



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



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*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

Psalm 119:105 NIV

### WORD OF GOD

By Pastor Don Gibson

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the bible or the phrase the Word of God? Many would say, "it's that thick book that you can purchase in many different sizes, versions, and colors and that you are supposed to take it with you when you go to church on Sundays." Others might say- "it was written a long time ago." Yet others might say, "it's not relevant today."

Unfortunately, we live in a world where the bible is described as outdated, fictional, having little value, or irrelevant. Unfortunately, we, as Christians, are adapting to that same line of thinking, without even realizing it. Recently I read an article that highlighted some of the most googled questions about the bible- here are just a few: Is the bible relevant today? Is the bible outdated? Is the bible really inspired? Why is the bible important today? And, when reading the article, I was answering each of the questions in my heart- here are a few of my answers: YES! The bible is relevant, inspired, important and necessary for living a faithful, Christian life. The answer is YES!

It is for this very reason, we, your pastoral staff, have decided to organize a biblical literacy campaign; to re-affirm the foundation of our Christian faith- to answer each of these "modern questions" with a resounding, YES!

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In everything we do, God’s word should be where we start. God’s word should be the foundation for all our choices, all our decisions, and everything we do. The Bible is a book like no other. If you’ll get into it and read it, it will change your life. It will help give you purpose and meaning and help you interpret the world around you. We can’t profess to be Christians and neglect the Word of God. We must acknowledge its importance and relevance and make reading it a priority in our lives. The bible hasn’t lost its power or relevance. God’s Word is as powerful, useful, and necessary today as it’s always been. We are simply not accessing its power. There are some powerful promises in the bible, and they are all ours when we believe the Word and commit to live according to it.

I believe that when we begin to embrace the Word of God, the bible, making it a priority in our lives, we are giving God the opportunity to do something new and amazing in our lives.

I encourage you along this journey of biblical literacy- let’s be amazed at what God has done, is doing, and will do!



### OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please take the time to acknowledge our pastors at Beulah for all their dedication to sharing the word of God with us. They continue to serve us so faithfully and go "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to us. SPRC would like to encourage everyone to please consider writing a note of appreciation or words of encouragement, giving a small token of appreciation (i.e., gift cards) or even homemade baked goods to Pastor Don, Pastor Dan, and Pastor Pam during the month of October to show our appreciation for all that our pastors do! "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." 1 Thessalonians 1:2 If you would like to send an expression of your appreciation to the pastors you can mail them to P.O. Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234 or leave them in their mailboxes in the church office

### SHERBOURNE REQUEST

During the month of October, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned soup. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white Afterhours Donation Cabinet in the Breeze Way. Thank you for all you are doing to help us meet our pledge of 5,000 lbs. of food by the end of 2022.



### OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING

World Communion offering is a special offering in the UMC to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduate students in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards of Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries.



One of the things which makes a song so meaningful is the story of how the song was written and how it has journeyed through history. Each month we will be highlighting some of the songs we will be using in worship services.

# VICTORY -IN- Jesus

**Victory in Jesus** was written by Eugene M. Bartlett, Sr. He was born in Missouri in 1885. He was a singer, songwriter, music producer, and a publisher. He married his sweetheart in 1917 and they had 2 children. He formed a publishing company with a few friends in 1918 called Hartford Music Company and his music was in much demand selling 15,000 copies across the country. In 1939, at age 53, tragedy struck. A paralyzing stroke left him bedridden, and unable to walk or speak. It was during this dark time that he wrote his best-known hymn, Victory in Jesus. He began to think back to the night that he was born again and to the rich life that he had since then. He realized that God had sustained him, and he felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to pen another verse..."I heard about his healing of his saving power redeeming, how he made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see. He realized that it was a story of redeeming power from the beginning to the end. He wanted the melody to be joyous and

full of enthusiasm. Though he was no longer able to minister or teach, his son Eugene Bartlett Jr took his ministry and his song around the country. One night, after preaching he gave an altar call. No one responded and he felt compelled to sing his father's song Victory in Jesus, immediately 50 people came. Backstory...Stories Behind the Songs, David Yardley, 31 Oct, 2019, David Yardley and BackstorySongs.com, <https://backstorysongs.com/2019/10/31/victory-in-jesus>

**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** is a Christian hymn originating from India. 150 years ago, there was a great revival in Wales and many people became missionaries and went to India to spread the gospel in the Assam region which was full of head-hunters. A group of missionaries came from the American Baptist Mission, and they succeeded in converting a man named Nokseng, his wife, and their two children. Christianity began to spread, and the village chief became angry and told this family to renounce their faith or be killed. To which the man replied, "I have decided to follow Jesus". Immediately the chief ordered his archers to kill the man's children. "Renounce him!" the chief screamed at the man, or I'll kill your wife to which the man replied, "Though no one joins me, still I will follow. The chief ordered her execution also and he screamed at the man in fury to renounce and the man said, "The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back." The chief ordered his execution and then a miracle happened. The chief said, "Why would anyone want to die for a man that lived on another continent, 2000 years ago, I am moved by his faith, I want to taste his faith". He immediately shouted, "I too want to live for Jesus!" All the villagers also gave their hearts to Jesus. This song is based on the last words of Nokseng, a man from the Garo tribe of Assam. I Have Decided to Follow Jesus is the song of the Garo people today. Renewal Journal Dr. P. P. Job 29 November 2017, <https://renewaljournal.com/2017/11/29/the-true-story-behind-the-song-i-have-decided-to-follow-jesus/>



**What You Gonna Preach?** is a sermon within a song "What you gonna preach by the way that you live? What you gonna preach by the way that you give?" <sup>2</sup>Pepper Choplin has a Bachelor's in Music from University of North Carolina and a Master's in Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has written over 200 anthems and 8 choral musicals. He is a composer, clinician, conductor, and entertainer. <https://www.halleonard.com/product/35030984/what-you-gonna-preach> <sup>2</sup>Renewing Worship Pepper Choplin Kenny Lamm, 2022 Renewing Worship <https://www.renewingworshipnc.org/pepper>

A poster for a "Trunk or Treat" event. The background is black with orange and yellow vertical bars on the sides. The text "TRUNK OR TREAT" is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, "October 31" and "6:00 pm to 8:00 pm" are in white. At the bottom, the church name and address are listed in white. On the right side, there is a red car with its trunk open, decorated with orange and yellow lights and pumpkins.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

October 31  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Beulah United Methodist Church  
6930 Hopkins Road,  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234

## TRUNK OR TREAT - SAVE THE DATE!

SAVE THE DATE! **October 31**, at 6:00 pm, we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat. Sign up for a trunk at the Information Desk. Please share the news with your friends and family!

We also ask for candy donations (No nuts). Candies can be donated in the Narthex.



# BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

## OCTOBER PROMPT

During the month of October, we will have a ZOOM call open at NOON, MONDAY - FRIDAY for you to join/call in to read the word together! On Saturdays Pastor Daniel will share the day's reading on Facebook.

The ZOOM link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446611632> and can also be found in the weekly email.

## OCTOBER READING

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 Matthew 18-19         | 17 Mark 4                |
| 02 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 18 Mark 5                |
| 03 Matthew 20            | 19 Mark 6                |
| 04 Matthew 21            | 20 Mark 7                |
| 05 Matthew 22            | 21 Mark 8                |
| 06 Matthew 23            | 22 Mark 9-10             |
| 07 Matthew 24            | 23 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 08 Matthew 25            | 24 Mark 11               |
| 09 Sunday (Catch-up day) | 25 Mark 12               |
| 10 Matthew 26            | 26 Mark 13               |
| 11 Matthew 27            | 27 Mark 14               |
| 12 Matthew 28            | 28 Mark 15               |
| 13 Mark 1                | 29 Mark 16               |
| 14 Mark 2                | 30 Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 15 Mark 3                | 31 Luke 1                |
| 16 Sunday (Catch-up day) |                          |

TRANSFORMING LIVES  
AS WE SEEK, SHARE,  
AND SERVE GOD

## AN INVITATION TO SERVE!

Did you know? Among spiritual seekers, "WELCOMING" is the top factor in church choice and what maintains happy congregations. Beulah is known for its genuine and authentic relationship building – We have growth opportunities for Greeters and Ushers to join this fruitful ministry team. Please talk to David Dudley (804-748-9060) or Pastor Pam Anderson (Pam@beulahumc.org) for more information.



## CHILI COOK OFF

Join us this **Wednesday, October 5**, at 6:00 pm for a Worship Meal. This week we are having a Chili Cookoff. It is a battle for Beulah Bragging Rights and a Grand Prize is to be awarded! Grab your favorite recipe and invite your friends for a night of fun and fellowship. Worship Meals are by donation.

We are still seeking chili contestants and judges. To enter the cook off all you need is one large pot of chili. Sign up at the Information Center!



Is there  
more to  
life than this

Alpha

## ALPHA BRUNCH!

Join us for a morning of Alpha with Four Holy Spirit Videos, Group Discussions, and brunch in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, October 22**, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. For more information about the Alpha Series contact Pastor Pam or Pastor Don.



Root Cellar

OPEN THE DOOR  
AND DISCOVER THE ROOTS  
OF OUR FAITH.

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

# BEULAH BAZAAR & Curbside Market

Saturday, November 12  
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

## THE MARKET IS OPEN!!!

The 2022 Beulah Bazaar Curbside Market is officially open and taking preorders. Order forms for the Curbside Market and Apples can be found at the Information Center and online at [Beulahumc.org](http://Beulahumc.org). All orders must be turned into the church office by **November 6**. Please see Louise King or Sarah Eastwood if you have any questions.

## SWEET POTATOES

Order forms for sweet potatoes are now available at the Information Center. The profit received from this fundraiser goes towards supporting our Beulah missionaries Len and Susan Eastwood and their work in Kenya with Neighbors Outreach Worldwide. Orders must be returned to the church office by **October 9**.

## BEULAH T-SHIRTS

Cotton Blend short and long sleeved T-Shirts with the church logo on the front and our mission statement on the back. These shirts are perfect to show off your love of Beulah during events, Beulah Day, and every day. The size range is small to 3 X-Large. Order forms can be found at the Information Center or online at the Curbside Market.

## WHO WOULD LIKE TO OWN THIS QUILT?

Here's how you can. Donate to NEIGHBORS OUTREACH WORLDWIDE (NOW) and receive a ticket.

This is a great opportunity to help some of our neighbors in Kenya. NOW Kenya exists to meet the needs of vulnerable children and adults who are victims of poverty and violence by giving hope through Jesus Christ. The Emily Martin Refugee Center has dormitories for SAFE HAVENS for abused women; a place for young mothers with babies who have no supporting families; some HIV persons; and a few school children who are getting an educational start to equip them to be able to support themselves.

There is also a need for funding to build a home for 2 cows they plan to purchase, a Chicken house for the ones that run wild now, and a van to help some of the residents get to doctor appointments.

Consider buying one less cup of coffee, a dessert, a pair of shoes, or something that would make you feel good and instead donate to help these Kenyan Children of God. Donations will be accepted at the Bazaar on November 12 and the drawing for the QUILT will be at 12 Noon.

## BEULAH BAZAAR AND CURBSIDE MARKET

By Sarah Eastwood

It is only a little over a month until the Beulah Bazaar and Curbside Market. Are you ready? This year the Curbside Market will again be available for pre-ordering, pre-paying, and pick-up curbside from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. There will be order blanks online as well as paper ones at the Information Center. This will include baked goods, pickling, jams, apples, Brunswick Stew, along with barbeque, and baked beans, pecans, hand cream, and handmade dish rags. Rolls and pies are not available for preorder and will only be available inside the day of the Bazaar.

If you enjoy shopping, there will be tables inside the Fellowship Hall. Favorites will be the Country Store, Collectibles, Cookies and Fudge, Hand cream, Chocolate Covered Peanuts, Jewelry, Christmas Items, and much more. The Choir Café will be serving breakfast and lunch. There will be a meet and greet area where you can enjoy coffee, cold drinks, etc.

Outside of the Fellowship Hall, Neighbor's Outreach Worldwide will have Brunswick Stew, smoked barbeque, Baked Beans, and fried pork skins to help fund their work in Kenya. The Big Yard Sale will also be outside and the proceeds from it will go towards the Beulah Youth.

## TALENT SURVEY

Please fill out a Talent Survey if you are planning to help with the Bazaar/Curbside market! The surveys can be found at the Information Center and need to be returned to the Church office by **October 9**.





## BEULAH'S United Women in Faith

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH AND MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

Some of you may recall that when Pastor Will Waller was with us, he was contacted by someone who was asking churches to “adopt” different departments at Meadowbrook High School, to give them treats each month of the school year to show them that they are appreciated. We here at Beulah chose the Instructional Assistants in the Exceptional Education Department, and except for the time during the pandemic when the school was not opened, groups and individuals in our congregation continued to show support for these very dedicated people. Our UWF has the honor of sponsoring this mission, and we would like to open it up to any group or individual in the church to consider joining us in letting the IA’s know that we appreciate what they do, that we are praying for them and their students. There are currently seven IA’s, six women and one man. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Information Center beginning with December, because we have covered the beginning of the school year and the Fall. If you want to personalize your treats, we have the names of the IA’s. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Turner or Barbara Tuttle

### UWF 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

*I have asked one thing from the Lord – it’s all I seek to live in the Lord’s house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord’s beauty and constantly adoring his temple.*

--Psalm 27:4

### WITNESS

*I saw God each time I walked with the young people who were guests with Launch Pad, a Nashville non-profit. I saw the transformative power of God, who allowed allies to advocate and walk with them as they experienced being unhoused. I learned the pure joy of appreciating a hot meal and shower. I saw God in the faces of these young people while they laughed, played games, and tried to get ready for the next day unhoused on the streets of Nashville. I pray they saw God in my face and actions so God’s love could be understood as one of compassion and not judgment and punishment.*

Debbie Byrd, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner,  
Morton Memorial United Methodist Church  
Feeding Ministry, Monteagle, Tennessee.

### PRAYER

Please pray for international missionaries serving in South Korea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Taiwan and Thailand and our missionaries serving in the United States in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

### RICHMOND CROP HUNGER WALK 2022

Take a walk and change the world! The 52nd Annual Richmond CROP Hunger Walk will be **Sunday, November 13**, beginning and ending at Ginter Park UMC, 1010 W. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, 23227. You can join the walk-in person or virtually. The event will begin with a rally at 1:00 p.m., and the walk/run will begin at 2:00. 25% of funds raised will be shared by Shalom Farms and Peter Paul Development Center. 75% will go anywhere in the world where people are in need. Our Beulah Team is already registered at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/richmondva>, where you can join the team or donate. Follow updates on [www.Facebook.com/RichmondCROPWalk](http://www.Facebook.com/RichmondCROPWalk). “We walk because they walk.”

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

**2022**  
*CROP Hunger Walks*

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

## JEWELRY FOR THE FALL BAZAAR

During the months of October, Mary Anne Huband will be accepting donations of jewelry to be sold at the Fall Bazaar. Donations can be given to Mary Anne or left in the church office. Thank you for your support.

## BAZAAR MEETING

The Bazaar is quickly approaching and there is a Bazaar meeting scheduled for Thursday, **October 13**, at 10:30 am in room 107. This meeting is important as final details will be worked out. If you are planning to volunteer or your group is planning to have a booth at the Bazaar, please have a representative at this meeting. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Eastwood or Louise King.

## SPIRIT SQUAD FALL FESTIVAL FUN!

Wear your costumes and come out to the Fellowship Hall for food and fun on **Friday, October 14** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm! Win prizes for Games, Costume Contest, and Pumpkin Decorating!

## BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet **October 18**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be music by Damian Muller. Come join us for the music and fellowship.

## ATTENTION: CHARITABLE DONATIONS



Those of you who are obligated to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) can **AVOID TAXES ON INCOME** if you have your brokerage firm send your donation check(s) directly to the Charity involved (i.e., BUMC--- checks to BUMC must be sent directly to the church (not to You) at PO Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234---NOT to 6930 Hopkins Road. You may take RMDs from your retirement accounts (IRAs, etc.) numerous times during the year (does not have to be all at one time). **AVOID TAXES ON INCOME!!!** Contact Sarah Tatum at 804-271-1844 for details regarding transfers of stocks, mutual funds, etc. held in retirement accounts.

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



Did you know you can give to Beulah UMC just by shopping or getting gas at Kroger? Go to the Kroger Community Rewards website and link your shopper's Card to the church. Any transactions moving forward while using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger will then donate annually to Beulah UMC based on your percentage of spending. To learn more or link your card please visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

Beulah's organizational number is **KV086**.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 04** Hugging Hearts
- 06** Family Group
- 07** Mariners Dinner
- 10** Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 11** Mary Farmer Circle of Love  
Rebekah Fellowship  
Finance Meeting
- 13** Bazaar Meeting
- 14** Spirit Squad
- 16** **Charge Conference**
- 18** Beulah's Best  
Prayer Shawl  
Springdale Bible Study  
Hugging Hearts  
UMM Dinner
- 19** Wesleyan Stratton  
Beulah Pool
- 20** Family Group
- 22** Alpha Brunch
- 25** Prayer Meeting
- 27** UWF Missions
- 29** Peace of Minds Soccer Event
- 31** Trunk or Treat

## OCCURRING WEEKLY

- Sunday** 8:30 Worship  
Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
Play Rehearsal  
Interpretive Dance Rehearsal  
Solo Bells Rehearsal  
Youth
- Monday** Card Ministry  
Men's Bible Study  
Ensemble Rehearsal  
Bells of Praise Rehearsal  
Scouts
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts
- Wednesday** Staff Meeting  
Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Worship Meal  
Alpha
- Thursday** Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal  
Girl Scouts  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Friday** Dog Ministry

## BEULAH IS HOSTING THIS YEAR'S CHARGE CONFERENCE CLUSTERS

**Sunday, October 16**, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm is Charge Conference. This year Beulah will be hosting a cluster of eight churches. We need people to help prepare drink and snack stations and greet guests. If you are interested in volunteering, showing Beulah's love for God and people, please contact Pastor Don at don@beulahumc.org.



### TRUNK OR TREAT

#### CANDY DONATIONS

!!!No Nuts!!!

Your donations  
can be left  
in the Narthex



### HUGGING HEARTS



A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING  
THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH,  
AT 2:00 PM IN ROOM 251.

NEXT MEETING IS **OCTOBER 4**



Tuesday, October 18  
6:00 pm Dinner & 7:00 pm Meeting

# THANK YOU!

**To: Beulah Friends**

**From: Nora Foster**

The foster family would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and calls during Donnie's recovery from his work accident. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring church.

**To: Beulah Family,**

**From: Dale Childrey**

Many thanks for the beautiful cards, calls, prayers, and concern for my well-being during my struggle with acute bronchitis during the month of August. I am so blessed and thankful to be a part of the Beulah family for the past 48 years. Thanks be to God for your boundless love and support.

**To: Prayer Shawl Ministry,**

**From: Krissy Henderson**

I want to thank the ladies who made the prayer shawl for me. It meant so much to me, especially since it was made by my Beulah Family. It will be such a comfort for me this year. Thank you and God Bless.

**To: Beulah Friends**

**From: Sarah Tatum**

Please accept my sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits, and beautiful cards that I received during my recent hip replacement surgery. My Wesleyan Stratton Circle sisters provided delicious food in abundance. Thank you all so much. To see Pastor Don, walk into the hospital at 6:15 a.m. to send me off to surgery with a prayer was a real surprise and totally unexpected. My surgeon, Dr. Glenn Kerr, a very strong Christian, let me know that this was very unusual and how much he too appreciated his prayer. So, Beulah folks, see how blessed we are to have such wonderful pastoral care! Again, my heartfelt thanks for your love and care.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 02 Roy Hartless
- 05 Rachel Holmes
- 07 Francis Dail
- 08 Karis Gibson
- 11 Alice McKissick  
Carolyn Tuttle
- 13 David Glass
- 18 Diane Kuti
- 19 Patti Peterson
- 20 Carlton Davis  
Henry Martin  
Barbara Tuttle
- 21 Michael Williams
- 22 Dawn Hall  
Jann Niccoli  
Jim Tyler  
Barbara Sadler
- 25 Nancy Dyckes
- 30 Elizabeth Cole
- 31 Sarah Glass  
Bill Putnam