

Belvidere Evangelical Covenant Church's
Monthly Newsletter

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October 2026 *Belvidere.Church*

Happy Birthday!

10/18 Lloyd Carlson
10/20 Janet Ellingson
10/21 Larry Rubert
10/23 Vicki Ries
10/27 Greg Hulstedt
10/30 David Frykholm

Happy Anniversary!

10/5/1962 Don & Carol Hildenbrand

Parents' Night Out, Kids' Night In

Parents' Night Out, Kids' Night In will be on November 7 from 5-7 pm at BECC! Parents can drop their kids off for a couple hours of free time! They may use it as a date night, a time to shop, a time for a quiet bath or whatever they may need. We will play games, do crafts, tell a Bible story, and maybe sing a song or two. Help us get the word out to the community! This is meant as an outreach to let our community we care about kids and families.

Pastor Appreciation

Please join us on Sunday, October 18th, as we celebrate Pastor Darrell and Heather for Pastor Appreciation Day. Following our morning worship service, please stay and join us in the hospitality area for light refreshments and coffee. This will be a wonderful time to share an encouraging word, present a card, and say thank you as a church family. Let's show our gratitude and appreciation for their ongoing faithful leadership at our church.

Baptisms

Get dunked for Jesus on either October 11 or October 25 during the service. Sign up today!



Guest Worship

Worship leader Marty Pierce will be leading us in worship music next Sunday, October 11. Marty served as worship pastor at Rock Church in Rockford for over ten years after a decade at churches in Oklahoma. Invite your friends and family to join us for a wonderful morning of worship and the Word.

Chili Cookoff & Congregational Mtg.

Clear your calendar for Sunday, October 11 for our congregational meeting and Chili Cook-off. Sign up to bring a crockpot of chili or the trimmings and join us on the lower-level for lunch, voting, prizes, and then the meeting. Who makes the best chili at BECC? Let's have some fun. Lots of important things to discuss so don't miss out!



Guest Worship

Worship leader and vocalist Sharon Pulliam will be leading us in worship on Sunday, October 18. Sharon has served in worship leadership for over thirty years. Currently, she works as an in home care provider and serves churches with worship needs on Sunday mornings. Invite your friends!

Men's Breakfast

Join the men of the church on Saturday, October 17 at 8 am at the church for our quarterly men's breakfast. This time we will have meaty breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, juice, and coffee. It's $6 per guy, and all guys are welcome to attend. Sign up via the tear off card or email Pastor Darrell.

Blessing Boxes

Our new blessings boxes have been a huge blessing to so many in our community. During the first two days, we had 21 people come to receive food from the boxes and three people brought items to donate to the boxes. Here are some items that have gone extremely fast if you are interested in making additional donations:

- jelly and jam, honey
- sugar, mayonnaise
- toilet paper, paper towels
- deodorant, soap/shampoo
- toothpaste/toothbrushes
- shaving cream/razors
- feminine hygiene products
- tea, coffee, tissues



"Lunch Bunch"

You're invited to our monthly "Lunch Bunch" luncheon to connect with others and enjoy a delicious meal. It's low pressure, very casual, and a great way to get to know others. **Tuesday, October 27 @ Denny's** Rockford. RSVP on a communication card or via email to Linda P35flyer@aol.com.
Let's get to know one another better!

Women's Brunch

Ladies, you're invited to our quarterly women's brunch on Saturday, October 24 at 10 am. Enjoy a morning hanging out with other women hearing about the vision of our new women's ministry. The cost is only $6 per person. Sign up on the tear off card or email Cindy@Belvidere.Church.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Worship Connect Grow Reach Serve Leadership			1 Wedding Set-up 6:00 pm Officers & Board Chair Meeting	2 Church Office Closed Wedding Rehearsal 7 pm Belv N @ Belv	3 2 pm Malon Wedding 5 pm Set-up for Sunday
4 10:30 Worship Communion 9:30 am Small Groups	5	6	7 9 am Prayer Meeting	8 6:30 pm Leadership Meetings	9 7 pm Belv.N v. RAHS 7 pm Belv.@ Jefferson	10
11 10:30 Worship 9:30 am Small Groups Qtrly Cong. Meeting Chili Cook-off Guest Worship: Marty Pierce Baptisms	12	13	14 9 am Prayer Meeting	15	16 7 pm Belv.N v. Hononegah 7 pm Belv.@ RAHS	17 8 am Men's Breakfast Pancakes, eggs, bacon
18 10:30 Worship 9:30 am Small Groups Guest Worship: Sharon Pulliam Pastor Appreciation Day	19	20	21 9 am Prayer Meeting	22	23	24 10 am Women's Quarterly Breakfast
25 10:30 Worship 9:30 am Small Groups Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Baptisms	26	27 11:30 am Lunch Bunch Denny's Rockford	28 9 am Prayer Meeting	29	30	31

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The Future is Now

We have a huge month planned for October and hope you will be a part of it all! We have two guest worship leaders coming, October 11 and 18, then we have baptisms on October 25. We have our 1st Annual Chili Cook-off on the 11th. Bring a crock pot of chili and let's all vote to see which is the best. We have our congregational meeting on the 11th after services during the cook-off. Plus, we have our quarterly men's breakfast on the 17th and our new women's brunch on the 24th. Sign up for both of them or email pastor@belvidere.church.

Our services on October 4 and 11 will highlight some leadership structure changes around the church. The last two Sundays of September focused us on the church's vision and mission. We are getting focused, prayed up and waiting expectantly for God to do His thing at our church. I hope you will all be a part of it every step of the way.

See you all Sunday, if not before.

Love you all, Pastor Darrell