

BEULAH BEACON

Thanksgiving

By Pastor Norma Aguilar

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread (Psalm 37:23-25).

At a very early age, my grandmother taught all her grandchildren the importance of our faith in the Lord. She taught us about the goodness of God by sharing her own life stories and her spiritual walk with the Lord. My grandmother instilled in us the love for God, family and community. In every opportunity she had to spend with her grandchildren, my grandmother would share with us the stories of the God of Abraham and the God of the prophet who refused to obey God and was swallowed by a big fish. She also introduced us to Jesus as Lord and Savior. In her moments of personal devotion, she would fetch me to read the Bible for her. Don't get me wrong, she knew how to read, but this was her way to get me to learn about those beautiful Bible stories. My grandmother taught me how to pray and how to wait on the Lord. It was during the time of civil war in El Salvador when I heard my grandmother quote the Bible the most. I remember her reciting Psalm 23, 91 and 121. But, it was during those nights when shots were fired in our neighborhood and neighbors, especially high school and college students, were taken by force from their homes and declared missing not long after that, when my grandmother gathered all her grandchildren to pray with, to minister us with her favorite Bible passages, and to make sure that we all knew that God was with us and that there was no need to fear. One of those Bible verses that I have come to love so much was one that I

heard from her during those dark and unsafe nights, Psalm 37:25, "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread".

One of the holidays/celebration that I have come to love and celebrate with family and friends is Thanksgiving. During Thanksgiving at my home, we get to share what we are grateful for, and who we are grateful for. What a blessed opportunity that it is for me to share with my children and grandchildren about that faith that was instilled in me by a woman who taught me about the best love story ever told in this world. I am grateful for my grandmother and for those grandparents who get to teach their next generations the best story ever told, the story of our redemption and salvation. I am grateful for those grandparents who during those dark and endless nights of civil wars and spiritual battles still get to teach their grandchildren about the goodness and faithfulness of our God.

What are you grateful for? As grandparents, let's minister to our grandchildren and give witness to them about our life experience but even more about our walk with the Lord. Happy Thanksgiving Day Beulah Church, my heart is full of joy and gratitude for all of you, for Rev. Greg West, Pastor Don Gibson, who in obedience and love for God and neighbor, decided, together with you all, to open the doors of the Lord's house and invite us in. Thank you. My family, church family from El servicio de adoración (worship service) would like to say thank you for sharing with us the gift of calling Beulah our home.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON NOVEMBER 3.



Please remember
to turn your clock
back one hour
on Saturday night.

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MUSIC NOTES

The song that I have chosen to share for November is "Mighty to Save". "Mighty to Save" was co-written by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding. They spent many months hashing and rewriting the lyrics and the music. It's a song that didn't come from one situation, but many, in both of their lives. The lyrics come from Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." It was the first song that they finished writing together. "Mighty to Save" was written for their local church but has gone global since then. Song Story: "Mighty to Save" Fielding, Ben, 10 May, 2016 Originally published in Worship Leader March/April 2012

<https://worshipleader.com/worship-culture/mighty-to-save/>



By Barry Iglehart root-cellar.org

Thanks (Todah)!

It's November. We've been through one set of holidays, or holy days, if you would, and rush headlong towards another. The start of this latter group is actually more than food, football, or some big (honking) parade. Different countries use different calendar dates. They might have differing traditions of celebrating. The one thing they have most in common is their expressing thanks over something to someone or something. The Hebrew for this is "todah".

More precisely, the phrase might be "Thank you." And a certain singer from Tupolo Mississippi would put it "Todah! Todah rabah (thank you very much.) In all of this we speak of "gratitude", which reads "hakarath todah." Do you thank your family, your friends. . . your God? Thanksgiving translates as "hodahyah". Note the "yah" at the end there, often used as a shorted form of "Yahweh", God. Thanksgiving Day reads "khag ho-hodayah".

Now, allow me a maybe-not-so small question. Who, or what, are you thanking? At any time are you grateful to God? I suggest we be this way, at all times and in all ways and things. Not that it's easy. All I ask is that we make an effort. For His sake. Shalom.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE



NOVEMBER READINGS

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 Luke 5 | 16 Luke 19 |
| 02 Luke 6 | 17 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 03 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 18 Luke 20 |
| 04 Luke 7 | 19 Luke 21 |
| 05 Luke 8 | 20 Luke 22 |
| 06 Luke 9 | 21 Luke 23 |
| 07 Luke 10 | 22 Luke 24 |
| 08 Luke 11-12 | 23 John 1 |
| 09 Luke 13 | 24 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 10 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 25 John 2 |
| 11 Luke 14 | 26 John 3 |
| 12 Luke 15 | 27 John 4 |
| 13 Luke 16 | 28 John 5 |
| 14 Luke 17 | 29 John 6-7 |
| 15 Luke 18 | 30 John 8 |



PSALM AND PROVERBS

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| 01 Psalm 51 | 16 Psalm 64 |
| 02 Psalm 52 | 17 Psalm 65 |
| 03 Psalm 53 | 18 Proverbs 14 |
| 04 Psalm 54 | 19 Psalm 66 |
| 05 Psalm 55 | 20 Psalm 67 |
| 06 Proverbs 12 | 21 Psalm 68 |
| 07 Psalm 56 | 22 Psalm 69 |
| 08 Psalm 57 | 23 Psalm 70 |
| 09 Psalm 58 | 24 Proverbs 15 |
| 10 Psalm 59 | 25 Psalm 71 |
| 11 Psalm 60 | 26 Psalm 72 |
| 12 Proverbs 13 | 27 Psalm 73 |
| 13 Psalm 61 | 28 Psalm 74 |
| 14 Psalm 62 | 29 Psalm 75 |
| 15 Psalm 63 | 30 Proverbs 16 |



REPORT ON CONVENING CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

By Diane Hassel

As your delegate to the Convening Conference to the GMC, I want to share my work and reflections from the Conference.

First WOW what a Conference!!!! We had representatives from all corners of the globe. The Philippines, Korea, Africa, Europe were there along with Central America and the US. The friendships that developed were genuine. All were of a like mindset.

The attendees were friendly, happy, full of joy, and embracing one another as we talked and shared meals together. The delegates worked diligently to come to consensus on the 225 petitions that had been submitted prior. We were assigned to Committees in July so we could work together via Zoom to review the petitions and bring forth comments. I was on the Finance and Administration Committee; our work was mostly agreeing on the editorial changes from the Transitional Leadership Committee to the Finance and Administration Committee in the new Book of Doctrine and Discipline. Other committees had the task of agreeing on how to elect Bishops and what their duties will be, setting the conference lines and the duties of the conference leaders, finalizing the proposed Constitution language, to name a few committees.

The plenary sessions were where the work hit the road as the committee reports were brought to the floor for discussion and vote. We also voted for the members of the ongoing Leadership Committees. We elected 6 interim bishops that will serve for 2 years alongside Bishops Jones and Webb. The new bishops were 2 from Africa; 2 women: one of color and one white, and 2 males from the US. We did have some the African delegates that could not get Visas in time to come, so the Conference Leadership Committee made arrangements for them to join us via Zoom. They were recognized and were able to give voice and vote.

We had worship services that were AWESOME, JOYOUS, OVER THE TOP with delegates and guests praising God with hands raised, sobbing, and on their knees. It reminded me of the Camp Meetings I went to when I was a missionary in Mississippi. The Holy Spirit showed up, filled the room, and had a powerful presence. I am still trying to find the words to describe the mood and feelings in the Convention Center. Some of the attendees were healed from ailments and others were healed from the hardships they had experienced during their disaffiliation process. The stories were moving and compelling as individuals expressed heartfelt experiences.

We had 2 worship services where the community joined us. One was at the Methodist Children's School. There we enjoyed a meal and some time for cultural dancing before the worship service. The second was at the Cultural Center of Costa Rica where more of the community joined and the center was filled with those praising God. Many came forward and asked the prayer team for prayers and anointing with oil. This was also a powerful spirit filled time.

There were opportunities for guests at the Conference to do some local mission outreach projects. They painted and helped build a concrete security wall at the Methodist School of Costa Rica.

God and His Spirit filled every corner of the conference center and the hearts of the delegates and guests.



THE MONTH IN REVIEW



On Saturday, October 5, the Beulah Methodist Men held the first annual car show. There were over 60 cars present. Those who had cars voted for best in show and 26 awards were handed out. Harry Trimble won an award for being in the top five. Ellen Trimble, Mike Bates, and Jason Hodges were in the top 20. The Beulah Methodist Men also provided concessions. The event was well attended and a success.



On Sunday, October 27, the youth were rewarded for all the hard work and volunteering during recent events and meals with a trip to Kings Dominion. Beulah is blessed with a wonderful group of teenagers who are eager to share the love of God and help.



Monday, October 21, was the conclusion of the Jesus and Women's bible study led by Margaret Burke.



On Thursday, October 31, Beulah held the annual Trunk or Treat. Information about the event will be in the December Beacon.



WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS

The Wednesday Worship Meal is every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm until November 19. The church gathers for great food, fellowship, and devotional. The meals are by donation and the proceeds go to the ministry/group hosting the dinner.

To sign up for the next meal you can visit the Information Center. There is an option for you to let us know if you are coming to all the dinners or just the next dinner. Please make sure to sign up by the Sunday before the meal and let us know if any of your meals need to be a "to-go" order.

DATE	GROUP	MENU
11/06	Youth Group	<i>Korean Marinated Chicken, Jop-Chae (Glass Noodle Pasta), and dumplings</i>
11/13	Sojourners	<i>Chicken, Vegetables, and dessert</i>
11/19	Chili Cook Off	

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 12,
at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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There is a church Council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12**, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting is open to all, however only Church Council members are eligible to vote.

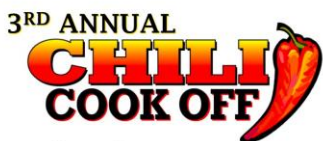
CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 17, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

There will be a time
of worship and renewal
and set the foundation
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All are welcome to come.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

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Wednesday, November 20
At 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

(Don't forget to wear your flannel)

Sign up at the Information Center
for your chance to win bragging rights.

CHILI COOK OFF AND WINTER FLANNEL

The Chili Cook Off is a part of the Wednesday Worship Meal, there will be Chili Cook-Off on November 19, so get out the crock pots and some copies of your recipe and let's make it fun and share our recipes with friends. There will be awards given for first, second, and third place. To enter your chili in the cook-off please visit the Information Center

BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet **Tuesday, November 19**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be Josh Wortham and the Joy singers from Chester UMC. Come enjoy the wonderful music, fellowship and refreshments

BEULAH'S METHODIST MEN

The Beulah Methodist Men' will be meeting at 6:00 pm on November 19, for dinner with a brief meeting to follow at 7:00 pm. The menu will be Sibleys BBQ, beans, coleslaw and a scrumptious desert by Dale Childery. All men are invited to join in fellowship and a tasty dinner. Call the church office or Louis Corde at 804-748-9862 if you plan to attend. This will be the last regular meeting before the Men's Christmas dinner in December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

As you know, our children are so very precious. They are not only our future Church and leaders. They are our Church today and will take on the leadership inside and outside the Church throughout their lives. As adults, we must make sure that we guide them to the ways of the LORD to do everything that God has called them to do. Therefore, we must work together on equipping our children. We offer you the opportunities to be a part of this important work for God's precious children. We are not asking you to be committed to a whole season but one Sunday at a time. Please sign up to work with our children, whichever Sundays work for you. We have all the materials and lessons you need to work with them. Please make sure to check the Information Center and sign up for one Sunday or two as the LORD places it in your heart. God bless!



RMD

2024 is quickly coming to a close with only two months remaining. It's time to start thinking about filing taxes. If you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA account, please consider Beulah Church as the non-profit recipient.

To avoid taxes, the custodian of the funds (investment company) sends the check directly to Beulah Church, PO Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234. See IRA Publication 590-B or visit IRS.gov for more information regarding IRA distributions.

Some of our members have elected to have RMD's sent directly to Beulah Church monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually rather than once a year. We really appreciate this since we have many monthly bills to pay such as utilities, payroll, building maintenance, worship supplies, etc. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions.

AVOID TAXES ON YOUR INCOME!!!



United
Women
in Faith

BEULAH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH TRANSITIONS

Our Beulah circles have voted to leave the United Women in Faith, and our Mission Team had our last meeting in October to plan for the transition to a new women's ministry at Beulah. This new organization will be determined by a new leadership, still yet to be chosen. We still have our four circles: Mary Farmer Circle of Love, Rebekah Fellowship, Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle, and Wesleyan Stratton. If any member wants to remain in her circle but stay connected to the UWF, please contact Barbara Tuttle, 804-271-2289, and she will see that you receive communications from the District UWF to stay informed.

The last thing on our Beulah UWF calendar is our annual covered-dish luncheon on **Sunday, November 3**, after the 11:00 am worship. We will have our Candle Burning and Memorial Service.

From the days of the Women's Missionary Society to the Women's Society of Christian Service, through the years of United Methodist Women, and as part of the United Women in Faith, the women of Beulah have given tens of thousands of dollars and many volunteer hours in mission to women, children, and youth. We expect our new women's ministry will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world.

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 in 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

We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.

-1 John 4:16

Witness

One of my popular praise medleys says, "Joy overflows my heart, I will sing a new song to the Lord." I cannot help but sing it whenever I work with United Methodist Women in various countries. It brings me joy to see lives changed for the better.

I witnessed God working in the lives of members of Operation Hope, a community-based organization of women living with HIV. When I first met them, they were down and out and had lost all hope of living a decent life. With my intervention, they encountered God and found joy. Their lives have changed for the better and they are the ones now giving hope to others. They have gone on Ubuntu trips ministering to vulnerable children. indeed, joy overflows my heart as these women encounter God.

-Elmira Sellu, United Methodist Women Regional Missionary serving in Sierra Leone, Women, Children and Youth

Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Tanzania, Taiwan, Thailand and Ukraine and our missionaries serving in the United States in Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AND MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

For several years, groups and individuals at Beulah have provided monthly treats to the instructional assistants in the Exceptional Education Department at Meadowbrook High School to recognize them for all they do to help their students. Your Beulah United Women in Faith is sponsoring this outreach. Please sign up at the Information Center if you or your group would like to be a part of this. The IA's appreciate it so much!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Richmond
CROP HUNGER WALK

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

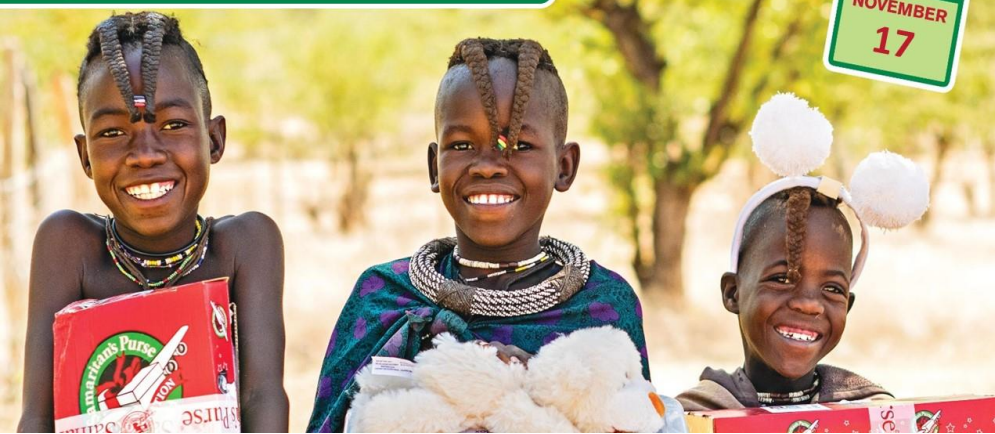
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

RICHMOND CROP HUNGER WALK 2024

Richmond's CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, November 10, at Ginter Park UMC, 1010 W. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23227, beginning with a rally at 1:30 pm. The walk begins at 2:00 pm. Our Beulah Team is registered at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/richmondva>, where you can join the team and/or make a secure donation, or see Barbara Tuttle at the volunteer's desk after the Sunday Worship Services.



PICK UP A SHOE BOX FROM THE NARTHEX



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Beulah, in partnership with the Pathfinders Sunday School Class, is working to collect shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. These will be delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. Please pick up a Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box, with instructions, in the Narthex. The boxes must be returned on or before Sunday, November 17. Please see the church office if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS PREPERATIONS

It is November already. Guess what! Christmas is right around the corner. We have many great plans for that glorious season of Christmas, such as Christmas Cantata and Christmas Play, which you should ask Deborah about.

On December 22, we will have a Living Nativity with Petting Zoo. We need your help. To make this happen, we need many individuals to help us set up the background scenes and to take part in the play of all the characters who were present on that first Christmas Day, such as Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, and Angels, etc. Please check the Information Center. Through your participation, you can experience what our forefathers and mothers experienced on that amazing day. For any questions, please ask Pastor Hae Rin. God bless!

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

- 01 Margaret Burke
- 06 Chad Conner
- Tom Owens
- 07 Sandy Lunsford
- Lynn Snow
- 11 Diane Hassell
- D.B. Walston
- 12 Patricia Lohr
- 14 Haley Cole
- 15 Barbara Adams
- James Spencer
- 16 Jane Barfield
- 17 Krissy Henderson
- Leon Reynolds

DECEMBER

- 01 Ashton Payne
- 02 Joe Dilday
- Patrilia Gulick
- Joe Schmierer
- 03 Tissy Byers
- Todd Huband
- 04 Kass Spitzley
- 05 Pattie Arwood
- Martha Everett
- Claire Gibson
- Henry Hassell
- 07 Emma Bradley
- Alejandro Leon

COMMUNION OFFERING

Our November Communion Offering will be split between Safe Harbor and James House. Both organizations serve a vital need in our local communities, and we encourage you to support them.



<https://safeharborshelter.com/>

Safe Harbor provides the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives. Safe Harbor envisions that every person in our community can take pride in having safe homes and healthy relationships.



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

James House offers cost free, confidential help for people affected by sexual violence, domestic violence, interpersonal violence and stalking in the Greater Tri Cities Region of Virginia. Headquartered in Prince George, James House has 12 shelters in undisclosed locations.

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

Sherbourne Food Pantry has let us know that due to the increase of clients their food supplies are running low. They are in desperate need of any and all donations. 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 all you are doing to help.

SHERBOURNE CHRISTMAS MEALS

We will again be providing Christmas meals for our neighbors who are served by the Sherbourne Food Pantry. Look for details and a shopping list in upcoming announcements.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 03 Day Light Savings
- 09 Fall Festival
- Hearing Loss Association
- 11 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 12 Mary Farmer Circle of Love
- Finance Meeting
- Rebekah Fellowship
- Beulah Pool
- Church Council Meeting
- 13 Prayer Team
- 19 Beulah's Best
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Beulah's Methodist Men
- 16 Wesleyan Stratton
- Springdale Card Ministry
- 26 Springdale Bible Study
- 28-29 Closed for Thanksgiving

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
- 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
- 6:00 Wednesday Worship Meal

Thursday

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

Saturday

- 12:30 Hispanic Praise Band Rehearsal

THANK YOU

To: Beulah

From: Pastor Don Gibson

Thank you all for your kind words, notes, cards, phone calls, gifts, and especially for your prayers and love; my family and I are certainly very blessed and very thankful to serve among you and with you. Love and Blessings.

To: All my brothers and sisters in Christ at Beulah Church

From: Pastor Norma Aguilar

Thank you! My heart is full of gratitude and joy. I praise the Lord for blessing me and my family with such an amazing community of faith. Thank you for blessing us with all your gifts, prayers, wonderful words and good wishes during pastor appreciation month. I thank God for you all. Grace and peace to you.

To: Beulah Church

From: Pastor Hae Rin Lawson

Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, and kind encouraging words especially during this Pastor's Appreciation Month. In my almost 30 years of ministry, such an occasion was usually a one-day thing. I have never received such expressions of gratitude for this lengthy time. Thank you so much. I must say this Church is full of Christ's love. I pray that your loving heart becomes contagious and spreads throughout all the Churches. Please continue to pray for our youth group. Our youth kids have been working so hard for all our special events. We truly have great kids of the LORD here at Beulah. Please encourage them and thank them for their hard work in the Name of the LORD every time you see them. They truly love our Church, which is you. Praise the LORD!

To: Beulah Family

From: Pastor Hae Rin Lawson

Thank you so much, my Beulah family. We are still very new here, still learning everyone's name. However, you welcomed us as your family. When my Mom went home to the LORD, my biggest concern was that we will have a very small crowd to celebrate her life. We have a small family. My Mom did not know too many people since they just moved here only a couple of years ago. Another concern was that she will not have enough flowers for the ceremony. She loved flowers. So, I made several flower arrangements to make sure that we have enough flowers. God showed me that I was worrying about these things for nothing. God sent more than enough families in Christ and flowers to celebrate Mom's life together. It was a beautiful Service. She would have been so pleased. The cards you sent us fill an entire bag and they are still coming. One thing we all agreed upon and continued to say was, "Thank God, we are here at Beulah Church." You are our family. And we greatly appreciate you and love you. We truly thank God for you. Thank you. God bless!

JOHN WESLEY'S ELECTION ADVICE

"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election and advised them. 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against; And 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side. John Wesley, October 6, 1774