

BEULAH BEACON

WHY MISSIONS MATTER

By Pastor Daniel Chun

As I'm writing this article, the Belong Ministry (Youth Group) is preparing to go on their mission trip to Romney, West Virginia through the Jeremiah Project. The youth have a great opportunity to serve God through home repair work to provide aid for those in need. As their youth pastor leading this trip, I am really excited for this opportunity, and I can't wait for what God has in store for us.

Missions (both local and overseas) are dear to my heart. My journey into pastoral ministry began through a mission trip to Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan in the Summer of 2013. I loved missions so much that I ended up going back for a three-month mission's intern trip in the Summer of 2016 before I started seminary.

To this day, I still remember my time there and it has shaped me and my pastoral ministry today. I have three reasons that I want to share with you "why missions matter?" These three reasons shaped my faith as a Christian and our call to share the gospel to all the nations (Matthew 28).

1. It is our call and responsibility.

Scripture makes it very clear why missions matter. Matthew 28 reveals the famous words of Christ who commands his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus gives a command to his disciples and this command is also directed towards us. We, Christians, have a call to go



and share the Good News. Missions are not something we do extra or something that we do only if we have the luxury to do. Missions is a call and one of the main tasks given to us by Jesus. I believe that like worship, fellowship, and discipleship, missions is a pillar that sustains the church. Without missions, there's no way the church would grow.

2. Missions show us the world's need.

Through all my missions' experience, I am grateful for the exposure that I got. I grew up living only in New York City until I left for college. Growing up in New York City, all my life was centered around New York City. My academics, church, friendships were all centered around New York City culture. So, when I went on my first missions' trip to Ukraine, I realized how big the world is. I saw people who didn't have the luxuries that we have in America. I saw how people took spirituality differently. I even saw how much their need was and still is in other areas of the world.

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I would have never been exposed to the greater world and how God is working in all areas of this world if it wasn't for missions. Missions are a great opportunity to go and be a blessing to those outside of our own community, but they also give us a great opportunity to be exposed to radically different cultures that can benefit us back in our own communities. For example, a lot of my pastoral leading has snippets of learnings from the church life and teachings I learned from Kazakhstan.

3. Missions give us passion for our home!

Ironically, one of my reflections when I was a mission's intern in Kazakhstan was how my heart became passionate for my own local church and community. You would think that after being exposed to missions and how awesome God is, you would want to stay there forever. And although I was tempted to stay in Kazakhstan for longer, I felt a passion burning within me for my own local church and community. It made me want to serve my local church more and as much as I love missions, I felt God was calling me to the churches in Virginia.

Missions open our eyes and hearts to the great things God is doing outside of our homes. But I believe missions, being short-term, serve to make us passionate for our own homes. In reality, missions are everywhere. We have neighbors or family members that don't know Jesus yet. There's a lot of work that needs to be done here. So, missions taught me to be more intentional and focused on my own home and local church. Committing my time and energy to being a faithful servant to those very close to me.

These are the three reasons why missions matter. It's more than just going somewhere and serving God. Missions change us because it opens our eyes and hearts to see God's heart in this whole world that ironically transforms our own hearts to be intentional about our own home, the local church.

As our youth are about to leave for Romney soon, one thing you can do as Beulah United Methodist Church is pray. Pray for the whole team that God will open their hearts and they will serve with gladness. That in their serving, they will be confident in their call, be exposed to God's heart for the world, and come home passionate to serve our church! Thank you.

STAYING CONNECTED

During the summer months people take vacations or go on weekend getaways. Many of the weekly groups at church also take a break for the summer. It is easy to become disconnected from your church family and friends. Here are some helpful tips for staying connected.

- Weekly Emails will let you know what is going on. *(Please email the office to sign up if you do not already receive them. office@beulahumc.org)*
- The 11:00 am worship service is streamed live on [Facebook](#) and can be found on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) after 2:00 pm .
- Every Friday at 9:00 am, Pastor Don offers a weekly devotional and prayer on [Facebook](#).
- Pick up the phone and call the church (804-275-2325). Our classes and groups might not be meeting but you can still gather for lunch or fellowship. We are only a call away.



By Barry Iglehart

root-cellar.org

Okay, so there's this important wedding coming up and I'd like to toss a few Hebrew words and traditions in your direction. The first is "chalah", the bride. It is she that in traditional Jewish ceremonies has been "purchased" at a price. She then awaits her groom's return to take her to their new home where he's been preparing a place for her to be with him.

The second word is "chatan", or "katan". This would be the bridegroom. It is he who presents the price of "purchase" with the promise to return for her, all the while making her dwelling place ready. She hasn't been sitting still but has been readying herself as well. Though they are indeed pledged to each other, he can't just run off and get her. In fact, he doesn't have too much to say when that is. It's the groom's father making that decision.

Now, the actual word for wedding is "chatanah". Another word used is "chuppah", the same word as for the wedding canopy. There are multiple ways to express this in the wedding ceremony with it usually being a sheet or even a tallit held above their heads with the Rabbi officiating. One meaning is that it infers Elohim's/God's blessings, and it represents the home the groom has prepared for them both.

Does any of this sound at all familiar? Perhaps it should. We are indeed Yeshua's, Jesus' bride, bought at the price of His own blood and making ready for His return. He told us He was going away to prepare a place for us both in His Father's house! Stand on the promise, beloved, He is coming back! Hallelujah, praise be to God!



MUSIC NOTES

By Deborah Wenrich

I have picked two songs for the month of June 2023 to share the stories behind the hymns. They are “Soon and Very Soon” and “Come Thou Fount”. Enjoy!

“Soon and Very Soon” was written by Andrae Crouch in 1978. When Andrae was a boy, his parents didn’t know if he’d be able to be used by the Lord because he was dyslexic and he stuttered badly. There were no musicians in his family, but his father was praying for him that he would be able to play the piano. Andrae recalls being shocked by that prayer because he said it was as if his father was asking if he wanted to be an astronaut. His father got him a cardboard piano and after three weeks his father called him to come up in front of the congregation in a church service to play the piano. His father said, “If you’re ever going to play the piano, now is the time.” Andrae played the piano that day and never stopped playing until his death in 2015. Soon and Very Soon-written in 1978, thescottspot-God thoughts and Good thoughts, 4 Nov, 2016 <https://thescottspot.wordpress.com/2016/11/04/soon-and-very-soon-written-in-1978/>

“Come Thou Fount” was written by Robert Robinson. He was born in 1735 and was running the streets of London by the age of seventeen. His father passed away when he was eight years old leaving him to care for his mother and find work to support the family. One day his gang harassed a drunken gypsy and demanded that she read their fortunes for free. She pointed her finger at Robert and told him that he would live to see his children and grandchildren. After this, Robert thought about changing his ways if that was going to happen.

A few nights later, he talked the gang into going to the tent meeting of the famous preacher George Whitefield to harass him while he was preaching. Whitefield was preaching on the text “O generation of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come.” Robert left the meeting a bit disturbed, he thought that the preacher was only talking to him. At the age of twenty, he made his peace with God and decided to become a preacher himself. He wrote a letter to George Whitefield and told him that he envied the peace that he saw on the people’s faces at that tent meeting. In 1757, Robert wrote the hymn “Come Thou Fount” as inspiration to his new faith.

Years later, he wandered away from God. He was traveling by stage coach with a single woman passenger who was unknown to him. She began quoting the words to the hymn. “Come Thou Fount”. He tried to get her to change the subject, but she began humming the song. Then she asked him what he thought of the song that she was humming. He replied that he was the unhappy man who wrote that song and that he would give a thousand worlds if he had them, to feel like he did back then. Her response was that the streams of mercy were still flowing. Robert was deeply touched by that and repented. His fellowship with the Lord was restored by the very hymn that he wrote.

Hymn History: Come Thou Fount (Shared with permission from the research of Jerry Vargo), Dr. Scott Pauley, 2022 Enjoying the Journey, <https://enjoyingthejourney.org/hymn-history-come-thou-fount/>

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of June, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of any type of boxed, bottled, or canned fruit and vegetable juices and Kool-Aid (with sugar). Your donation will help provide beverages for children who are out of school for the summer.

**SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY
DONATION REQUEST**
Fruit & Vegetable Juices & Kool-Aid



THIS MONTH’S COMMUNION OFFERING

UM Conference Offering

(taken from [2023 Annual Conference Mission Opportunities | VAUMC](#))

When all 1,100 churches in VAUMC come ‘Nurturing Together’ we can make a significant impact! This year’s offering will be focused on addressing two domestic needs and the nurturing of Christian leaders around the world.

#NurturingTogether (Conference Offering breakdown)

1 Food Security (25% of goal) Will benefit food banks around the Commonwealth.

2 Refugee Response (25% of goal) Support ministries engaged in refugee resettlement.

3 Partnerships of Hope Countries (50% of goal) Brazil, Cambodia, Mozambique, Native Americans, Haiti, and Vietnam

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM

All Women, Men, and Youth Invited to Participate! That's right! We want everyone at Beulah to take advantage of our UWF Library! What are you reading this summer? Do you like novels? Biographies? Books that enlighten you about current issues crying out for solutions? What about uplifting books that help you grow spiritually? Books that lead you to explore ways to help your community? Stories of real people dealing with real issues, whether global or personal? Our UWF library in the Fellowship Hall has books of all descriptions just waiting to enrich your life, and we invite you to check it out (pun intended). When you find a book you like, just locate its card in the check-out box and sign it out. And don't miss our UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entryway highlighting our newest acquisitions.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming closer and closer! (Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23) And we are happy to announce that the Registration for VBS 2023 - Hero Hotline is OPEN! Please go to BeulahUMC.org/vbs2023 to find the Registration Form! You may also find the registration form on the Facebook Event Page. If you know of any students in, or will be in, Elementary School as of Fall 2023, share this great news with them!

Registration Now Available
@ BeulahUMC.org/VBS2023

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UWF MISSION WITNESS

The Daily Prayer Guider 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 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

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

Galatians 5:22-23

Witness

Last month I was privileged to visit the New Life Psychiatric Rehab Center for a prayer service for the new building. I met a man there named K. He had been kept chained up by his family and was brought into the hospital with deep wounds on his wrists from being kept in bonds. The bones were visible, and there was so much infection that one of the orthopedic doctors was sure that his hands would need to be amputated. P.N., who is the force behind this center and the head of the Pastoral Care/Social services department at the hospital, didn't want to see this amputation happen. He prayed – and he believed that God could do anything – including the full healing of K. And it happened! Yes, he has some scars to remind him of what he went through, but he has full use of his hands, and he is able to remember that God was the one who healed him. I continue to be humbled by our Nepali Christian colleagues.

Even though they always ask us to speak at gatherings, lead Bible studies or teach them, I am constantly thinking that it should be the other way around. I have so much to learn from them.!

*Lester Dornon, Global Missionary
from the United States
serving in Nepal, Tansen Hospital*

Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Kenya, Laos, Liberia and Malawi and our missionaries serving in the United States in Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, and Montana. Massachusetts and Michigan.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 02 Martha Payne
- 04 Jeff Moats
Kellyn Sink
Butch Sanderson Jr.
- 05 Ann Gould
Anne Christopher
Geneva Harris
HT Bareford Jr.
- 09 Dave Jones
- 12 John Clanton
Kelsey Inman
- 16 Barbara Tinsley
Kent Hudson
Ron McKissick
- 17 Rebecca McKissick
- 20 Ann Arnold
Peggy Taylor
- 23 Ann Worrell
Kate Moats
- 24 Loran Byers
- 25 Frank Williams
- 27 Ed Christopher
James Glazier
Pauline Sherrill
- 28 Garry Soyars
- 29 Jane Schmierer
- 30 Jackie Corde
Lydia Spitzley

JULY

- 01 Bonnie Ramey
- 02 Alec Sadler
Joie Jones
Ken Brooks
- 04 Anita Adkins
Carl Griggs
- 05 Jim Eads
Michael Boraski
- 06 Chuck Salmon



Beulah Missions: Bensley Elementary School had asked for help during their book fair and field day. We sent them \$100 for water for field day, and \$200 for books for students who couldn't otherwise buy them at their book fair. We received a wonderful note of thanks along with several thank you notes from students.



Mother's Day: On Sunday, May 15, Beulah recognized the way God uses women to influence others. This was done by having several of the Youth and Children hand out carnations to women. Emma Gibson read a special poem about mothers at this time. Abby Fee read scripture during the 8:30 service and Kelsey Smith read scripture during the 11:00 service.



Quaiff Garden: On Sunday, May 15, after the worship service, the congregation gathered under the breezeway by the main entrance. There the dedication of a new bench was given in memory of Elizabeth W. Quaiff. Just to the right of the bench in the ivy is a cross statue which was dedicated to Joyce Quaiff in 2022. Together they make a quiet reflective area for those seeking solace or prayer.



Beulah Day: On Sunday, May 21, the congregation gathered to celebrate Beulah's 140 anniversary. The celebration was very nice with the recognition of 13 church members being inducted into the 50+ member list. We also recognized the 12 new members who have joined the church over the last year. Tamira Montoya gave a testimony about how God used our outreach ministries to bring her closer to Him. Sarah Eastwood, Louise King, and Emma Bradley were recognized for the work they have done through Outreach, the Bazaar, and other ministries in the church. Jason and Madeline Hodges were welcomed into Beulah's membership. The Beulah Land Quartet sang Sweet Beulah Land and the congregation closed out the service with Beulah's anthem of Dwelling in Beulah Land. Most importantly, we as a congregation recognized the works of God in and through Beulah's history and the hope for the future as we continue to lean on God's will for our lives.



THANKS

JUNE CALENDAR

To: Beulah Family

From: Margaret Schools

Thank you to my Beulah Church Family. During my two and half month absence from church you remembered me well with so many cards, emails, and phone calls. I am grateful to every one of you from my heart. God is so good and still healing. I have a way to go yet, but thankful to be back whenever I can. I love being at this caring and loving church. Thank you.

To: Beulah United Methodist Church

From: Ken Grant USN 1983 - 85

Greetings from Liberation Veteran Services! Thank you so much for making a tremendous impact on me and my fellow veterans. Your generosity gives us hope and helps us take steps to success. Thank you for your support.

To: Beulah

From: Betty Skaggs

Thanks for all the cards, calls, and concerns over the past couple of weeks. Hopefully, my hip surgery will be rescheduled soon.

- 01 Matter of Balance
- 05 Youth End of Year Party
Bells of Praise
- 06 Hugging Hearts
- 11 Children and Youth Bells
- 13 Finance Meeting
- 18 FATHER'S DAY
- 20 VBS Starts
Hugging Hearts
- 23 Centenary Kitchen
VBS Ends
- 25 VBS Sunday
Youth Mission Trip
- 27 Springdale Bible Study
Prayer Meeting

REOCCURRING WEEKLY

- Sunday** 8:30 Worship
Sunday School
11:00 Worship
- Monday** Card Ministry
Scouts
- Tuesday** Cub Scouts
- Wednesday** Staff Meeting



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

JUNE READING

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

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU

Everyone has different skills and abilities. There is a place here at Beulah for you to use yours or discover what your skill may be. Reach out to a pastor or contact the church office to learn more.

Current available areas are:

Maintenance, Nursery, Children's Ministry, Office/Staff assistance, Ushers, Music, and Scripture Readers.



HUGGING HEARTS

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

June 6 & June 20

At 2:00 pm
In room 251

