

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY 8-25

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground  
 9:00-10:00 a.m.—Farewell Reception for  
 Pastor Randal & Linda  
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 3:00 p.m.—Westview Service

### MONDAY 8-26

9:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting

### TUESDAY 8-27

6:30 a.m. Elder Prayer  
 Noon—Community Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 8-28

6—7:15 p.m.—Jr. High Youth  
 7:30—9:00 p.m.—High School Youth

### THURSDAY 8-29

7:00 p.m.—Grief Group

### FRIDAY 8-30

Office Closed

### SUNDAY 9-1

9:00 a.m.—Common Ground  
**No Sunday School**  
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground  
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 3:00 p.m.—Westview Service

## REMINDERS

### This Week

**Nursery** (9:00) Brady & Hilary Wilson  
**Nursery** (10:00) Dennis, Lori & Shayna  
 Ostercamp  
**Greeters:** Marv & Diane Johnson

### Next Week

**Nursery** (9:00) Ken & Linda DeWaard  
**Nursery** (10:00) Jamie & Sheila Nielsen, Eden  
 Nielsen  
**Greeters:** Carolyn Ostercamp, Dennis & Lori O.

## GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering--8-18-19: \$7,640.00

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for these people with health issues or other concerns

David Peterson	Josh Johnson	Nancy Anderson	Stacy Anderson
Doug Kneisel	Blanche Friedow	Maria McNeese	Melanie Sutton (Carol Couch's mother)

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Kelly (Anderson) Jost
- Missionaries including Michelle Hill—Family Life
- Sunday School—including 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Class —Teachers—Deb Kruger, Margaret & Dennis Guth
- College Students—including Gavin Chase @ Moody, Ian Chase @ Belfast Bible
- Life Group Leaders—including Mark Newman
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Interim Pastor Randal & Linda Kay as they transition back home to Kansas.
- Pastor Steve & Carol Couch as they get ready to move to Britt and begin ministry here.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next Sunday, September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday.

### **AWANA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11th—3:30-5:00 PM**

Watch for more info coming soon!

**Reaching Kids with the Gospel of Christ and Training them to Serve Him**

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE ON SEPTEMBER 25th**—More details to come.

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR PRAYER LIST**

We like to pray for those from our church family who are in college. If you or someone in your family will be in college this year, you can write the student's name and college on the back of the Connection Card and we will add them to our bulletin prayer list.

### **WOMENS RETREAT—HIDDEN ACRES—SEPTEMBER 13-14**

**Kim (Nelson) Harms** will be a speaker on Saturday morning. A sign-up sheet and flyers are on the table in the foyer.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**—If you are interested in getting a soccer ball(s) for your box(es), please stop at the table in the foyer and indicate how many you would like.

Return date for the boxes will be the 1st week in November.

### **TAKING SEALED BIDS FOR EXTRA PEWS**

We will be taking sealed bids for the extra pews left after the stage renovation. If you would like a pew or pews, please write down the amount you are willing to give for them and which one(s) you are interested in. Put them in an envelope and turn them into the church office by **August 25th**.

4 pews -6 ft. long      1 pew -4 ft. long      1 pew from old church 78" long

### **LARRY & RITA FOX HAVE MOVED TO TOWN**

Here is their new address:

716 3rd Ave. SW

Britt, IA 50423

## **THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BRITT**

810 2nd Ave. NW, Britt, IA 50423

Website: [www.brittfreechurch.com](http://www.brittfreechurch.com)

Phone: 641-843-3861

Wifi: EFC Guest Wifi or EFC Guest Wifi 5G—Password: brittfree82

Youth Pastor—Jesse Bewley—[brittfreechurch.jesse@gmail.com](mailto:brittfreechurch.jesse@gmail.com)—331- 999-4615

Office Staff—Cherlyn Johnson, Katrina Peterson—[brittfreechurch@gmail.com](mailto:brittfreechurch@gmail.com)

Custodian—Tom Kardoes - 515-320-3349

Prayer Chain—Marlys Perkins 843-3319

“Got Ears? Being the Church” Part 2  
*Revelation 3:1-22*

Notes

The Shepherd's Staff  
Pastor Randal

August 25, 2019

Sweet Sorrow

Shakespeare, writing in "Romeo and Juliet," "*Parting is such sweet sorrow that I should say goodnight until it be morrow.*" (Act-II, Scene-II) *I could say much the same thing when I think about leaving Britt on this final Sunday In August.*

It is sorrowful because Linda and I will miss such great friends we made here over the past 8+ months. We shall miss worshiping and serving alongside you. We shall miss snow-filled days and thunder-filled nights (Okay, not so much of those things) But we shall miss a truly blessed time being here. Being recipients of your gracious love and generosity. Yes, we shall miss you and Britt, Iowa.

It will be sweet for we know that this parting is not forever. We shall see each other as we gather before the heavenly throne, though it might be difficult given the size of the crowd, but since we have eternity I'm sure we'll run into you eventually. Herein, we find one of the blessings of being part of God's family, though we part here, we shall meet there. (And who knows, maybe even sooner. There's always Hobo Days to come back for!)

As we talk about "here and there" let us remember the reason we are here now; to help others to know the reality of God and His heaven. We have been given the responsibility to share the good news about Jesus Christ and to speak and live in such a way so as to help others choose to follow Him.

So, here is my final challenge, let us answer Christ's command, "*let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*" (Matthew 5:16) *And let our parting not be sorrowful, but filled with the joy of the coming Morning.*