



Transforming Lives As We Seek, Share, And Serve God.



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BEING WITH JESUS

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## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT JESUS?

By Pastor Daniel Chun

As you read this I want to invite you to grab a piece of paper and a pen. I want to ask a question and take some time to write down everything that comes to your mind. Here's the question: How would you describe Jesus to your friend?

I think this question is one of the most simple but yet unasked questions of our faith. One of the core understandings of our faith is that because of the cross we have a "relationship" with Jesus, a relationship that is not a "he's my colleague" type, but rather one that surpasses any level of intimacy we could ever achieve with someone. Why? Because Jesus' passion for us is rooted in the fact that He loves us so much, a love, as the Greek would say, "agape" (unconditional love).

Jesus' love for us is so deep that Jesus knows every single thing about us. He knows what makes us happy, what makes us sad, what makes us angry and what gives us peace. He knows us so much that quite frankly He knows us more than we know ourselves. But let's flip it. How much do we know about Jesus? And I'm not just talking about knowing Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the dead. Let's ask deeper. I'm asking, what do you know about Jesus about one who you are in a relationship with? What does Jesus like? What makes Him sad, angry, happy, surprised?

Scripture reveals to us that Jesus was fully divine and fully human, full of emotions and character. Jesus isn't some high being who is emotionless and stagnant. Jesus is an active being who desires to pursue deep intimacy with us, whom He loves. If He knows us so well then let me ask again: What do you know about Jesus?

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# agape

[aˈgɑːpe] /n/  
selfless, sacrificial and  
unconditional love  
[John 3:16]

This Beacon doesn't serve to question whether you have a relationship with Jesus. But it does want to challenge whether we are actively pursuing to grow in our relationship with God. Each person has their own stage of where they are with God. But no matter how deep or shallow your relationship with God is currently, we can always go deeper.

You might then ask, why is it necessary for us to pursue deeper intimacy with God? Why is it necessary to know more and deeper about Jesus? I think the answer is simple. Because Jesus pursued us first. Jesus first loved us and searched for us. 1 John 4:19 says: "We love because God first loved us."

To conclude, I whole heartedly believe, the more that as we pursue knowing Jesus at a deeper level the greater we will love Jesus and His people. The deeper we know Jesus the more our hearts will grow simply because the love of Christ is just that Good.

## BE IN THE KNOW

### MAY COMMUNION OFFERINGS



(Information taken from the UMC.org website)

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

### SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of May, Sherbourne is requesting donations of personal care items such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine care items, and deodorant. These items are not usually available for people needing assistance and your donation maybe the only access they will have to them.



### CONFERENCE KITS

UMCOR is asking for Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits this year. Instructions for assembling these are available at the Information Center. We will dedicate the kits on June 5. If you want to donate money instead of assembling kits, please make your check out to Richmond District UMC, designated for Conference Kits, and mail it to Richmond District UMC, 10330 Staples Mill Rd., P.O. Box 5606, Glen Allen, VA 23058, ATTN: MaryKaye Cochran. Thank you!



BEULAH'S  
United  
Women  
in Faith<sup>™</sup>

## “United Methodist Woman” Becomes “United Women in Faith”

In anticipation of the changes coming in the 2024 UMC General Conference, the UMW is reinforcing their goal of having every current UMW member know that they can stay with the organization no matter what their local church does. “United Methodist Women” will remain our legal name, so you will still see it used in some places. In our 150+ year history, we have changed our name many times, but our mission has remained the same: Serving women, children, and youth in ministries of mercy and justice. In the Easter season, we remember that God entrusted women to be the first to bear the Good News of the Risen Christ. Like those women, our foremothers led the way in sharing the Gospel by working for positive changes in the lives of the people they served. We will continue to live out our Purpose to put “Faith, Hope, and Love in Action”.

## UMW MISSION WITNESS

The Prayer Calendar is published annually by United Methodist Women. It invites us to pray as one people responsive to God’s call to relationships of caring, connecting and healing in a 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

*Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet,” Nehemiah said to them, “and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready!...Don’t be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!”*

Nehemiah 8:10

### WITNESS

*These are extraordinary times for children. Crafting gives them the ability to imagine, to create and be children when the world around them is turned upside down. It’s difficult for both students and teachers to communicate during a time when children need that touch and facial expressions and laughter they used to share among friends. So, at Open Arms, we help each other. We build each other up with our reading and writing and math skills; yes, even adults can learn new math!*

Julie Wilson, Church and Community Worker, Executive Director,  
Open Arms Community Center, Winston-Salem, NC

### PRAYER

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia and Japan and our missionaries serving in the United States in Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts and Michigan.

## BEULAH DAY

Beulah Day is Sunday, May 22, 2022. We will gather for worship and celebration at 11:00 am when we will recognize the new 50 year members. After the service we will gather for a catered lunch. Donations made during this meal will go toward covering the cost of this year’s VBS. As, this is a catered lunch, please let us know that you will be in attendance by signing up in the information center. We hope to see you at Beulah Day and celebrate all the good things God has done through Beulah with you.

PS. Look forward to more exciting details to come!

## POTLUCK DINNER & AUCTION

What could be better than a good ol' potluck dinner? A potluck dinner followed by a fun auction featuring our very own Pastor Don as Celebrity Auctioneer!! Mark your calendar for the Potluck Dinner and Auction on May 17 at 6 p.m. Watch for more details to come in the weekly bulletins. Sign up at the Information Center.

## BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah’s Best will meet May 17 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be Paul Muller singing gospel music. We will have an old fashion covered dish luncheon following program. Please come join us for fun, music and food.

## VBS IS HAPPENING! AUGUST 8-13

We are happy to announce that we will be having Vacation Bible School. The theme for this year is "FOOD TRUCK PARTY!" Exploring how God works and provides through the gift of food. We are excited for VBS this year. Please SAVE THE DATE! If you wish to be a volunteer, please contact Pastor Daniel Chun and/or Karen Clanton

## GERANIUM SALE RESULTS

Thanks so much to the Beulah family for purchasing 160 geraniums to benefit Shalom Farms. The UMUMR Auxiliary sold 1,857 plants for a total of \$8,356.50, of which \$2766.50 will go to Shalom Farms. It will be held until their matching funds campaign in the Fall, when it will be doubled.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONDOLENCES

We lift prayers to God and offer condolences to Susan Nowell and the Baker family in the passing of Susan's nephew Vernon Arthur "Mac" Baker. We especially pray for Mac's three teenage children during this time of transition.

We lift prayers to God and offer condolences to Pat Compton and family as Alex Compton joined with the Lord on April 19, 2022. Visitation is on Tuesday, May 3 at 4:00 pm. The Celebration of Life of Alex Compton is on Tuesday, May 3 at 5:00 pm with a reception to follow.

We lift prayers to God and offer condolences to Crystal Grady and family in the passing of James Grady. Services were held on Friday, April 22.

## BIRTH

Tina and Eric Cunningham are proud to announce the birth of their grandson Michael Adair Spaulding. Michael was born Tuesday April 26 to Ryan and Morgan (Cunningham) Spaulding. Michael weighed 8 pounds 15 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long.

## THANK YOU

**To: Beulah Family**

**From: Gloria Bradmon**

Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, prayers, and thoughts during my recovery. It meant so much to me! I miss you all.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

04	Theresa Buckner	16	David Jones
05	Mary Huband	18	Ann Jones
06	Don Gibson	22	Tom Bradmon
08	Virginia Lauver		Masayo Umemura
	Andrew Mutemba		David Conner
09	Butch Beatty	23	Jessica Piper
	Phillip Glass		Inez Johnson
10	Sonny Turner		Zachary Glazier
	Emma Gibson	27	Sydney Shakespeare
15	Mike Bates	28	Rose Byers
	Jim Harris		Jeff Jones
		31	Diane Kleis

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

# MAY CALENDAR

- 03** 10:00 am Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 2:00 pm Hugging Hearts
- 4:00 pm** Visitation Alex Compton
- 5:00 pm** Celebration of Life of Alex Compton Reception to Follow
- 06** 6:30 pm Mariners Dinner
- 07** 9:00 am Beulah Food Distribution
- 08** **Mother's Day**
- 10** 10:00 am Mary Farmer Circle of Love
- 7:00 pm Finance
- 12** 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- 15** 12:15 pm Mission Meeting
- 16** 10:00 pm Beulah's Best
- 17** 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Springdale Bible Study
- 2:00 pm Hugging Hearts
- 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner & Auction
- 18** 1:00 pm Wesleyan - Stratton
- 3:30 pm COM
- 19** 5:30 pm Family Group
- 22** **BEULAH DAY**
- 23-24** College Age Mini Retreat
- 26** 10:00 am UWF Mission Meeting
- 31** 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting

## OCCURRING WEEKLY

- Sunday** 8:30 Worship
- 11:00 Worship
- Sunday School
- Monday** Bells Rehearsal
- Card Ministry
- Scouts
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts
- Wednesday** Wednesday Worship Meal
- Thursday** Choir Rehearsal
- Girl Scouts
- Quartet Rehearsal
- Friday** Dog Ministry



### OPEN THE DOOR AND DISCOVER THE ROOTS OF OUR FAITH.

The Root Cellar is a blog, exploring the Hebrew history of our Christian faith. Come check it out at <https://root-cellar.org/>