Gates**

**Associate Pastor of Youth** I was deeply encouraged by the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration here at BFCC this October. To hear the stories of faithful individuals who have gone on before us and whom God has blessed, was inspiring and gave me a greater sense of love and unity that I believe can only come from God Himself! To see that His mission has remained the same for us as a church, even back to our church's founding, was very humbling to me. No matter what decisions we make in leadership or programs in which we serve, God is still calling us to the same mission: To make and grow disciples for the glory of God! God is continuing His good work in us as a church!

I would like to make you aware of an opportunity available to me to take a trip to the Holy Lands with Kacy's Uncle, Steve Hammer in the Fall of 2012. Steve is a senior pastor at a church in Pittsburgh PA and is the chairman of the executive committee for the Christian Holy Land Foundation.

The purpose of Christian Holy Land Foundation is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Holy Land and its surrounding areas, and to establish and maintain a base of operations from which churches patterned after the New Testament order may be started.

To aid in the accomplishment of this purpose, every practical and scriptural means may be employed, including educational centers, benevolent ministries, care facilities, and training centers. This trip would allow me to interact and worship with fellow Christians (both Arab and Israeli) serving there in Israel as well as allow me the opportunity to visit and learn about biblically significant locations and historical sites.

A trip like this one is going to be rather expensive (estimated right now at about \$4,000), but would be a priceless experience for me in life and ministry. I have discussed this possibility with the other pastoral staff, and they felt that this would be an encouraging experience for me as well. The issue that I would ask the elders to consider is the possibility of allowing me to use my remaining personal development funds for this year as a deposit to secure my spot for this trip and use next year's personal development funds toward the trip as well. I know these funds are designated for me to use at my discretion towards books, resources, and conferences, but I feel that this is a unique situation considering I would like to use personal development funds from this year and next year for a trip next fall. I don't know if this is an issue for the personnel committee to decide on, but I wanted to make the elders aware of this opportunity and maintain your confidence in me as well to use these funds as they are intended. I trust your wisdom and direction in this and simply present this for your consideration.

I would also like to request the following vacation dates of Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (I would be gone during the day Wednesday, but still teach at Youth Group that evening), Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday & Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. My brother and trusty guide Nick Johanson

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and myself are hoping to fill our freezers with some venison on one of these dates.

Thank you for your wisdom and advice in the consideration of these things!

Motion by Tom Maxwell seconded by Aaron Adams to approve vacation days Nov 30, December 1, 5, 6. Motion Passed.

Discussion of the trip to the Holy Land with Arick present then he was asked to leave to allow for any further discussion. At conclusion of discussion focused on the potential of growth for Arick personally, for his future ministry, and for BFCC congregants and consideration of his job responsibilities. A motion was made by Tom Maxwell to support this mission experience

1. Personal development funds may be used at Arick's discretion,
2. Arick will find people to fulfill his responsibilities
3. He will attempt to avoid conflict with other commitments
4. Vacation time will not be used.

Keith Portenier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **Arick Johanson**

## Associate Pastor of Caring's

I was very blessed to share in the church 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance dinner and sharing on October 2, 2011. The food was excellent and the fellowship was warm. It was a great inspiration to learn more about the many generations of faithful believers who made a difference in the community for Jesus over the years. Their example continues to influence what we are doing today and what we are considering in the future. We are indeed privileged to experience the answers to their prayers and to carry the baton to pass on to the next generation of believers.

It was especially moving to hear the testimony of many folks who have been touched by the lives of many past and current saints from our church

family. The connections and love that was expressed was a living picture of the body of Christ at work.

I hope and pray that the things we celebrated on that anniversary day will guide us as we consider what God would have us to do now to carry the message of hope, help and healing through Jesus to a lost and broken community.

I also want to recognize the men who attended the Iron Sharpens Iron conference in Kansas City on October 1. I sense that God used that event to make a real difference in the lives of the men who were able to attend. God bless Kent Miller and the men who attended this conference!

It has been encouraging to receive reports of many new and continuing small groups this fall that are helping folks to get connected and involved with our church family. I thank the elders for your participation in many of these small group activities. Keep up the good work!

I would request the elder board to approve some specific vacation days to allow me to spend time with and to serve my family. The days I would request are Wednesday and Thursday, November 2-3, 2011. Also I would request vacation on Wednesday, November 23 the day before Thanksgiving and Sunday, November 27 so my family can visit with wife's Mom and Step Dad near Cherryvale, KS. Linda's step Dad has been ill this fall and they will probably not travel out of town for Thanksgiving this year. Arick has already made plans to be on vacation on Sunday, November 27, and the staff pastors have discussed that it is not a first choice to have two pastors off at the same time but we think it will work for this situation. Also I would request vacation on Wednesday and Thursday, December 7-8, 2011. Thank you for your consideration for these vacation days.

God bless you, Dave Mealiff

Motion by Randy Doggett and seconded by Keith Portenier to approve vacation days for November 2, 3, 23, 27 and December 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>

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Motion passed.

Dave noted he would like to see an increase in the percentage of the congregation that is other focused.

Caringly in Jesus,

**Dave Mealiff**

## Senior Pastor's Report

I apologize for the long report this month, but I want to stir prayer and discussion on a number of issues. First, however, I want to express my gratefulness for our October 2<sup>nd</sup> 125<sup>th</sup> church anniversary, and all those who helped make that day a special remembrance of God's faithfulness and anticipation of God's continued work among us. A special thank you to Janet Johnson for heading up such a fantastic meal, to Beth Harrison for her work on the special bulletin board display, to Fran McDonald for sharing so many excellent photos and historical documents, and to all those who shared during our testimony time together. God is good!

Secondly, we talked earlier this year about gathering resources that will enable us to have confidence as an independent church in dealing with larger issues of liability and procedures that otherwise might be provided by a denomination. Mary Fugate has pointed me to some online resources from her work with Heart Choices that I think will be very helpful for us. As I work through these resources I will bring them to the Elders for approval and implementation. Thanks, Mary!

Now to issues for prayer and discussion... As I've been praying and asking for the Lord's wisdom and direction on vision for ministry, here are some thoughts that have come together. I hope you will pray with me for discernment on how we can faithfully respond. I currently see at least three areas of opportunity for enhanced ministry to fulfill our purpose of making disciples and growing disciples to obey Jesus in fully expressing love for God and all people:

Ministry to families... According to our church attendance and membership figures, we are an aging congregation. Our age is not a bad thing. On the contrary, it represents much faithfulness, spiritual maturity, and wisdom. We are a strong and vibrant group of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit. However, we want to reflect a balance in reaching all ages in our community, and that must include a more specific outreach to young families. We need to continue strengthening and supporting our current ministries to children (Sunday School, CLASH, and VBS), and seek to add new ministries. One way to do this is add a "children's church" to one of our worship services. The idea is to keep children in the service until the sermon, and then dismiss them for an age-appropriate gathering with their own, relevant message. BFCC has offered this in the past, but the burden on volunteers simply became too great to sustain it. Therefore, I think we should pray about adding a part-time Children's Ministry Director, who could not only lead a weekly children's church program, but who could also bolster our current children's volunteers and ministries. I realize our current levels of budgetary giving would need to increase dramatically to accommodate this, but the way to begin is to share the need with the congregation for their prayerful consideration, and look for God's actions so we may join in. I believe this could make a huge impact on our ability to minister to new families.

Ministry to the hurting... Three pervasive and common felt needs in our community are people who are hurting from divorce, navigating the difficulties of single-parenting, and breaking free from addictions (alcoholism, drug addiction, over-eating, pornography, etc.). These needs also represent opportunities to make disciples and to grow disciples, for they all touch on deep spiritual needs that Jesus Christ has power to fulfill. We currently have small groups that are targeted to several of these areas, and the impact has been undeniable for participants. I believe we should be intentional about trying to expand our small group offerings of support groups, and promote our

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current ones even more effectively, while also considering special speakers, events, and messages that focus on the Word that tells us of the Lord who meets us where we are at in our messes, doesn't condemn us, and who has the power to transform us. I believe this will continue to be an important point of entry into the church for many in our community.

Ministry to the disconnected... I am still struck by the statistics of Mitchell County uncovered by our planning for the Power Team event: if asked, 8 out of every 10 persons will indicate a specific church affiliation (the national average is only 5 out of 10). Nowhere near that many people attend area churches or are truly connected in any meaningful way to a church. This tells me that somewhere along the line, many people in our community have had a negative encounter in a church that left them feeling disconnected and uninterested, either as a child or as an adult. No doubt many of them never experienced a real relationship with the Lord, but nonetheless "church" now represents a barrier for them. Sometimes that barrier is their notion of what worship looks like. We can reach them if we reveal that God is seeking the heart of people who worship in spirit and in truth, and that the "where" and the "how," or the "forms" of worship can and do change (see John 4:19-26). We could break down one barrier by adding a third worship service with an alternative style of music that makes it easier for the disconnected (and for young families) to be drawn to hear and understand the unchanging message of the Gospel. Taking this big step may require adding staff in the form of a paid worship leader, as we seem to be at the limits of what our current, dedicated volunteers can offer on a weekly basis. We also need to add musicians (especially guitarists) who have a heart for contemporary style praise music.

A second way to break some of the barriers for ministering to disconnected people (and all our visitors) is to add a Welcome Center in a renovation of our Fellowship Hall. The real key is to develop the

heart of the church (beginning with a Welcome Center ministry team) to show overt, consistent hospitality that surprises the disconnected with its thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and authenticity. Even our building speaks in the way it is designed—either with an assumption that you know where things are and what we're about because you are an "insider," or that we are focused on visitors and newcomers. It matters that people are noticed and cared for when they come through our doors, and adding a Welcome Center is just one way to encourage everyone to be looking to the needs and interests of others on Sunday morning (Philippians 2:3-4).

A third way to break barriers for the disconnected is to purchase video equipment for our sanctuary so we can record services and put them online. This can help break down stereotypes and preconceived notions for people who are not yet willing to visit in person, but would be willing to "check us out" in the safety of their own home's computer. The goal is not to have the video become a replacement for worship, but to help them see the truth that the church is a gathering of forgiven sinners who worship without pretense and for God's glory, not out of self-righteousness. I believe our worship services do reveal that in different ways, so this is just another way of breaking a barrier.

I look forward to prayerful discussions about all of this. Thank you for being a church that is motivated by God's love and the truth of his Word... even when it takes us out of our comfort zones!

**Pastor Cliff**

## Old Business

Discussion on vision ideas from Pastor Cliff's report was open and extensive. Each area was considered in how resources were used to follow God's purpose. It was noted that the aging of our congregation is not a liability, that we need to find new ways to impact young people and young families,

Name tags to help those in attendance at church services identify Elders will be available in January

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## How to Pack a Shoe Box

### 1 Shoe Box

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic shoe box container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

### 2 Boy or Girls

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use appropriate boy/girl label in brochure. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

### 3 Fill with Gifts

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided in brochure

### 4 Include \$7 Donation

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our "Follow Your Box Donation" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and

place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

### 5 Drop Off

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at Beloit First Christian church November 14-21.

Get the whole family involved and have your child(ren) pack a box for their age. Include a letter & picture.

For more information call Elaine @ 738-3071 or Email her at [ebotka@beloitfcc.org](mailto:ebotka@beloitfcc.org).



## Missionary Harry Durgin at BFCC November 19-20

Missionary and good friend of BFCC, Harry Durgin, will be with us on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> as part of a missions emphasis weekend. On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Harry will lead a special, interactive time of "Listening Prayer." This particular spiritual discipline can revitalize your prayer life as you learn to listen and expect God to speak to you in prayer. Harry will teach on this, but we'll also take time to pray together as we listen for the voice of the Spirit to speak.

Then on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Harry will be

preaching at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services on our theme of God's call to missions. During the Sunday School time between services (9:30 a.m.) in the Family Life Center gymnasium, there will be a series of videos presented from many of the different missionaries we support as a church. This will help us hear the latest news from them, and see some of the amazing things God is doing to grow His Kingdom around the world. Don't miss this special weekend!

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### New Business

Suggestions for any new Elders should be given to Kris Kimple/the nominating committee.

**Closing Prayer** by Dan Reling at 8:35 adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vera M. Streit

## Thank you

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and Residential care Center.

God's Blessings to each of you,  
Lois Bean

Thank you very much for your prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. Visits from Pastors Cliff and Dave were special as well. It all meant a great deal to me.

Aileen McHenry

To my church family,

I just wanted to thank you all so much for all of your support, letters, prayers, and kind words. I have been learning the strength prayer has, and I

continue to get excited whenever I read my Bible. It feels like I can't get enough!

Your church has made me feel very comfortable and at peace. I feel at home when I come to youth group on Wed. or church on Sundays. And, I am truly grateful to be able to say that.

I am beyond excited about my new found faith and church family. I look forward to finding different ways to serve Him with talents He has blessed me with.

Thank you all so much for being you!

You are appreciated!

Kelly McPeak



## Calling all bakers . . .

### Calling all bakers . . . (and kitchen helpers)

Taste of Christmas, a fundraising event for Women's Ministries, is fast approaching. We are in need of your help with baking all the delicious cookies and candies we will have available for purchase at the event. Our baking days are set up for Wednesday

November 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Not only do we need bakers, but dishwashers and other kitchen helpers are needed too. Sign up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall mid November.



## Cookbooks Have Arrived!

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks have arrived! If you have pre-ordered your cookbooks, we will be delivering them to you, or they will be available at the church office or after each service beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet purchased a cookbook, they are still available for \$15.00. Get your Christmas shopping done early and purchase one for each person on your Christmas list!



## Proposed Changes to Women's Ministries By-Laws

We are going to try something different this year. In November you will receive a newsletter with proposed changes to the Women's Ministries by-laws, the proposed 2012 budget, and the ballot for officers for 2012. We are asking that you return the ballot to the church. There will be a box you can

put them in. Or on Sunday, November 20th there will be a table set up and you can vote at the time. If you have questions, please contact Chris Miller or any of the ladies serving on the Women's Ministries Council.



## Cookie Decorating Class on November 12th



There are several ladies who are still wanting to learn a little about cookie decorating. We will have

a class Saturday, November 12th, 10:00 a.m.. You will need to let Chris Miller 738-3190 know if you are coming.

## New Adult Class on Sunday Mornings

A new adult Sunday School class has begun, and you are invited to participate as we focus on learning to share the reason for the hope we have in Jesus with those who are not yet following Jesus. We are going to be focusing on evangelism "the OZ way" — drawing practical lessons from the Tinman, who wished he had a heart; the Scarecrow who wished he had a brain; the Lion, who wished he had more

courage; and Dorothy, who just wanted to go home. As we know, each of these already had what they needed for their journey, just as we do in Christ. Come and join us downstairs in the north classroom for a great time of learning and sharing. Class leaders are Everett Mastin and Todd Catlin.

## Our Faith In Action (continued)

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trip will be for a mixed group of people (Students and Adults) from BFCC. If you are interested in serving on this mission team please contact me at [ajo-hanson@beloitfcc.org](mailto:ajo-hanson@beloitfcc.org) for more information. A \$50 deposit will be required to secure a spot on the mission team.

If you would like to learn more about either of

these ministries or donate to their cause, check out their web sites: Numana – [numanainc.com](http://numanainc.com) and Next Step Ministries – [nextstepministries.org](http://nextstepministries.org)

—Pastor Arick



## Serve Others Through Meals on Wheels

Delivering Meals on Wheels is an excellent opportunity to serve Jesus. We need volunteers for the week of Monday, November 28 thru Sunday, December 4. We need to have two drivers for each day. If anyone is willing to help they can contact Rob

Heller at 738-3352 (home), or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.



## Women's Ministries Board Minutes

### BFCC Women's Ministry Council

#### (Unapproved) Meeting Minutes by Cathy Rice

October 27, 2011

BFCC Women's Ministry Council met October 27, with Jodie Gantz, Jan Moeller, Chris Miller, Kay Simmons, Connie Kopsa, Jama Budke, and Cathy Rice in attendance. Chris opened in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were motioned for approval by Connie and seconded by Jodie. Motion passed.

A thank you card was received from Katie Mealliff.

Jodie Gantz gave the treasurer's report. The accounts as of September 30th totaled \$15,837.82, with \$5,210.50 in cds, \$9,716.42 in checking, and \$910.90 in savings. Jan moved to approve the budget report, Chris seconded and the board approved.

Vice President Jan Moeller reported that 147 cookbooks have been presold. She will be picking up all 500 cookbooks from the company on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. It was also noted that the women's ministry newsletter was sent out this month.

In the area of enrichment Chris shared about the recent women's retreat. Seventeen ladies were able to go to Rock Springs Ranch for this event. Laura Heagy presented three sessions focused on verses from Deuteronomy 6. The retreat committee plan to meet soon to re-evaluate the retreat and discuss ideas for the future.

Jama shared about December 10<sup>th</sup>, "Mom's Day Out" childcare to be provided for women of the church so as they can go Christmas shopping without their little ones. Moms will need to sign their children up so adequate helpers can be provided. Sign up will be available at church services or by contacting Jama. She also shared about service provided and helping pay for supplies for repairs to a

porch swing of Katherine Loofburrow. Katherine was very appreciative.

Taste of Christmas will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a cookie decorating class held at a date in November for anyone interested. Chris Miller is coordinating that.

Connie has a dinner scheduled to be served the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November, another on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and yet another is pending. She discussed the possible need to raise the price per person due to the increase in food costs.

Kay Simmons had no more to report on Prime Time as of yet.

Old business brought up talk about taking over the service of military packages. This is still being discussed. Because of the high cost of postage and the number of personnel to receive packages, it may be too big a project for women's ministry alone. Cards would be a more economical choice, while still letting the service men and women know they are thought of and appreciated. The other topic in old business was November thank you's into which Marla will be checking.

New business focused on issues for next year's council. The board went over the bi-laws, making some changes and updates. The changes were moved for approval by Connie, seconded by Kay, and passed by the board. The 2012 budget was discussed and revised. Jan moved to approve, Connie seconded and the board passed. Nominees to fill next year's positions are Rhonda Koenig for president and Kay Prather for enrichment. Jama moved to approve nominees, Jodie seconded and the board passed. The board still needs to fill the finance position. Ballots will be sent to the women of the church and a vote will take place at church on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be held November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Jan closed in prayer.



## Mom's Day Out

Hey Moms,

If you have ever had any of these thoughts go through your mind, then Moms' Day Out is PERFECT for you.

"How am I ever going to get my Christmas shopping completed this year?"

"I could get my shopping finished so much faster and more efficiently if my kids weren't here slowing me down."

"If my husband would just offer to keep the kids for one day, I could have a much needed day to myself to go Christmas shopping."



Mom's Day Out!

**WHAT:** There is no need to worry! Women's Ministries is offering **FREE** child care at the church to mothers with children who would like to do some Christmas shopping. Whether you are shopping around Beloit for a short time or planning on going some place farther away for the day, your child(ren) will be in a trusting, safe environment with loving, responsible people.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 10, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Beloit First Christian Church

**CONTACT:** Jama Budke at 738-8974

**DEADLINE DATE:** November 28, 2011

## Taste of Christmas



*Second Annual  
Taste of Christmas*

*A fundraising event for  
Women's Ministries  
Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
9am until Noon*

**Beloit First Christian Church  
321 N Mill**

There will be a wide assortment of special holiday cookies and candies ready to be selected for your enjoyment or Christmas gift giving.




## Transformation Happens with Others

*“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Quality time sharing and listening together is a crucial ingredient for spiritual growth. Small groups present regular opportunities which facilitate the transformation of our character and lives.

You are encouraged to contact any group host to ask questions and get a sense of each group’s “personality” and purpose. You are under no obligation to join a group when you call, but we pray you won’t neglect this pathway for expressing your love for God and all people. Our goal is to make it simple for you to get connected, *“and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

MEN’S GROUPS	TIME	HOST	CONTACT #	CURRENT TOPIC
Sunday	9:30 AM	D. Reling / T. Bailey	738-3701	“God Loves Do-Overs” by Dan Erickson
Wednesdays	6:00 AM	Doug Johnson	738-2573	“Hanging Out with God” by Pat Morley
Wednesdays	8:00 PM	Cliff Heagy	534-0770	Prayer Group
Thursdays	6:15 AM	Tim Mehl	738-3009	
Thursday	7:00 PM	G. Allen/K. Williams	738-4228	“One 2 Won Cross Training Discipleship”
WOMEN’S GROUPS				
Sunday	9:30 AM	Lynne Gates	738-5516	“Beloved Disciple”
Tuesdays	6:00 PM	Joni Adams	738-4161	“Made To Crave”
Thursdays	6:00 AM	Jeanette Luke	738-2135	Study on Prayer
Thursdays	4:00 PM	Connie Chapin	738-5265	Prayer Group
MIXED GROUPS (Men or Women)				
Sunday	9:30 AM	Cliff Heagy	534-0770	“Love, Justice, and Hope in the Last Things”
Sunday	9:30 AM	Dave & Linda Mealiff	738-5159	“Max on Life”
Sunday	9:30 AM	Todd & Everett	738-5351	“Evangelism the Oz Way”
Alt. Sundays	5:00 PM	Dave & Linda Mealiff	738-5159	“Fireproof Your Marriage”
1st Sunday of Month	6:30 PM	Kris & Melinda Kimple	738-4002	“The Good and Beautiful God”
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Dave Mealiff	738-0039	Over 50 Bible study: Matthew
Tuesdays	12 Noon	Shane Thompson	738-2381	The Book Exodus
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Dorothy Katsiyiannis	78564348244	“DivorceCare”
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Derek Fobes	569-1007	“Single and Parenting”
Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Keith Williams	738-2936	Doctrines of the Bible
YOUTH SMALL GROUPS				
Sundays	6:30 PM	Mary Fugate	738-8264	Sr. High Girls
Thursday	7:30 PM	Arick Johanson	5096079620	High School Boys

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> 9 a.m. Metallic Bible Study</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6 p.m. CLASH 6 p.m. Jr. Hi Fusion 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care; Single &amp; Parenting 7:30 p.m. Sr. Hi Fusion</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Prayer in the Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> 
<p><b>6</b> 8 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 2:00 p.m. A Different Kind of Love</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6 p.m. Hospice Volunteer Dinner</p> <p><small>Psalm 34:3</small></p>	<p><b>8</b> 9 a.m. Metallic Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6 p.m. CLASH 6 p.m. Jr. Hi Fusion 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care; Single &amp; Parenting 7:30 p.m. Sr. Hi Fusion</p>	<p><b>10</b> 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Prayer in the Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
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<p><b>27</b> 8 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Deacons</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 9 a.m. Metallic Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6 p.m. Jr. Hi Fusion 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care; Single &amp; Parenting 7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Board 7:30 p.m. Sr. Hi Fusion</p>			

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Beyond this, we have Deacons who, under the leadership of our Deacon Chairman, Gary Allen, are scraping, priming, and painting the Mission House next to the church. I know our Deacons are not doing these acts of service to be noticed by others, but that's why I'm bringing it to your attention. We should thank God for them and follow their example, because they are following the example of Jesus. We use the word "servant-leader" a lot around here, and our Deacons are living out the origins of this phrase, as Jesus described it to his first disciples: ***"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man***

***came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*** (Mark 10:43-45)

I thank God that BFCC is blessed with wonderful servant-leaders, like our Deacons, not just for the work they do, but for the example they provide. Let's all spur one another to grow in fully obeying Jesus' commands to love God and to love all people through selfless acts of service.

I'm glad to be learning to serve with you!

Pastor Cliff