

# BEULAH BEACON

## THE MEANS OF GRACE By Pastor Don Gibson

This summer, following a 2-year, church wide journey through the Bible, we will take time to introduce a summer, sermon series- using the book, “Five Means of Grace- Experience God’s Love the Wesleyan Way” by Elaine A. Heath. Now you may be asking, as did I at some point, “What are the means of grace and why are there 5 of them?” So, I would like to offer a brief introduction to the summer series:

As Methodist, we understand that John Wesley, the father of the Methodist movement for reform, believed that the grace of God, in one form or another, is extended to all human beings- and it is continually offered from the cradle to the grave. God’s grace is offered freely and is not merited (meaning it is a gift that we do not earn). However, Wesley taught that there are means of grace that, when utilized, provide the grace of God to us in greater degrees. Although we do not earn God’s grace, it is unmerited and free, we must participate in particular practices because God has chosen to work through natural means, such as prayer, study of the Word (the Bible), worship (Communion), etc.

John Wesley explained this term, “by means of grace, as “outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to others the preventing, justifying, or sanctifying grace.” (John Wesley’s Sermon 16, “The Means of Grace) However, these means are worthless in and of themselves. “If they do not actually lead to the knowledge and love of God, they are not acceptable in his sight; yea, rather, they are an abomination before him, a stink in his nostrils; he is weary to bear them.” Wesley fully believed,

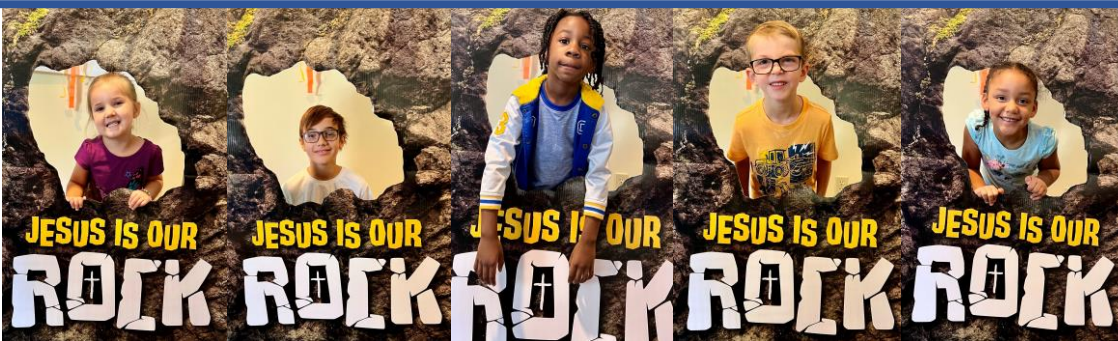
through personal experience, that the means of grace (prayer, study of the Word, etc.) cannot achieve their end “separate from the Spirit of God.”

The means of grace can be divided into two categories, in Wesley’s view. First, the instituted means are those which are specifically ordained in Scripture, including prayer, Scripture, the Lord’s supper, fasting, and “Christian conference” (i.e. accountability to others). These are means which every Christian is required to use, and they are effective to some degree in all persons. Second, Wesley identifies what he calls the prudential means, which are context-specific rules that help us grow in God’s grace. These will vary from person to person and from situation to situation, because what is effective in one context may not be effective in another. Wesley believed that all Christians should see some evidence of growth when they attend to (practice) these means self-scrutiny, self-denial, “taking up our cross” (i.e. performing duties which are difficult or sacrificial), and “exercise of the presence of God” (i.e. staying focused on God and remembering that He (God) is always with us.)

I would invite you to begin to pray now in preparation for our summer sermon series that will begin on July 21. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book mentioned above, it is available at Amazon.com (for about \$11.00). I am excited, and hopeful, to return to our roots and rediscover the importance of our daily personal and corporate “growing in God” through very accessible means-but where the Holy Spirit is at work!

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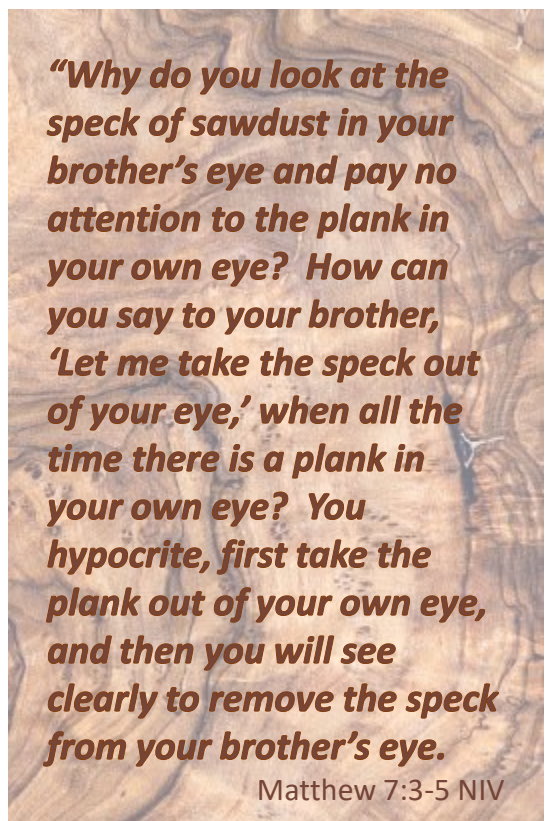
By Barry Iglehart [root-cellar.org](http://root-cellar.org)

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For now, let's continue with our motto, but at its beginning. We speak of changing lives as we seek, share and serve God. But what does that mean and to whom does it apply?

Often enough we seem to think it only applies to others. Surely, we don't need to adapt, to change our own course of action. Why, we're the very model... Friends, we are the very model... sometimes of what needs to change. Our behaviors, our attitudes in presenting Yahweh, God, to the world can and will make all the difference. It's not just our children that are watching. It's our friends, our family, our neighbors, strangers even, they all see us. Some are waiting to accept the news and the invitation. Some wait to attack and accuse.

In Matthew 7:3-5 Jesus tells us to take the plank, the log from our own eye so we can see to take the splinter from another's. Can we try to do just that. A television portrayal makes the point "Get used to different." Be kind, do justice and mercy, and come to God in humility and let God be God. Shalom.



# MEET HAE RIN HYEON LAWSON



I was born in South Korea. I am the oldest daughter of four siblings. As a young person, my family moved to the United States in 1984. Both my parents were serving in ministry. I am a third-generation pastor in my family. My siblings and I went to Middle School and High School in Hopewell, Virginia. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in music from VCU in Richmond. I then enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) in D.C. My younger brother and sister went to WTS

one year before myself. I struggled with God's calling much longer than they did. I ran from God's calling even while going to seminary. Yet, God sent my District Superintendent to D.C. from Richmond to put me in the process of ordination. God has sent many people into my life to make sure I go through the whole process of ordination. I served as a local pastor since 1997 and then received ordination as an elder in 2005. My first Church was a Deaf Church in Pasadena, MD. During my second appointment, I met David. Praise the LORD for David. We have two beautiful children. Our daughter, Joscelyn, who likes to be called, "Joss," is 19 years old and is going to VCU. Our son, Josiah, is 17 years old and is a senior at Thomas Dale High School. We live with my elderly parents and a wonderful brother, Hae Moon. Through it all, God has brought us to this place, right here. Praise the LORD!

## RECEPTION FOR THE PASTOR HAE RIN

Please join us on Sunday, July 14, during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services as we welcome Hae Rin Lawson, our new Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach. There will be a cookie reception in the Breezeway after the 11:00 service.

## SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of July, The Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of peanut butter, jelly, and jams. Many children have peanut allergies so there is always a need for peanut butter alternatives such as almond butter and sunflower butter.

## SHERBOURNE TRANSPORTATION

We are looking for drivers to transport the Sherbourne donations from Beulah Church to Sherbourne on Tuesday before 11:00 am. You do not have to commit to every Tuesday, only when you are available. There is a sign-up sheet located at the Information Center.

## COMMUNION OFFERING

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER

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

(taken from the Rise Against Hunger website)



The July communion offering will go to Rise Against Hunger. Rise Against Hunger targets specific geographic regions in the world where access to diverse and nutritious food is limited. They work to nourish lives through meals, respond to emergencies with In-Need resources, and empower communities to stand strong. Please remember to write "communion offering" on the memo line of your check or envelope.

# THE MONTH IN REVIEW

**On Sunday, June 09,** Beulah's youth and several members of the church went to see the Tri-city Chili Peppers play some baseball. Emma Gibson won a bean bag toss challenge for the section the Beulah group was sitting in. The Youth participated in an infield challenge which left Emma Gibson and Krissy Henderson with pie on their faces. The outing was a fun event for everyone involved.



**On Sunday, June 16,** was Father's Day. Father's Day was celebrated by giving recognition to the men in the Beulah family who influence the lives of all of us. Amaiyah Akoi recited the scripture during the 8:30 service. Sarah, Jeremy, and Raymond Hodges presented the scripture during the 11:00 service. The Children and Youth Bells presented bell and vocal arrangement of *Holy, Holy, Holy*.

**On June 25 – June 28** was Vacation Bible School. Beulah had about 20 to 30 kids each day and though this year VBS was small it was impactful in the lives of the children who participated. The theme was Breaker Rock Beach and how to stand on the rock in a world of shifting sand. Day One everyone learned about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and how to say "STOP, STOP, STOP" to the lies of satan and the world. Day Two they learned of Daniel choosing to stay true to God instead of being like the world. Day Three they learned about John and how he wrote about Jesus's death and resurrection. Day Four they learned that Jesus is the Way. Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who worked so hard to plant these transformative seeds for the children of our community.



# LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

## LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The United Women in Faith will hold their annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to attend! Come and enjoy your own Sundae with all the toppings! Call Sandra Sanderson at 804-271-1631 or email her at sandersonsb@comcast.net with any questions.

## IRC RESULTS

The Cleaning Equipment drive to support the International Rescue Committee (IRC) was a huge success!!!! Thank you all for your gifts, your generosity, and your prayers.

Beulah donated:

- 8 Vacuums
- 11 mops
- 16 brooms
- 4 large trashcans
- 22 small trash cans
- 15 boxes of trashcan liners
- 10 buckets,
- 22 sponges
- 30 microfiber cleaning towels
- 9 scrub brushes
- 8 plungers
- 16 toilet brushes
- 4 dustpans.



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

*You teach me the way of life. In your presence is total celebration.  
Beautiful things are always in your right hand.*

Psalm 16:11

### Witness

I walked into Killingsworth December 3, 2019, bewildered, nervous and full of questions. I asked God, how did I get here? Was this a mistake? Will I succeed? These could have easily been the words of a new Killingsworth resident; however, they were my words as the new executive director. Killingsworth is a unique community residence located in Columbia, South Carolina, with a mission to empower and advocate for women recovering from various life crises within a safe and nurturing Christian environment.

I vowed to make sure that every resident felt peace, safety and assurance that they could succeed. Little did I know that the days ahead would have me leading during a global pandemic. As we navigated uncharted waters and planned our first virtual fundraiser, the residents were excited about the food, make-up artists and boutique owner who donated dresses to all residents. We planned an evening filled with laughter as residents and board members safely recorded the show. The general public saw a flawless production and loved it. Behind the scenes, I saw love, compassion and joy as residents experienced a day fit for a queen. Darkness once surrounded our residents, but at Killingsworth they walked boldly knowing: "weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

- Schrendria F. Robinson, Executive Director,  
Killingsworth, Columbia, South Carolina

### Prayer

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal and missionaries serving in the United States in Nebraska, Nevada and New Hampshire.

## LIFE IS PRECIOUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Bottles due back  
Sunday July 28.



## LIFE IS PRECIOUS CAMPAIGN

As part of Beulah UWF's Social Action, we will be running a Life is Precious Campaign June 30 to July 28. Our drive will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield County as they serve our teens in counseling, care during the pregnancy, and help during the child's first couple years of life. Their mission statement: "The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield exists to honor God by defending the value of all life, born and unborn, through the lifeline of compassionate care and resources". "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29: 11

## 2024 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINI MISSION

JULY 23- JULY 25

Sign up at the Information Center

## SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

*(please let Pastor Don know if your youth would like to participate)*

### MINI-MISSION PROJECTS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The youth and young adults (ages 18 to 26) will have Mini-Mission Projects from **July 23 and July 24**. On July 25 we will conclude the week with a trip to Kings Dominion. You must participate in the Mini Mission in order to go to Kings Dominion. Please sign up at the Information Center if you are interested in being a part of the mission.

### AUGUST 11, BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

5<sup>th</sup> graders officially transition into the Youth Group and there is a pool party in celebration of the new school year.

## THANK YOU

**To: Beulah Church**

**From: Karen Tatum**

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, and many other acts of kindness you have shown me and my family over the past months. Your support and prayers helped me through some very difficult times.

**To: Beulah's Usher Team**

**From: David Dudley, Usher Co-Ordinator**

Many thanks to the ushers that volunteered to help me Friday and Saturday during our first Global Methodist Conference. You all helped make it a success!

**To: Pastor Don and the 'Volunteer Army' at Beulah Church**

**From: Rev. Gret West, President Pro Tem, Virginia Global Methodist Church**

Wow, what a tremendous gathering we had at the Annual Conference! It is amazing what can happen when we all fix our eyes on Jesus, when we all are united and invite the Holy Spirit to come have His way among us!

We are all so grateful and so moved by your hospitality and warm hearts! Again, and again you all were there to cover any need, smooth out any problem, and serve people. You all demonstrated the love of Jesus with your lives. Thank you so much!

We have opened a new chapter in the life of the Global Methodist Church in Virginia, and we are confident that God has good things ahead. Challenging things and difficult things? Definitely, but if God is for us, who can be against us! They call to love as Jesus loved and to make disciples of Jesus Christ has been entrusted to us and we will step up in the strength of the Lord! The joy of Jesus to each of you.

**To: Beulah Church**

**From: Pat Compton**

Every beautiful card, every get well wish, every prayer that was uttered has meant so much. I'm so grateful to have such wonderful friends to encourage me through these past two and a half months. I thank God for you. Pat Compton

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

# CALENDAR

## JULY

- 04 Church Closed for July 4<sup>th</sup>
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- 09 Finance Committee
- 13 Hearing Loss Association
- 14 Welcome Reception
- 16 Ice Cream Social
- 17 Beulah Pool Meeting
- 23 Spring Dale Bible Study  
Youth Mini Mission
- 24 Youth Mini Mission
- 25 Youth Mini Mission
- 31 Prayer Meeting

## REOCCURRING WEEKLY

### Sunday

- 8:30 Worship
- Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship

### Monday

- Card Ministry
- Scouts

### Tuesday

- Cub Scouts

# BIRTHDAYS

## JULY

- 01 Bonnie Ramey
- 02 Alec Sadler  
Joie Jones  
Ken Brooks
- 04 Carl Griggs
- 05 Jim Eads  
Michael Boraski  
Sofia Roman
- 06 Chuck Salmon
- 09 Brooks Taylor
- 11 Connie Cook  
Patsy Hayden  
Sherry Harris
- 16 Christy Gibson  
Jay Wright
- 22 Brandon Brooks  
Marcia Abernathy  
Stan Hartman
- 25 Logan Geiser  
Sandra Sanderson
- 26 Don Joyner  
Dorothy House

- 27 Jimmy Hart
- 28 Lee Goff  
Shirley Pfeil
- 31 David Lawson  
Jean Lane

## AUGUST

- 01 Adalia Hubbard  
Crystal Grady  
Della Delbridge  
Heather Jones
- 02 David Conner  
John Sherrill  
Lois Quaiff  
Margaret Schools
- 04 Julia Grisham
- 06 Jane Mason  
Jim Taylor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTH

**Patrick Joseph (PJ) Spaulding** (8 lb. 15 oz, 22 1/4 inches) was born on May 26, 2024, to Morgan and Spaulding. He is the grandson of Eric and Tina Cunningham.



**Vera Selene Nowell** (8 lb. 8 oz.) was born on June 17, 2024, to Mariah and John Nowell. She is the granddaughter of Susan Nowell.

## WEDDING

On June 8, 2024, **Joshua Geiser and Mary Beth Ramey** shared in Holy Matrimony. Mary Beth is the daughter of Randy and Bonnie Ramey. They were married by Reverend Don Gibson in the 100-Acer Woods.



## THE FIVE MEANS OF GRACE

This summer Beulah will do a five week sermon series, starting July 21, on the John Wesley's "Means of Grace". To purchase the book Five Means of Grace by Elaine A Heath you can use the following link [Five Means of Grace](#). Pastor Don will be referencing this book during the series. The study by Heath turns to the practices at the center of Wesley's understanding of spiritual growth:

the means of grace. This book guides readers through the five means of grace that John Wesley called "instituted," meaning these are spiritual practices in which Jesus himself participated and which he encouraged his followers to do.

