

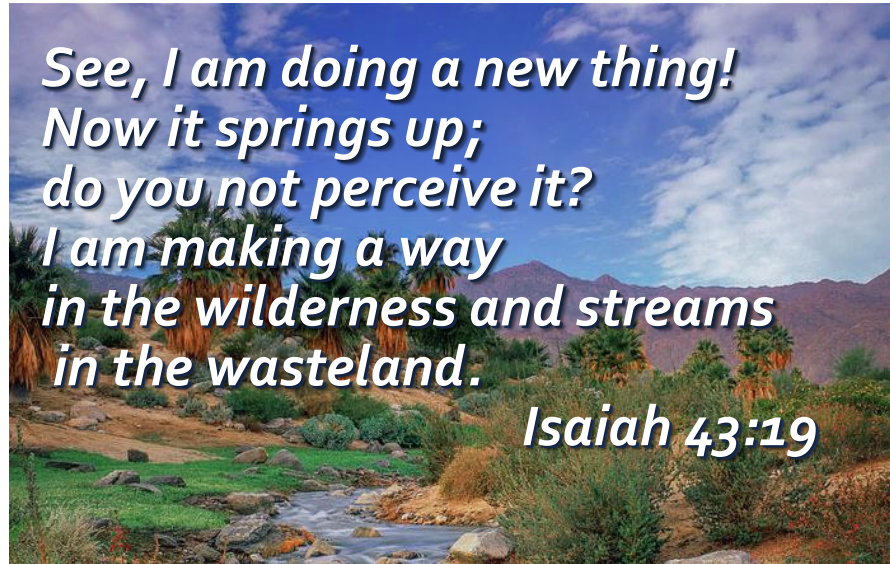
BEULAH BEACON

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

By Pastor Don Gibson

Where did summer go? It seems that with a blink of an eye, June, July, and August flew by, and planning for the new fall church season has begun. But, before we jump headfirst into all the wonderful “church-things” that happen in the fall, let’s pause and give thanks for God’s faithfulness thus far this year. What a year it has been! We have discerned, discussed, and implemented new ways of being a church however, several things remain constant and true, for example: Beulah Church has been, and will continue to be a pillar of light and hope in this community, touching the lives of many people. We have done so in a variety of ways the annual Easter Egg Hunt, community wide VBS, community wide Back-to-School Backpack Drive, and through inviting a new faith community to join us to form one family in Christ. We have as well continued in our traditions worshipping together each Sunday, (celebrating our history on Beulah Day), we have gathered to sing songs and hymns of praise, prayed for our community and ourselves, we have read and proclaimed the Word of God, we have faithfully celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, The Lord’s Supper and have welcomed many new members. Wow, what a year it has been! To God Be the Glory!

As I reflect on this year thus far, I am reminded that there is continuity even during change. Continuity and change are the two things we can and do count on in life. I read once that “continuity gives us roots



I read once that “continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.” So, what might this look like in the life of our church? How might God be calling us to incorporate new ways of being the church? I am not suggesting that we simply do more. However, I am suggesting that we, together, prayerfully examine our current mission and ministries and to seek God’s guidance. Perhaps God could grow our branches in new or different ministry direction?

So, as we plan for the upcoming fall season (Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Car Show, Trunk or Treat, Fall Festival, Living Nativity, and much more), I am asking you to join me in prayer seeking God to grow in new ways. As well, I would appreciate your input as growth (or change) should not solely be the work of staff— we are collectively the body of Christ.

Isaiah’s good news, the scripture I preached from on my 1st Sunday here at Beulah, continually wells up in my spirit, “God is doing a new thing, do you not perceive it?”

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BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER READING

08	Start of Challenge	20	Matthew 11
09	Matthew 1	21	Matthew 12
10	Matthew 2	22	Sunday (Catch-up day)
11	Matthew 3	23	Matthew 13
12	Matthew 4	24	Matthew 14
13	Matthew 5	25	Matthew 15
14	Matthew 6	26	Matthew 16
15	Sunday (Catch-up day)	27	Matthew 17
16	Matthew 7	28	Matthew 18-19
17	Matthew 8	29	Sunday (Catch-up day)
18	Matthew 9	30	Matthew 20
19	Matthew 10		

PSALM AND PROVERBS SEPTEMBER READINGS

01	Proverbs 1	17	Psalms 14
02	Psalms 1	18	Psalms 15
03	Psalms 2	19	Proverbs 4
04	Psalms 3	20	Psalms 16
05	Psalms 4	21	Psalms 17
06	Psalms 5	22	Psalms 18
07	Proverbs 2	23	Psalms 19
08	Psalms 6	24	Psalms 20
09	Psalms 7	25	Proverbs 5
10	Psalms 8	26	Psalms 21
11	Psalms 9	27	Psalms 22
12	Psalms 10	28	Psalms 23
13	Proverbs 3	29	Psalms 24
14	Psalms 11	30	Psalms 25
15	Psalms 12		
16	Psalms 13		



By Barry Iglehart root-cellar.org

integrity/honesty...schlemut(...moot)/yosher

A bit odd hearing these words from some folk during what we might still call "the silly season". And I have heard it bantered about of late. That some believe it is odder still. How would you define "integrity"? "Honesty"? Most of us have some notion of their meanings when we see or hear them used. Context certainly helps. That's why I offered the phrase "silly season, that time of year prior to an election.

Webster's reads it this way: 1) uncompromising adherence to moral and ethical principles, 2) soundness of moral character, 3) honesty... It also reads as "the state of being whole, entire, complete". This final piece will take us deeper, but for now...

All of these characteristics are for me necessary, a certainty in defining the words. That one is an integral part of the other assures that. They should be found in our leaders as an example for us to follow, and so be found in us as well. The first, "uncompromising adherence to moral and ethical principles" carries into the second, "soundness of moral character" and speaks of an unwavering response to a world awash in a shifting sea of grey. People know who you are because of what you are and how you're going to behave. It's the same with whose you are and what you believe.

Is this a bad thing? The Hebrew words are "shlemut(shelmoot)" and/or "yosher" (which translates as "honesty"). You do not lie. You do not purposely mislead or equivocate. You are direct, forthcoming and forthright. We as a group are children of Yahweh, the Living God and joint heirs of the promise with His Son. Let us behave like that. Shalom.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
A CHRISTMAS PLAY

Auditions,
September 8 & 15
Sign up in the Narthex

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

On Sunday August 04, the Hispanic congregation worshiped in the Sanctuary for the first time.



On Sunday, August 11, all three of the congregations prayed for students, teachers, and anyone working with children and youth. As part of Back-to-School Sunday, everyone was given an age-appropriate gift to help them during their school year. The Youth and College students enjoyed a pool party at the Ramey's home in celebration of the new school year.



On August 17, Beulah Church participated in the Back-to-School Bash at the Rec Center. Beulah was represented by Pastor Hae Rin and Pastor Norma along with Jordan, Riley and Krissy from the Youth Group and Natali Vega and Leopoldo Aguilar from the Hispanic Praise Band.



On August 17, a Service of Celebration of the Life of Betty Lowe was held in the Sanctuary. It was a beautiful service, and Betty was well remembered and loved.

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of September, they are requesting donations of canned food and pantry items to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming fall and winter. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white Afterhours Donation Cabinet in the Breezeway. Thank you for your help in reaching out to the local community.

SPECIAL COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

On **September 15**, at 11:00 am, the 11:00 and 1:00 congregations will gather to celebrate new members including our brothers and sisters in Christ from our newest ministry, the Hispanic Congregation. The 8:30 am service and Sunday school will meet as usual.

COMMUNION OFFERING



The September Communion Offering goes towards The Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry. CCHASM is a non-profit providing emergency food, financial assistance, and women's clothing to area residents in Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Prince George, Virginia. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please write "Communion Offering" on the memo line of your check or envelope and then place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

<https://www.cchasm.org/>

(Information taken from the CCHASM website)

FALL GROUPS

September is here and with it the start of the season for small groups, classes, and ministries. Below is a list of all the opportunities to join in fellowship and participate in *Christian Conferencing*. All the groups, classes, and ministries are open to anyone wishing to attend. If you have any questions, please see the church office or one of the pastors.

LISTS OF GROUPS AND STUDIES STARTING THIS MONTH

BIBLE STUDIES

Estudio Biblico	Room 107, Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
Men's Study	Room 112, Mondays at 10:00 am
Springdale Study	Springdale, Fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am
Jesus and Women	Fellowship Hall, Every Monday at 1:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

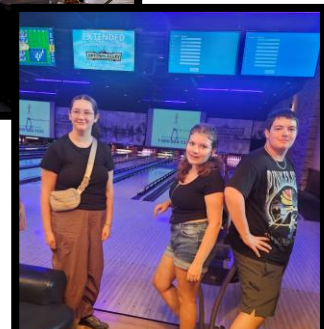
Middle and High School Age	Pastor Hae Rin's office
Elementary Age	Room 110
Escuela dominical para niños	Room 111 (at 11:30 am)
Nursery (Ages 0 to 4 years)	Nursery
Crusaders	Room 107
Escuela Dominical	Room 107 (at 11:30 am)
Harvey	Room 106
Mariners	Room 109
New Centurions	Room 250
Pathfinders	Room 246
Sojourners Disciples of God	Room 249
Wordseekers	Room 112

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REHEARSALS

Bells of Praise	Mondays at 6:00 pm
Women's Chorus	Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
Children and Youth Bells	Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Beulah Land Quartet	Thursdays at 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir	Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Hispanic Praise Band	Saturdays at 12:30 pm
Theater Players	Sundays at 3:00 pm

OTHER GROUPS

Beulah's Best	Fellowship Hall, Third Tuesday at 10:00 am
Card Ministry	Room 12, Mondays at 10:00 am
Matter of Balance	Beulah Rec Center, Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Prayer Meeting	Room 107, Last Wednesday at 5:15 pm
Prayer Shawls	Room 111, Third Tuesday at 1:30 pm
Beulah Methodist Men	Fellowship Hall, Third Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Wednesday Worship Meals	Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Youth	Fellowship Hall, Sundays at 5:30 pm



BEULAH UWF PRAYER BRUNCH

All women are invited to our annual Prayer Brunch on Friday, September 6, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The World Thank offering will be taken. Our guest speaker will be Natalie May, co-founder and director of Change the World RVA, a mission that provides support to high school and college students experiencing homelessness. Bring new and gently used purses, scarves, belts, and hats to donate to "Another Woman's Treasure" Accessories Bazaar, a major fund-raiser for the mission.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES STARTIG THIS MONTH

MARY FARMER CIRCLE OF LOVE

Fellowship Hall, Monthly on the second Tuesday, at 10:00 am

REBEKKAH

To Be Determined, Mondays at 10:00 am

RUTH ROBERTSON FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Fellowship Hall, Monthly on the second Monday at 10:00 am

WESLEYAN STRATTON

Fellowship Hall, Third Tuesday at 1:30 pm



United
Women
in Faith

UWF MISSION WITNESS

The Daily Prayer Guide is published annually by United Women in Faith. It invites us to pray as one people responsive to God's call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing the world of uncertainty in all, but the love of God. Each month we share a testimony from a person in mission for Christ through the United Methodist Church.

Scripture for the Month

When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.

Jeremiah 29:13

Witness

Overnight shelters for people experiencing homelessness can be chaotic but happy places. Folks are buoyed by a warm meal and a clean bed with the promise of a safe night. Those nights usually end in the very early morning as they head back into an uncertain world. For several years, I was often the van driver on this morning trip. My still sleepy passengers were usually quiet and tense as everyone considered the day ahead and their plans for survival.

One spring morning, as we inched our way through traffic, I heard the familiar chords of a favorite song, "Purple Rain" by Prince on the radio and turned it up. It only took a few seconds for those chords to reach the back of the 16-passenger van and a few more for everyone onboard to sing along with the first "I only want to see you laughing in the purple rain." The next seven minutes, we all sang at the top of our lungs in shared joy. There were nodding heads and air guitar solos. God brought us together in an unexpected way, bringing joy and connection into a space where it became holy.

-Liz Shadbolt, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner,
Community Care Fellowship, Nashville, Tennessee

Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and missionaries serving in the United States in Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

BEULAH CHURCH AND UMCOR

Beulah Church is no longer accepting donations to support the disaster relief efforts of the The United Methodist Committee on Relief. Individuals and groups within the church can donate directly to UMCOR by the following methods:

- By Online at Global Ministries/UMCOR
- By Phone with a credit card at 888-252-6174
- By mail to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 0087-9068 (Make your check out to Advance GCFA and put the Advance number on the memo line: Most needed - #999895, U.S. Disaster - # 901670, International Disaster - #982450.)

More information is available at umcmision.org along with Advance numbers for specific projects and missions. As always 100% of your donation will go to your designated relief or mission project.



Nursery & Children's Ministry

Volunteer opportunities



Sign up at the Information Center

ITS FALL Y'ALL

And it is getting to be time for WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS!!! The first one will be September 18 at 6:00 PM and they will end the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving, November 26. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Information Center beginning August 25. Please sign up with the name of the organization and a contact and phone number. Individuals wishing to sponsor a dinner are welcome to sign up. As in the past several years, adequate paper goods will be available in the closet. The flowers, salt and peppers can remain on the tables each week. The kitchen will need to be left cleaner than when you found it and all the trash removed. And the suppers will be enjoyed by all. If you have questions, contact Sarah Eastwood 804-275-2226.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEAL SIGN UP

The sign ups for the Wednesday Worship Meals will begin on Thursday, September 12. There is an option for you to note if you are coming to all the dinners, otherwise you will need to sign up each week. Please make sure to sign up by the Sunday before the meal. The sign-up sheet will be located at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate with us the colorful diversity and heritage of the American/Hispanic Latino community. The festivities are on **Saturday, September 28**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Beulah Church. There will be food from different countries rich in flavor and seasoning. The celebration will feature music reflecting our colorful culture, bounce house, and games for the kids, and more.

CAKES, PIES, AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need either homemade or store-bought cakes and pies for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Please sign up at the Information Center if you can provide either. You can also sign up to help at the event.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Beulah is looking for a couple good people to share the love of Jesus with our elementary school aged children during Sunday school. The lessons and materials will be provided so there is no planning involved. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center or let Pastor Hae Rin know.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will be starting in September. Children's church is a time, during the 11:00 am service, for elementary school aged children to learn about God. We are looking for some people to lead the children in crafts and lessons. Each Sunday will be planned out for you making it an easy and enjoyable experience for all. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at the Information Center.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Beulah needs volunteers to assist Koranny in the nursery on Sundays. If you are available to serve once a quarter or bimonthly, please sign up at the Information Center.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS CAMPAIGN RESULTS

As of that date, our wonderful church family donated \$3068.01 + a car full of gifts to those in our community that are in need. This helps the moms, dads, and new little ones to see the love of God. Thank you to each of every one of you who has donated your prayers, time, money, and various gifts!

MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS

A new Matter Balance Class is going to be held at the Beulah Recreation Center 6901 Hopkins Road (across from Beulah Church), on Wednesdays, September 4 until October 23, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. To register contact Mary Anne Huband via phone 804-922-2076 or email her at mahuband@gmail.com

BEULAH T-SHIRTS

The Fall Festival Committee has Beulah T-Shirts for sale. There are sizes ranging from Youth small to Adult 3XL available. The shirts are a Gildan Soft style jersey T-shirt and are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. The Beulah t-shirts, umbrellas, and water bottles will be available for purchase in between the services at the Information Center on **September 8**. All proceeds go towards the Fall Festival. Please see Sherry Harris (804-691-5678) if you have any questions.

WE ARE BACK!

Beulah's Best will meet September 17, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be "Zion Mountain". They sing bluegrass and Christian music. Following the program we will have a covered dish lunch. Come and enjoy the program and bring a dish to share.

CAR SHOW



OCTOBER 5, FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

At Beulah Church, 6930 Hopkins Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234

CAR SHOW

Beulah Church and the Time Bandit's Car Club are having a car show on Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. All makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles are welcome. Registration is \$20. Swap meet spots are available. First 50 guests get goodie bags. Food will be available for purchase, Parking is free. Call Paul Britt (434-569-5100) or Jeff Sedivy (804-241-1785) for more information or to register.

TRUNK OR TREAT

It's time to get ready for Trunk-or-Treat. It will be held on October 31, starting at 6:00 pm. God will be sending thousands of children to Beulah as we provide a safe and loving environment for them. We need a lot of peanut free candy, approximately 35,000 pieces! Please donate as much candy as you can! We also need many volunteers and trunks to make this magical night possible. There is a sign-up sheet for trunks and volunteers at the Information Center. Your peanut free candy can be left in the donation bins in the Narthex starting September 1. Please contact Pastor Hae Rin if you have any questions.

THANK YOU

To: Our Beulah Church Family

From: Howard and Priscilla Bareford

A big thank you to so many of you for your phone calls, notes and sympathy cards in the recent sudden death of my brother Fred Barth. It's been a difficult year for us, but God gives us the strength to get through it. Thank you again for all your comforting thoughts and prayers, it's a source of strength for us. God bless you all.

To: Beulah Church

From: Buck and Margie Hartley (Betty Lowe's sister)

Your church exemplifies the Lord's charge for service to all. Betty's funeral service on August 17 was beautiful and the reception was wonderful. I was especially pleased that my husband, who is homebound, was able to see the service on live stream. It was so special that we could watch it together even though he had to listen to my eulogy multiple times! It was like a final visit with Betty on this earth. Thank you to all the people who served in any capacity that day.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRYSON GAINES COX



For the last several month, Beulah has been praying for Bonnie Claire and Tyler Cox and their expected baby who had some health concerns. We are very happy to announce the birth of Bryson Gaines Cox, born on July 6th. Bryson is home and active with his parents at Awaken Church in Greensboro, and the family is joining with the medical team and the prayer team for the next steps for Bryson's arms and legs.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the Cox family and who will be continuing to keep them in prayer. Below are some of their favorite pictures of their newborn blessing!

**TRANSFORMING LIVES
AS WE SEEK,
SHARE
AND SERVE
GOD.**

**!!!CANDY!!!
!!!AND THAT'S NO NUTS!!!**

Candy donations for trunk or treat are being collected until October 27. You can leave your peanut free candy in the donation bin in the narthex.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Celebration of Life for Richard Arnold
- 06 UWF Prayer Brunch
- 09 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 10 Mary Farmer Circle of Love
Finance Committee
Rebekah Fellowship
- 11 Prayer Meeting
- 14 Hearing Loss Association
- 15 Combined Worship Service
- 17 Beulah's Best
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Beulah Methodist Men's Dinner
- 18 Springdale Card Ministry
Wesleyan Stratton
Children and Youth Bell Rehearsal
Start of Wednesday Worship Meals
Beulah Pool Meeting
- 24 Springdale Bible study
- 28 Bell Workshop
Hispanic Heritage Celebration

REOCCURRING WEEKLY

Sunday

- 8:30 Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 11:30 Escuela Dominical
- 1:00 Hispanic Worship
- 3:00 Play Practice
- 5:30 Youth Group

Monday

- 10:00 Card Ministry
Men's Bible Study
- 1:00 Jesus & Women Study
- 5:00 Women's Chorus Rehearsal
- 6:00 Bells of Praise Rehearsal
- 7:00 Scouts

Tuesday

- 5:30 Estudio Biblico
- 7:00 Cub Scouts

Wednesday

- 1:00 Staff Meeting

Thursday

- 6:00 Quartet Rehearsal
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

- 12:30 Hispanic Praise Band Rehearsal

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Ruth Glick | 24 Ruth Koenig |
| Travis Brooks | 25 Diane Clark |
| 02 Barry Iglehart | Ryder Sadler |
| 03 Brenda Ridgeway | Will Adams |
| Bridgette Harrison | 26 Gayle Crutchfield |
| Sarah Inman | Richard Hensel |
| 04 Amanda Collins | 30 Bill Payne |
| 06 Harry Trimble | Emily Hastings |
| 07 Kelsey Cunningham | Martha Atkinson |
| Pam Collins | Nancy Cowardin |
| 09 Charles Byers | |
| 11 Anthony Leon | |
| Beth Spitzley | |
| Luke Gibson | |
| 12 Louis Corde | |
| 14 Bruce Sadler | |
| Stephen Bates | |
| 15 Walt Hayden | |
| 17 Rob Childrey | |
| 18 Freda Quayson | |
| 18 Ray McKinney | |
| 19 Addie Brooks | |
| 20 Terri Griggs | |
| 22 Jean Henson | |
| Tina Cunningham | |

OCTOBER

- 02 Bee Malone
- 05 Betty Skaggs
Rachel Holmes



CONDOLENCES



We offer love, support, and prayers to the friends and family of Richard Arnold. Richard went to be with the Lord on August 29. His Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 04, at 2:00 pm here at Beulah Church with a reception to follow. His obituary can be found online at <https://www.biileys.com/obituaries/Richard-Oscar-Arnold?obId=32988281#/obituaryInfo>.

We offer love, support, and prayers to the friends and family of Frances Dail. Frances went to be with the Lord on September 02.