

BEULAH BEACON

LIVING FOR GOD

By Pastor Don Gibson

Today it seems that more and more people have less interest in God, in living for God, and much more interest in worldliness - the things of the world. Often, even in church, we lose focus of our eternity, and preparing for eternity, and focus more on simply living today - being comfortable. However, and according to scripture, if one desires to live in eternity with God, they must search for and follow the steps of Jesus, "to this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21).

Peter wrote to Christians who were suffering persecution and needed to have their faith strengthened. Peter understood that the world was full of temptation, including the temptation to make little or no time for God - so he wrote to encourage them to understand and follow the footsteps of Christ. Our vision/mission statement, based on the principles of God's word, highlights our pursuit, individually and corporately, in understanding the balance of living in this world but not being of this world - in the footsteps of Christ. John wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 1 John 2:15-17

To live according to God's principles, we must seek God's help because His ways differ from those of the world. While the world encourages us to be selfish and greedy, God teaches us to be generous and serve others. We're all

imperfect; even if we make mistakes, God sees our hearts. If we fall short, we must acknowledge our mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and help, and try again. When we receive our new spirit from God and are born again, we quite literally begin the process of becoming new creatures in Christ. The fallen world is all about "goals", "dreams", and "success" (like money, pleasure) and fame which seeks the recognition of the material world. Jesus teaches that to walk into the Kingdom of Heaven we must build our treasures outside of the material world where moth nor rust can destroy. These are qualities like compassion, self-sacrifice, wisdom, and understanding are gifts born through constant or consistent contact with God. So, like the words written by Peter to encourage and strengthen struggling believers, our vision/mission statement points us to the footsteps of Christ- to which we are called and that we should follow. Be strengthened and encouraged!



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MUSIC NOTES

By Deborah Wenrich

For the June Beacon, I've chosen to share the history behind the song "Holy, Holy, Holy". Holy, Holy, Holy was written by Reginald Heber. Reginald was born in Cheshire England in 1783. His parents gave him an excellent education and he valued hard work. After completing his education, he became a minister in the Anglican church and took a position at a very tiny church.

At the age of 40, he was called to be a missionary and serve in India. His title was Bishop of Calcutta. He oversaw missions in India, the island of Ceylon, and all of Australia. He worked tirelessly; His ambition was to build a training school for local clergy. He spent his time building the school and he traveled across India preaching the gospel. The day came when he dropped dead from a heat stroke after preaching outdoors to a large crowd of Indians.

His work carried on without him. His wife discovered that he had written fifty-seven hymns when he was at the tiny church in England and had never published them. She put the collection together and all fifty-seven hymns are still being used today.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim,
falling down before thee,
Which, wert and art, and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy,
though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**



Root Cellar

By Barry Iglehart root-cellar.org

yachad - united

Once more I was intending a different thought here. It was to be about families: mother (ima), and father (abba) becoming one flesh and being united (yachad) in a covenant relationship. Not quite.

We have left a group that calls itself "united" and is anything but. We have left this group not because of our expulsion but chose to do so because of conditions we were finding increasingly intolerable. We have since found similar refugees

and are allying with them. Even without them I feel us more open to each other, more closely tied, more "united" (yachad) as a faith family than perhaps ever before.

To be sure, like any family, there will be moments we will drive each other so blasted crazy that we will want to turn our backs on each other . . . wait, listen, maybe learn. Be that friend. Do we ever think that's what we're supposed to be? Shalom, shalom.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

On Tuesday, May 7, the UWF held a Mother-Daughter Potluck. They had 30 mothers, daughters, and granddaughters enjoying food, fellowship, and fun at our pot-luck dinner. After a delicious meal, thanks to Sarah Eastwood's suggestion of having a baby photo contest, we played "who's who" with 19 photos of the cutest babies you ever saw! Beth Spitzley correctly guessed 11 of the 19, and her daughter Lydia correctly guessed 9, making them our top winners. Pictured are Debby Bates with her daughter Jessica and granddaughters Abigail and Aurora.



On Tuesday, May 19, the Beulah came together to celebrate Beulah's birthday and the celebration of Pentecost. We thanked God for being our foundation for the last 141 years and rededicated the buildings, grounds, and people of Beulah to Him. There were over 250 people in attendance. Pastor Greg West from the VA Global Methodist Church was the guest speaker and shared on the history of Wesleyanism. The Smoke House Bluegrass band also assisted with the service and then played afterwards during lunch.



On Sunday, May 25, we welcomed Ed & Jane Cole and Henry & Diane Hassell into the membership here at Beulah. Ed & Jane come from Trinity UMC and were married here at Beulah Church seven years ago. Henry & Diane are a part of the Global Methodist church and are coming from Ameila County. We are very pleased to have both couples joining the Beulah Family.

Through the Month of May, Beth Spitzley, Sherry Harris, Pam Totty, and Pastor Don worked with the VA Global Methodist Church to help coordinate the GMC Virginia's first Convening Conference. The Conference was held here at Beulah Church and the first set of Virginia pastors for the VAGMC were ordained. Thank you to the 60+ volunteers who stepped up to help. There will be more information about what happened at the Conference in the July Beacon.





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

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

I walk into our warehouse to take food/grocery inventory. I stop counting when I realize it’s not enough for the week ahead. I spend the evening with my daughter watching the movie “Frozen” (again). I miss a call from someone offering me a truckload of food that was diverted. I need to respond ASAP; the message says it is urgent. I respond late. My friend tells me, “I said YES, on your behalf.” He doesn’t know our situation, but God did and does! Find JOY in knowing that God knows your situation better than you think.

- - Michael Smith, Executive Director, Holding Institute Community Center, Loreda, Texas

Prayer

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

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. During June, we will be updating our UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entryway with descriptions of our newest acquisitions.

UMCOR

“First In, Last Out”

Any time there is a disaster, whether natural or man-made, you can be sure that the United Methodist Committee on Relief will be there, working with conferences and churches in the affected areas to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. 100% of donated funds go to the designated need, and Beulah is still able to participate in their mission. Currently, they are at work in Kenya, Turkey, Brazil, and Israel/Gaza, among other places. In the U.S., they are responding to the storms, floods, and tornadoes in the southern and central states. To learn more, go to umcmmission.org/umcor. For more up-to-date news, visit the UMCOR Facebook page. To donate, make your check out to the church and designate on the memo line, Advance #982450 for international relief or Advance #901670 for relief in our country. Thank you! The last day to make your donation is June 9.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS CAMPAIGN

As part of Beulah United Women in Faith’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

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.

Donations can be left on the wire rack by the Information Center or in the white after-hours donation cabinet in the Breezeway.

JUNE COMMUNION OFFERING



**CHESTERFIELD
FOOD BANK
OUTREACH CENTER**

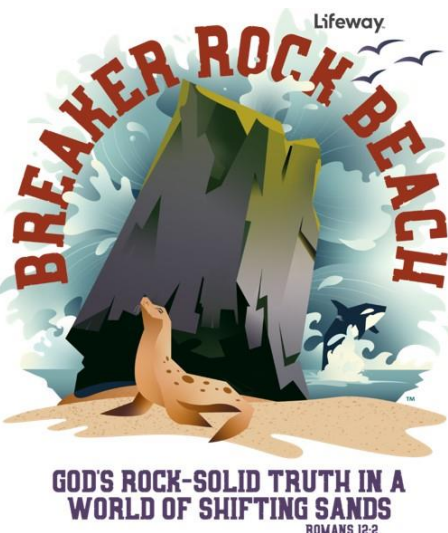
COMMUNION OFFERING

Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center (information adapted from the CFBOC website) The Chesterfield Food Bank wants to fight hunger and its underlying causes. CFBOC programs work together to help their mission to "fight hunger and empower lives forward". They have broken their programs down into four main types, food outreach, community outreach, resources programs, and volunteer programs. To learn more about CFBOC please visit their website at www.cfbo.org.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

JUNE READING

01	Ezekiel 43-45	15	Jonah 2-4
02	Sunday (Catch-up day)		Micha 1-4
03	Ezekiel 46-48	16	Sunday (Catch-up day)
04	Daniel 1-2	17	Micha 5-7
05	Daniel 3-4		Nahum 1-3
06	Daniel 5-7	18	Habakkuk 1-3
07	Daniel 8-10		Zephaniah 1-2
08	Daniel 11-12	19	Zephaniah 3
09	Sunday (Catch-up day)		Haggai 1 - 2
10	Hosea 1-7		Zechariah 1
11	Hosea 8-13	20	Zechariah 2-8
12	Hosea 14	21	Zechariah 9-13
	Joel 1-3	22	Zechariah 14
	Amos 1		Malachi 1-4
13	Amos 2-6	23	The End of
14	Amos 7-9		the Bible Challenge
	Obadiah		
	Jonah 1		



VOLUNTEER MEETING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 05, from 6:00 pm - 7:00pm, in room 107, we will be having a Volunteer Meeting for VBS. If you are volunteering for VBS, you must be in attendance. We will be going over the needs for VBS and praying over VBS. Please see Pastor Don if you have any questions about VBS.

VBS DECORATIONS WORKSHOP

Vacation Bible School is quickly coming, and we are working on VBS decorations. We will have a VBS Decorations Workshop on **Monday, June 10** in room 248 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please come and help us paint, cut out, fold, and make our decorations for VBS. The Theme is "Breaker Rock Beach" which is a fun theme to work on with decorations. There is something for everyone who wants to help! Come when you can! Stay as long as you can! And wear a smile! Questions? Call Sherry Harris at 804-691-5678 or email her at Sherry_Harris1@verizon.net.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Claire Gibson

*Virginia Commonwealth University
Hart Scholarship*

Isaiah Gibson

*Brightpoint Community College
Beulah Scholarship*

Aaliyah Hartwill

*Randolph Macon College
Beulah/Smith Scholarships*

Krissy Henderson

*Virginia Commonwealth University
Smith Scholarship*

Rachayl Powell

*Brightpoint Community College
Schmitz Scholarship*

Ryder Sadler

*Darden School of Business
University of Virginia
Hart/Holmes Scholarship*

Wren Sadler

*University of Virginia
Holmes Scholarship*

Kass Spitzley

*Virginia Tech
Holmes Scholarship*

Lydia Spitzley

*Brightpoint Community College
Beulah Scholarship*

2024 COLLEGE GRADUATE



Dr. Logan Brooke Lee (Spitzley)

*Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
Mary Baldwin University*

✦ SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

The Youth Group meets from the beginning of September to the end of May and is open to any youth between grades 6 and 12. We meet the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm for dinner, devotional, and games. The 3rd Sunday of the month is dedicated to outings and mission opportunities. The summer is filled with fun gatherings and volunteer opportunities.

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

June 9, the youth will be going to Faith Night with the Chili Peppers and have the option of participating in mini games on the field in-between innings.

June 25-28, VBS Week: The youth will be helping assist with Vacation Bible School.

July 23-26, Youth Mini-Mission Week: The youth will be participating in community projects such as visiting local senior living communities and assisting those in need.

August 11, Back to School Sunday: 5th graders officially transition into the Youth Group and there is a pool party in celebration of the new school year.

FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING!!!

Well, it is only 5+ months away and will get here quicker than you think! Please be thinking of how you want to be involved with the Fall Festival. Our planning for it started in January and so far, we have gotten the concessions booth relocated to the church yard, painted and setup with steps and rails, electricity and new doors; we have cleaned up and purchased 6 new picnic tables; the bluegrass band has been reserved; we are selling Beulah T-shirts, umbrellas and water bottles to raise more funds; and many of our community partners have received communications from us regarding our event. **New this year**, not only will have our famous **Beulah Yard Sale**, but we are also adding a **Vendor Tent** and inviting vendors in to sell their goods, for a minimal fee. So, start thinking and praying for our fall event and how you can best help us make it a success once again! Have a Great Summer! Questions? Call Sherry Harris at 804-691-5678 or email her at Sherry_Harris1@verizon.net.



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@beulah-church.com)*
- 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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Beulah Church's number is KV086

Kroger is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but their common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods they serve and help the people there live healthier lives. One of the ways in which they do this is through their Kroger Community Rewards program.

Once you link Beulah's Reward number to your Shopper's card , any transactions (this includes gas) using your Shopper's Card number will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates quarterly to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

This is an easy way to give to the church. To link your shopper's card go to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> down at the bottom of the screen is a blue box with a girl and a bee in it. Click on "get started". You will have to be logged in to the Kroger web site for this to process. If you need any assistance the church office will be happy to help you.

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 03 Women's Chorus Rehearsal
Bells of Praise Rehearsal
- 05 VBS Volunteer Meeting
- 07 Mariners Dinner
- 08 Hearing Loss Association
- 09 Faith Night Baseball Game
- 10 VBS Décor Workshop
- 11 Finance Committee
- 16 Father's Day
- 19 Beulah Pool
- 20 Music Ministry Party
- 25 VBS
- 26 VBS Prayer Meeting
- 27 VBS
- 28 VBS
- 30 VBS Sunday

REOCCURRING WEEKLY

Sunday

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

Monday

- Card Ministry
- Scouts

Tuesday

- Cub Scouts

A NOTE FROM ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

There is a new traffic pattern if you exit through the Catholic church parking lot (after worship service on Sunday mornings). They have let us know that they are grateful for our patience as they work on traffic issues to better serve their congregants and neighbors.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 02 Martha Payne
- 04 Butch Sanderson, Jr
- 05 Anne Christopher
Ann Gould
Geneva Harris
- 09 Joie Jones
- 12 John Clanton
Richard Feedback
Kelsey Inman
- 16 Kent Hudson
Ron McKissick
Barbara Tinsley
- 17 Rebecca McKissick
- 19 Kelsey Smith
- 20 Ann Arnold
Bridget Soyars
Peggy Taylor
- 21 Nancy Garrison
- 23 Ann Worrell
- 24 Loran Byers
- 25 Frank Williams

- 27 James Glazier
Julie Matthews
Pauline Sherrill
- 28 Garry Soyars
- 29 Jane Schmierer
- 30 Jackie Corde
Lydia Spitzley

JULY

- 01 Bonnie Ramey
- 02 Kenneth Brooks
Annette Jones
Alec Sadler
- 04 Carl Griggs
- 05 Michael Boraski
Jim Eads
- 06 Chuck Salmon

THANK YOU

To: Card Ministry

From: Peggy O'Brien

I would like to thank the card ministry. I love the cards when I receive them. They are so beautiful, and I am especially thankful for the ones which have the verses from the bible in them. My daughter and friends come to visit and they also think they are so lovely. I am grateful for this service which is done through the church.

To: Beulah Church

From: Sherry Harris, Beth Spitzley, and Pam Totty

Thank you all for your support of the Global Methodist Church Convening Conference which happened at Beulah Church on May 31st - June 1st. It was a great success and a very blessed event. Beth and I are very proud and thankful for all the volunteers and efforts you all made in supporting this program. And we are sincerely grateful to be a part of such a loving, caring, dedicated and hard-working congregation. Blessings!