

February 2012

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 obeying Jesus' commands to fully express love for God and all people.

Sunday Schedule

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

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Let Your Light Shine Before Others



Cliff Heagy
Senior Pastor

Our purpose as a church is to make and grow disciples, and our mission for making that happen is to express love for God and all people. One particular expression of love is to contribute our gifts/talents in Jesus' Kingdom to meet the needs of others. Two scriptures come to mind: ***"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*** (Matthew 5:16) Then later in Matthew Jesus teaches us that, ***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did it for me."*** (Matthew 25:35, 40)

We have a unique opportunity to let our light shine and bring glory to God by feeding the neediest who are hungry. Numana, Inc.

(www.numanainc.com) is a Kansas based nonprofit hunger relief organization with the mission to empower people to save the starving. Through Numana, participants here in the U.S. assemble nutritious meal packets of rice, beans, and vitamins that are then distributed to starving people throughout the world, including current crisis areas like the Horn of Africa. Last October, the community of Belleville, KS hosted a Numana project and raised over \$34,000 which enabled them to package 100,000 meals for the least of these who are literally starving to death.

The Beloit Ministerial Association believes Beloit can also let the light of God's love shine toward the needy by hosting a similar event. A representative from Numana has indicated that the starting point is to have lay-volunteers from each participating church step forward to be part of a planning and steering committee. We are tentatively targeting October

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Associate pastor of Caring Ministries



Dave Mealiff
Associate Pastor
of Caring Ministries

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon.” Psalm 92:12 NIV

According to John Ortberg, as God helps you grow, you will change, but you will always be you. An acorn can grow into an oak tree, but it cannot become a rose bush. It can be a healthy oak or it can be a stunted oak—but it won't

be a shrub. You will always be you—a growing, healthy you or a languishing you—but God did not create you to be anybody else. He pre-wired your temperament. He determined your natural gifts and talents. He made you to feel certain passions and desires. He planned your body and your mind. Your uniqueness is God-designed.

Here is the good news: When you flourish, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when he thought you up. You don't just become holier. You become you-ier!

God made you to flourish like Psalm 92 reflects in the passage quoted at the top of this page. Flourishing is God's gift and plan and when you flourish, you are in harmony with God and you are moving toward God's best version of you.

The most important task in your life is not what you do, but who you become.

These thoughts from John Ortberg are all from the book he wrote titled, “The Me I Want To Be” which will be the basis of a new adult Sunday school DVD class starting February 5, 2012, meeting in the North classroom of the Family Life Center building. Dave and Linda Mealiff will be facilitating

this adventure in discovery and transformation. Everyone who is not already committed to another Sunday school class is invited to benefit from this study. Come check it out and see for yourself.

There are many excellent Sunday school classes and small group studies designed to help you on your spiritual journey. In another place in this newsletter, Jeanette Luke describes a new Sunday school class on “Radical” and a new small group on “Secret Church”.

There is a complete listing of small groups in a chart near the later section of this newsletter. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to be connected in a small group of some kind!

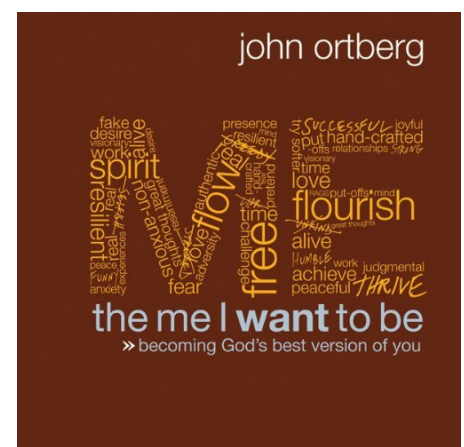
We are still exploring the possibility of some new small groups with people who are processing a variety of struggles. I welcome your comments and ideas. Would you consider helping to facilitate or participating in a group like this?

Some folks may also benefit from spiritual partnering on an individual basis. Let Cliff or I know if you are interested in knowing more about that type of encouragement. I look forward to helping you “flourish like a Palm tree”.

God bless you as you continue your spiritual journey!

Caringly in Jesus, Dave Mealiff

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Re-thinking Youth Ministry



Arick Johanson
Associate Pastor
of Youth Ministries

Over the course of the last month I've truly been blessed by some of the teaching and conversations that have taken place here at BFCC that center around how we fulfill our mission God has called us to as a church. It's been good to set some time aside to pray and allow God to refine our focus and efforts in ministry. I've sensed that God is providing some strength and energy in the hearts of individuals that

are expressing interest and excitement in some of the various ministry teams we have here at the church. I truly believe we are carrying some divine momentum into this new year of ministry together.

I'm excited for what God has in store for us! If I could, might I share a few thoughts with you about getting involved in our youth ministry here at the church?

1) Serve as an adult volunteer at FUSION on Wednesday nights (JH @ 6pm, HS @7:30pm):

If you've ever thought about serving in our youth ministry as a volunteer on Wednesday nights at the church but feel like you don't have what it takes, let me reassure you. As an adult, you have the number one criteria for ministering to teenagers – you survived adolescence! I'll be honest. The first time you help out it might be a little uncomfortable because everything is new, and you won't know many of the students real well. However, if you give it a couple of months you'll learn their names and find out a lot about them. Once those relationships are established, you'll start to see the value of your service. One thing that has a profound impact on a student is to see and interact with an adult that is able to share with them the hope that they have in Jesus and model for them how that re-

lationship with Jesus affects their life on a daily basis. Growing up, would your life experience have been different if you would've had another faithful adult besides your parents investing in your life?

I understand that many of you have a heart for youth ministry but don't have a schedule that allows you to volunteer on Wednesday nights. Some of you just live too far away to be able to help during the week. If you fall into this category, here are some other ways you can get involved!

2) Serve on the Youth Discipleship Team: We meet once a month to game plan and strategize some of the details concerning upcoming youth activities and events. More importantly, we spend time in prayer for the young people we're ministering to.

3) Sign up for our FUSION: Connecting Points email updates:

These emails will keep you informed on what's going on in our ministry. We'll highlight specific prayer needs as well as make you aware of specific event/volunteer needs we have that may fit within your giftedness and/or schedule.

My prayer is that God is preparing willing workers to enter into ministry with us as we help young people come to know and follow Jesus. Would you pray with me about these opportunities?

“I truly believe we are carrying some divine momentum into this new year of ministry together.”



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, 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
- ◆ Jeannie Baird
- ◆ Mary Ann Walker
- ◆ Thelma Slaven
- ◆ Opal Giddings

Pray for our Ministry Team Leaders:

- ◆ Vera Streit (Secretary)

- ◆ Mary Fugate (Treasurer)
 - ◆ Karen Buser (Evangelism)
 - ◆ Leann Wehrman (Children's Discipleship)
 - ◆ Kay Simmons (Refreshment)
 - ◆ Jeanette Luke (Adult Discipleship)
 - ◆ Pat Adams (Hospitality)
 - ◆ Carl Fugate (Missions)
 - ◆ (Facility Maintenance)
 - Jim Gates (Financial Stewardship)
 - ◆ Renee Mason (Youth Discipleship)
 - ◆ Doug Johnson (Worship)
 - ◆ Gary Allen (Deacons Chairman)
 - ◆ Jim Gates (Trustees)
 - ◆ Kent Miller (Men's Ministries)
 - ◆ Rhonda Koenig (Women's Ministries)
 - ◆ Barbara Quakenbush (Historian)
- Pray for Military Personnel:**
- ◆ Casey Hackett
 - ◆ Levi Porter

“After they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”
—Acts 13:3

- ◆ Christopher Brummer
- ◆ Matt Hessenflow
- ◆ Anthony Harris
- ◆ Raul Riedel
- ◆ Evan Zilliox
- ◆ David Williams
- ◆ Christopher Coco
- ◆ Scott Williamson
- ◆ Taylor Marsh
- ◆ Paul Moncrieff
- ◆ David Goth
- ◆ Jason Robison
- ◆ Thomas Katsiyiannis
- ◆ Brandon Back

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Prayer List

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- ◆ Joshua Griffith
- ◆ 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
1/15/2012

- Praise God for the January 15, 2012, all church free meal and annual meeting with Pastor Cliff sharing Vision for the future.
- Praise God for the week of prayer opportunity January 15-21, 2012.
- Praise God for those who have been recently elected to serve as 2012 church leaders.
- Thank you for the Sanctity of Human Life week January 15-22 and for the Heart Choices ministry which serves many in North Central Kansas.
- Praise God with Luke and Lauren Roush for the January 9 birth of Weston James.
- Praise God with Melva McGuin that her premature great-grandson was able to come home from the hospital last week.
- Praise God that Lois Bean who is thankful for the cards and prayer while she was recovering.

***“About midnight
Paul and Silas
were praying
and singing hymns
to God,
and the
other prisoners
were listening
to them.”
—Acts 16:25***

- Pray for Dorothy Hamilton’s sister, Pat Liker, who is recovering from injuries from an auto accident.
- Pray for Audrey Jorgensen as she recovers from surgery in Mitchell County Hospital.
- Pray for Steve Langley as he seeks medical wisdom following surgery at the Mayo Clinic last week.
- Pray with Connie Long for her son, Josh, as he is making some major decisions.
- Pray for Misty Thompson as she has a KUMC doctor appointment Friday, January 20.
- Pray with Renee Naasz for her son in law, Jesse Mudd, as he relocated to North Carolina for a military responsibility.
- Pray with Janice Stouffer for Robby House and his Mom as they fly to Guatemala on January 15 and for safety as they do eye surgeries next week.
- Pray for Grandpa Gene who was injured when kicked in the knee cap by a bull.
- Pray with Becky Fraley for Schaefer Fraley’s sister, Ruth, who had a premature baby son.
- Pray with Joanne Behrends for her daughter, Jana, as she has health concerns.
- Pray with Erin Hughes for the many college students returning to school this week.
- Pray for God’s ongoing touch for health concerns for Matthew Mahin, Jim Sutton, Bev Kadel, Lisa Cordel, Doris Fowler and others.
- Kent Miller is thankful for the prayers and expressions of caring he received following the passing of his Dad, Frank Miller, who passed away earlier in January.

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Prayer List (continued)

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- Pray for the family of Tomiko Mehl who passed away and whose funeral was January 14 in Lawrence, KS.
- Pray for the family of Opal Thull's husband, Rich Thull, as he passed away.

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- Praise God for the week of prayer opportunity January 15-21, 2012.
- Praise God for those who have been recently elected to serve as 2012 church leaders.
- Thank you for the Sanctity of Human Life week January 15-22 and for the Heart Choices ministry which serves many in North Central Kansas.
- Praise God with Luke Bauman for the safe healthy delivery of a baby boy early today to Kristen's Sister, Krista.
- Pray with Becky Fraley for her nephew, Avery, who was born pre-mature and is still in the hospital.
- Praise God for the birthdays of Alex Katrsiyiannis (15) and Mason Johanson (2) this week.
- Praise God with June Reynolds for the prayers for her Grand-Daughter, Kraleigh Brummer, who has adjusted well to heart surgery and now she will need eye surgery in the future.
- Pray for Thelma Slaven who was in the Mitchell County Hospital last week.
- Pray for Audrey Jorgensen as she adjusts to her move from Mitchell County Hospital to the Residential Care Center.
- Pray for Elizabeth Johnson as she adjusts to moving to Hilltop Assisted Living last week.
- Pray for Arick and Kacy Johanson as they adjust to challenges in their lives last week.
- Pray with Dan Reling for health concerns for his neighbor, Leon Krier.
- Pray with George Stroup for Ray Howland as Ray seeks treatment for a medical concern.
- Pray with Lela File for her husband, Ron File, for Ron to adjust peacefully to being at Residential Care Center.
- Pray with Janice Stouffer for Robby House as he goes to KUMC next week to interview for consideration as a possible future medical student.
- Pray with Joanne Behrends for her daughter, Jana, as she has health concerns.
- Pray with Hazel Peterson for her daughter, Joyce Young, as she has vision concerns.
- Pray with Connie Chapin for her 10 year old nephew who is battling pneumonia.
- Pray for God's ongoing touch for health concerns for Matthew Mahin, Jim Sutton, Bev Kadel, Lisa Cordel, Doris Fowler and others.
- Pray for the families of Rich Thull, James Thompson, Ann Thiessen, and Bill Zachary as they have passed away.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards with heart warming and comforting words, for the phone calls, and food and flowers sent to me during this very difficult time. They helped so much

to fill the empty spot in my heart.

Thank you,
Fern Simpson



Finance Report

December Total Expenses	\$ 35,209.82
December Giving	\$ 32,846.04
Year to Date Giving	\$ 383,550.86
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses	\$ 388,711.64
Year to Date Total Expenses	\$ 388,996.34
Year to Date Expected Budget Needs	
12/12 of Budget	\$ 399,300.00



“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:

- 2/2 Ryan Batchman, Joey Behrends
- 2/3 Laura Heagy
- 2/4 Janet Allen, Josephine Hartman, Chris Henk, Fern Simpson
- 2/5 Bob Belknap, Jim Gates
- 2/7 Tristan Thompson
- 2/8 Brooke Vetter
- 2/9 Matt Dorman
- 2/10 Elaine Botka
- 2/11 Beth Harrison
- 2/13 Joyce Holl
- 2/15 Greg Kopsa
- 2/16 Gerald Briney, Jonathan Brummer
- 2/20 Hudson Smith, Keevan Portenier
- 2/22 Wayne Hewitt
- 2/23 Wauneta Robinson
- 2/24 Stephanie Chancellor, Julie Gates, Madison Miller

Anniversaries:

- 2/1 Cliff & Laura Heagy
- 2/8 Greg & Debbie Geyer
- 2/9 Randy & Linda Doggett
- 2/14 Bill & Sherry Angell
- 2/14 Allen & Alice Colby
- 2/14 David & Brenda Crawford
- 2/23 Luke & Kristen Bauman
- 2/24 Lindy & Lori Lindblad
- 2/28 J.R. & Kay Simmons

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

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

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Would you prayerfully consider the opportunity to volunteer to help at the Mitchell County Food Pantry? This is an important ministry to help those less fortunate folks in our community to receive food assistance. We currently have opportunities for more folks to serve in this ministry. Our church helps serve at the food pantry once every seven weeks on Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information or to volunteer to help

serve, please call Dave Mealiff at the church at 738-3071 or on his cell phone at 738-0039.

You Never Have to Ask a Pound Dog to Eat

Before I explain this title, I want to thank each and every one of you who was a part of Adult Discipleship Ministry this past year. I would not even be able to name everyone, so I thank you so much for teaching a class, leading a small group, being a Sunday School teacher, anything you did to disciple people, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! The servant-heart came out so strongly from each and every one of you. I wanted to get up and say this on Sunday, but I couldn't stop crying that day. It was awesome to hear all of your testimonies and thanksgiving. What a wonderful group of servants you all are! ! !

Now the title of this is my husband's saying. But he is so right. We have never had trouble getting a pound dog to eat. In fact they are like a vacuum sweeper, we have trouble getting them to stop. I think this is the same thing God means in Psalm 42:1-2. We should be like the deer. Are you?



These past few weeks our small group has been reading the book, "Radical" by David Platt. Wow!!! Some things have been changed in all of our lives forever. So for this year 2012 in Adult Discipleship, the recommendation is going to be to read this book. I have several extra copies if you want one. You can order it from several different places, or I can place an order through CBD and get more.

If you need to find your purpose, or you feel like you don't have direction, get alone with God. Read Matthew 7:7-8, it is a good scripture to pray if you are truly wanting direction. Ask, seek, knock. Are you? I don't mean once in a while, when you are in trouble, when you feel like it. You should be so dependent on Him, you don't even want to think about starting your day without Him leading you.

At the end of the "Radical" book, there is a challenge for each of you. It is between you and God whether you take the challenge or not. Joni Adams is doing a Healthy challenge for our physical bodies, this will be a challenge for your spiritual person. They kind of go hand in hand. I dare you to read the

book and answer the challenge. WARNING!!! Don't read if you do not want to change.

I think this book is so important to read that we will be starting a Sunday School class on February 5, using this book. I don't know where we will meet yet, but I will be letting you know details in the near future.

Also, on February 12, our small group will be starting what the book calls, "Secret Church". We will meet every two weeks. This is not for women only, it is for anyone who is hungry to study God's Word. You will understand what this means from

reading the book. We will gather together on Sunday Evening around 6:30 and the soul purpose is to study and pray. We will begin in Genesis and go through the Bible. There will be no leader. We will all study, and come together to discuss and share. If you are hungry for God's Word and want to join us

we would love to have you. Are you "pound dog hungry?"

Cliff's sermon on Sunday just confirmed what we, as disciples of Christ should be doing. Not just the elders and deacons. We all have something to give. You have not gone through everything you have gone through for nothing. God has brought you through all your trials and testings so you could love and be a ministry to others. When you turn your pain into helping others you are discipling others. Please let God use you, be a blessing to others. If you have gone through something or are going through something that God has or is helping you through, bless others with it. If you feel led to start a small group, lead a class, study a book, please contact myself or Dave Mealiff. We would be glad to pray with you about it and do whatever we can to help you get started. Again, thank you all so much!

Adult Discipleship Ministry
Jeanette Luke

January Elder Board Minutes

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

Members Present: Aaron Adams; Bill Angell, Todd Catlin, Randy Doggett, Jim Gates, Greg Harrison, Doug Johnson, Kris Kimple, Keith Portenier, Dan Reling. **Pastors Present** Cliff Heagy, Arick Johanson, Dave Mealiff

Opening Prayer offered by Bill Angell

Review and Approval of Elder Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kris Kimple to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Bill Angell. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Following review and discussion a motion was made by Todd Catlin to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Seconded by Bill Angell. Motion passed.

Review of Ministry Team Reports

Evangelism	No Report	Karen Buser
Missions	No Report	Carl Fugate

Worship- Doug Johnson

Eternity Focus is appreciated by the church family and has been booked for the Sunday following Christmas in 2012. Token thank you gifts were sent to Richard Broadbent and Bobbi Link for their service.

Hospitality	No Report	Pat Adams
Refreshment	No Report	Janet Johnson
Youth Discipleship	No Report	Renee Mason
Children’s Discipleship	No Report	Leann Wehrman

Adult Discipleship – Jeanette Luke

There were numerous small groups going throughout the year. A single parenting group, divorce support group, numerous men’s, women’s and mixed groups met throughout the year. There were also some Sunday School classes offered throughout the year. God led many people in many different directions.

We are trusting Him to again lead people into their giftedness or passion and be willing to share with others this next year.

Thanks to all of you, Adult Discipleship is doing what God wants it to do in this body. We look forward to this next year and what God has for the new year. May you be encouraged and strengthened in Christ and your walk with Him.

Facility Maintenance No Report

Financial Stewardship - Jim Gates

Year end giving has helped lower the loan on the Mill Street house from \$44,000 to \$41,144. Giving to the Vision Fund goes for this purpose. Lengthy discussion of the insurance rates, deductibles, and benefits followed. More information will be gathered.

Women’s Ministries No Report Rhonda Koenig

Men’s Ministries – Kent Miller

A new men's Sunday School class started right before the first of the year. The class is being held in the southeast classroom.

The group is studying the book "Dream" by Kenny Luck, who was one of the speakers at last year's "Iron Sharpens Iron" Conference in Kansas City. We have 10-12 men in the class. The class is being facilitated by David Crawford and Kent Miller.

Deacons No Report Gary Allen

Trustees - Jim Gates

Thanks on behalf of BFCC has been appropriately expressed for the generous memorial from Geri Topliff.

Associate Pastor of Youth What a blessing it has been to serve in ministry along with all of you at BFCC over the course of this last year! Like any other year, 2011 was filled with exciting opportunities and challenges, and our God is faithful through it all!

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At Fusion on Wednesday nights, we have had the opportunity to minister to about 40 students on average between our Junior High and High School gatherings, many of whom don't attend our church. Our desire is to see these students grow in a love relationship with Jesus Christ and eventually get connected and contribute to the greater body of believers here at BFCC.

In the coming year, my goal in youth ministry is to continue to grow in relationship with our students, their parents, and their families that I may truly minister to their unique needs. I also want to be more intentional about discipling and growing student/adult leaders within our church's ministries.

A couple of youth events that are coming up are: FUSION Super Bowl party (February 5th), Winter Jam Concert in Wichita (Friday, February 24th). Also, we are currently looking at a mock up for some t-shirts to help promote our ministry as well as give our students something that will help them identify with our group.

I would also like to request the following days off for vacation: February 16th (Thurs) & 19th (Sun). We would like to use that weekend to travel and visit some close friends **Arick Johanson**

A motion by Bill Angell to approve vacation days of February 16th and 19th was seconded by Randy Doggett. Motion passed.

Associate Pastor of Caring's December 2011 was a great time in the life of the BFCC!

I extend my thanks again to the leaders who served the church family in 2011. My prayers continue for the leaders who were elected to serve in 2012.

It is exciting to see many small groups restarting now that we are in a new year. Several possible new groups in being considered. Unless something changes with a new facilitator coming forward, we may not have a Divorce Care group in this winter term. I am continuing to investigate alternatives for this need.

Linda and I will be facilitating a new home study group starting January 22, on the Dr. Gary Smalley series "As Long As We Both Shall Live". The study will meet in our home for 6 sessions meeting on alternating Sunday afternoons. We are making this group open for people both in and outside our church family.

I am seeking advice from many folks in the church family regarding the need for a Facility Maintenance Team Leader. I will seek to get the ball rolling as I work with volunteers to be sure the church facilities are maintained. I welcome the advice and feedback of the elders about any area of concern related to this ministry team.

I support the elders' decision to move ahead on the welcome center concept. I am confident that the changes will make a difference in how we serve folks in the future. We still need to remember that our focus and attitude as individuals toward new people is still very important also.

I would request three days of vacation for specific dates to be determined when my daughter, Pam, in Wichita has a baby. The baby is predicted to be due on April 6, 2012 but that is just an estimate. My family and I will not know the exact dates of when my vacation will be beneficial until we know when the baby is born. I will coordinate my schedule with the other pastors.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless you.
Caringly in Jesus, Dave Mealiff

A motion by Dan Reling to approve three vacation days to be scheduled when the new grandchild is born was seconded by Aaron Adams. Motion passed.

Senior Pastor's Report The Fellowship Hall Renovation Task Force met this past week to begin securing the details of the approved remodel of our gathering area, and the creation of a Welcome Center and Refreshment Center. We will all need to be flexible as this kind of work will disrupt the normal use and flow of the building for a time. Hopefully the work will progress without too much

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January Elder Board Minutes (cont.)

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extended delay, and we'll try to keep everyone updated on information as soon and as often as it becomes available.

I was contacted by Gina Poisson, the Community Services Coordinator for Friends University about possibly having a graduate student from their Marriage and Family Therapy program intern at BFCC. The intern would be Katrina Jones, who lives here in Beloit with her husband and three small children, and attends Zion Lutheran Church. She commutes to Friends University on Thursdays each week. I met with both Gina and Katrina, and I believe this could be a good partnership that benefits both Katrina and our ability to minister to people's counseling needs. We would not have to pay Katrina any salary, but we would need to provide her with working office space (possibly one of our classrooms, or a room in one of our Mission Houses), and she will need a locking file cabinet. The length of the internship would be approximately 13 months, either starting in May or August of this year. Katrina would be able to offer counseling of all kinds (individual, pre-marriage, marriage, family, etc.), and could lead classes and small groups related to marriage and parenting issues. I would like the Elders to prayerfully consider this opportunity.

(Following discussion, Cliff will gather some more information and bring back to the group.)

At the beginning of 2011 we had just decided to remain an independent Christian church after a year of reviewing possible denominational affiliations. We noted at that time the challenge most independent churches have is ready access to resources that might otherwise be supplied by a denomination. I have identified several categories and sub-categories:

SAFETY AND LIABILITY RESOURCES

- Liability insurance – contact information and procedures to follow Crisis prevention and management resources Background checks and screening procedures for staff and volunteers

Activity safety guidelines

PASTORAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING RESOURCES

- Pastoral support groups
- Pastoral retreats
- Pastoral conferences
- Counseling for pastors
- Staff search resources

PHYSICAL RESOURCES FOR THE CHURCH

- Camps
- Retreat Centers

This is the kind of information and resources that are often provided by a denomination, but which we will need to obtain and maintain in order to be well equipped as an independent church. I have begun the process of putting a handbook together that includes good and trustworthy resources for BFCC in these areas, and will bring these to the attention of the Elders throughout the year for your review and input.

Beginning January 22nd I will begin a sermon series through the book of James. I pray we'll all grow in our hunger and passion for God's Word throughout 2012.

Pastor Cliff

Old Business

Renovation progress (cleaning, painting, new locks, etc.) at the Mill street house was discussed.

New Business

No new business was brought before the group.

Closing Prayer was offered by Dan Reling with adjournment at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vera M. Streit
Elder Board Secretary

Missions Update: Rich and Sara Musgrave

Rich and Sarah Musgrave have returned to Nebraska due to Rich's health problems. Their work for CAM will continue, but in a different venue. They are involved in OBERO FIEL, a website for Spanish speaking believers and seekers worldwide that is used in 192 countries. This site has an online Bible study library, discipleship courses, and resources for Spanish speaking pastors who often have no other source of support in remote locations.

Rich and Sarah's job is to recruit Spanish speaking Christians in the U.S. who would volunteer to be counselors for the website and interact with folks who have faith questions and to raise financial support from U.S. Christians to enable the website to continue to grow and impact Spanish speaking people for Christ throughout the world. This is an ex-

citing new venture for Rich and Sarah as the use of the website is growing exponentially as many people are inquiring about Jesus as they try to make sense of all the changes and chaos going on in our world today.

Please consider supporting Rich and Sarah through your prayers and financial contributions. Also consider volunteering for the website if you speak Spanish or donating to it. You can view the website at www.oberofiel.com. If you have any questions please contact Carl Fugate.



CLASH Begins February 15th

Our spring session of CLASH (Children Learning And Serving Him) will be starting on February 15th and will end on April 11th. This program is for children grades 1st through 6th. Each night children will have an opportunity to fellowship with their friends, play games, participate in worship, receive a bible lesson, and engage in scripture memorization. This is a great opportunity for the children in your life to come and grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus!

Our CLASH program is currently in need of an extra volunteer to help out with games. We are also seeking volunteers to help assist our teachers during our lesson time as well as volunteers that would be willing to substitute in the occasion that a teacher/classroom assistant will be gone. If you are interested in helping out in any one of these areas or have any questions concerning this program please contact Pastor Arick at 785-545-6051 or at ajohanson@beloitfcc.org

Specific Food Pantry Items Needed

Food items that are need at the Food Pantry this month are: Jell-O, Ramen Noodles, dry pasta, pasta sauce and toilet tissue. These items may be dropped at the Food Pantry in Tuesday mornings from 9:00—11:00 a.m., or brought to the church and put in the box marked for the food pantry.



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14, 2012 for the day we'll work together to create the meal packets, but we need volunteers now who see how feeding the hungry is an act of love towards Jesus himself and people in need. Will you pray about being a part of this steering committee?



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There are several additional reasons I'm excited about this opportunity. First, this event will be truly inter-generational. Numana has a system that enables the elderly to participate (you can be seated while helping to assemble the food) right alongside with even the very young (children can help decorate the shipping boxes with crayon drawings). This is how the family of God is supposed to function!

Secondly, this event will also be a time where we lift up the needs of the local hungry among us by highlighting the Mitchell County Food Pantry. What a great light for people to see that followers of Jesus feed the hungry around the world AND those right in our own neighborhoods. God's love knows no boundaries.

Thirdly, I think many of you haven't discovered a full sense of "ministry" using your particular gifts and talents—but this may be just the event to ignite your passion to do just that. We don't serve primarily so that we'll get something out of the deal, but I know we will experience the blessing of knowing that the hard work we do is actually going to save lives. World poverty, hunger, and starvation are real issues and TV reports and news stories can make us feel small and inadequate to respond to the overwhelming needs. Yet this is going to make a definite impact. It will feel good to make a difference.

So I urge you to pray, and then take a bold step of response by talking with me or any of the pastors to indicate your interest in making a Numana project happen right here in Beloit.

As you think about expressing your love for God and people through ministry, let me highlight two other opportunities that are gaining some momentum: a Welcome Center ministry team, and spiritual partnerships.

As I'm writing this our Fellowship Hall has been completely emptied out in readiness for renovation work to begin in few days. This will mean some inconveniences for us throughout the coming weeks, so I'm appealing to everyone's patience and grace. I think it'll be worth it in the end as we'll have transformed our primary gathering space into one that is more focused on our purpose of making and growing disciples. We have a fairly regular flow of visitors who come to our worship services. These folks come with a variety of spiritual perspectives and interests, but a common need is to know they matter and are loved. A Welcome Center area will be created in the space currently used for the outer church office, and this will serve as a great resource for a Welcome Team. This team will be essential in identifying visitors and giving them genuine care, information, and personal assistance in finding their way in our facilities.

Some have indicated their willingness to serve on a Welcome Team, but we will need many others to make sure we will be consistently effective from week to week. Welcome Team members will serve just before and after worship services, so it won't require much extra time from your normal commitment to worship. But I do believe it will have a big impact on our ability to make relational connections with people, which in turn will give us opportunities to make them disciples, and to grow them as disciples. Pray with purpose about this and let me know what you hear the Lord saying to you.

Regarding spiritual partnerships, the good news is we have already begun connecting people in ways that reflect Paul's statement to Philemon in the New

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Regular Doses of Practical Love in Small Groups

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Corinthians 13:11)

If you want to experience the love and peace of God you will find it when you surround yourself with people who will regularly encourage you. Small groups are a great way to discipline your routines to include this kind of practical love that moves us to

“strive for full restoration” in all aspects of our lives. The variety of topics and meeting times is meant to accommodate a wide range of schedules. Find one that fits you and contact the host(s) for more information. ***“And the God of love and peace will be with you.”***

MEN'S GROUPS	TIME	HOST	CONTACT #	CURRENT TOPIC
Sundays	9:30 AM	Kent Miller	738-3310	“Dream” by Kenny Luck
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	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	G. Allen/K. Williams	738-4228	“One 2 Won Cross Training Discipleship”
WOMEN'S GROUPS				
Sundays	9:30 AM	Lynne Gates	738-5516	“Beloved Disciple” by Beth Moore
Tuesdays	6:00 PM	Joni Adams	738-4161	“Made To Crave”
Thursdays	6:00 AM	Jeanette Luke	738-2135	Book of John
Thursdays	4:00 PM	Connie Chapin	738-5265	Prayer Group
MIXED GROUPS (Men or Women)				
Sundays	9:30 AM	Cliff Heagy	534-0770	The Gospel of Mark
Sundays	9:30 AM	Dave & Linda Mealiff	738-5159	“The Me I Want To Be” John Ortberg
Sundays	9:30 AM	T. Catlin & E. Mastin	738-5351	“Evangelism the Oz Way”
Sunday	9:30 AM	Jeanette Luke	738-213	“Radical” by David Platt
Alt. Sundays	5:00 PM	Dave & Linda Mealiff	738-5159	“As Long As We Both Shall Live”
ALT. Sundays	6:30 PM	Jeanette Luke	738-2135	“Secret Church” Genesis and following
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	Lloyd Fugate	738-3541	“Spiritual Warfare”
Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Derek Fobes	569-1007	“Single and Parenting”
Wednesdays	7:00 PM	Keith Williams	738-2936	“Love” - 1 Corinthians 13
YOUTH SMALL GROUPS				
Sundays	6:30 PM	Mary Fugate	738-8264	High School Girls
Thursdays	7:30 PM	Arick Johanson	509-607-9620	High School Boys

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>February 2012</p>			<p>1 6 p.m. Jr. Hi Fusion 6:30 p.m. Single & Parenting 7:30 p.m. Sr. Hi Fusion</p>	<p>2 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Prayer in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 FLC Reserved</p>
<p>5 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 12:30-5 p.m. FLC Reserved</p>	<p>6 7p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 9 a.m. Metallic Bible Study</p>	<p>8 6 p.m. Jr. Hi Fusion 6:30 p.m. Single & Parenting 7:30 p.m. Sr. Hi Fusion</p>	<p>9 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Prayer in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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Testament: ***“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement.” (Philemon 6-7)*** Spiritual partners are simply people who want to give joy, encouragement, and a deepening understanding of what we share in Christ through intentional relationships. I feel this taps into one of the great strengths of BFCC—we have been blessed with a great many spiritually maturing folks who have followed Jesus through a variety of life circumstances. Sharing your wisdom, insight, and encouragement can be the most important next step for other believers. To my additional excitement, we have spiritual partners who want in on both ends of this—both to partner with AND to be partnered by others. I love their

openness to keep growing as a disciple of Jesus, no matter how long they’ve been following Him. That is our purpose and mission as a church! So, please add this to your prayers: consider being a partner, and consider receiving a spiritual partner. It’s an informal, yet intentional way of getting people together. I’ll be happy to give you more information if you just let me know how the Lord is speaking to you about it.

I’m so blessed to be your pastor, and to be making disciples and growing as a disciple with you!

Pastor Cliff

