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## BEULAH BEACON

### TRANSFORMATION

By Pastor Don Gibson

As we begin a new school year and return to church-wide programs and activities, I am reminded that we are all called to be life-long learners even in our faith. After all, faith is not a goal to be reached, not a destination at which we ever arrive, but a journey we take that lasts the whole of our life. While there may be rest stops and detours along the way, for the most part, we are called to continue traveling that path, trusting that Christ walks with us along the way. This journey of faith involves our whole self ("Love God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, and your strength.") It involves worship, prayer, and service as we seek to experience and live out our faith.

But we are also called to seek an understanding of our faith and that involves study. Whether we are 2 or 102, we are called to be learners, to put our brains to use for better understanding God's word and God's will for us. Some of us learn simply for the information, a focus on facts. This type of learning delves into history and context, seeking to understand the author's objective and meaning. Learning for information is like a research project where we discover knowledge about God. Although this type/style of learning can provide us with important information, it is not the primary way God calls us to be learners. The information we learn about God and our faith should lead to formation. That means the information is meant to take root in our hearts and help reshape us into followers of Christ. Learning for formation helps us understand right from wrong, seek purpose and meaning, and look for how God is at work in our

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

lives. Learning this way allows the information we gather to form our thinking and actions. While this is an important step in the journey of faith, it is not the final one. The ultimate goal of learning is *transformation*. As the information forms us, we are changed from who we were to who God wants us to be. Paul says in Romans, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Through our learning, we are transformed as we grow from knowing about God to knowing and being known by God.

As we return from summer and begin to focus on a new school year, new church wide programs and activities, let us take up the challenge to be life-long learners, our faith being shaped and formed into who God would have us be!

### FEATURED ARTICLES

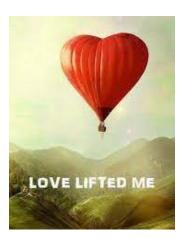
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### **MUSIC NOTES**

By Deborah Wenrich

The two songs that I have chosen this month to share the history of the hymns are Love Lifted Me and Standing on the Promises.



Love Lifted Me was written by two friends in Connecticut in 1912. James Rowe and Howard E. Smith. James Rowe was born in 1865 in Devonshire, England. When he was twenty-four, he immigrated to America and settled in Albany, NY. For the next ten years, he worked for the railroad, got married, and had a child. Sometime later he became a writer, composed many hymns, and edited music journals.

Howard E. Smith was born in 1863. He was a musician all his life and served as an organist in Connecticut. He could play the piano even though he suffered badly from

arthritis which twisted his hands.

Rowe and Smith wrote several hymns together including "Sweeter as the Years Go By" and "I Would Be Like Jesus". They wrote "Love Lifted Me" based on the passage where Peter was walking on the water, looked at the waves, started to sink, and cried out "Lord save me". Hymn Story: Love Lifted Me, Matthews, Diana Leagh 2014, August 31

https://dianaleaghmatthews.com/love-lifted-me/



Standing on the Promises was written by Russell Kelso Carter born in 1849. He was a native of Baltimore, MD. He taught chemistry, mathematics, civil engineering, and natural science at the Pennsylvania Military Academy. He also edited hymnals. Standing on the Promises was composed in 1886 while he was teaching at the Military Academy. In 1887, he was ordained into the ministry by

the Methodist Holiness camp meeting movement. The original text had five stanzas. The missing stanza reads:

Standing on the promises I now can see, Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me, Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, Standing on the promises of God

This hymn was not included in the authorized hymnal for Methodists, nor in the 1957 hymnal. It was included in the present version by way of the Evangelical United Methodists.

History of Hymns: Stirring "Promises" serves as popular crusade hymn Dr. Hawn, 2013, May 31 Discipleship Ministries, UMC

https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-stirring-promises-serves-as-popular-crusade-hymn

### CHRISTMAS PLAY AUDITIONS

The Christmas play will be on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. **AUDITIONS ARE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 & SEPTEMBER 24 AT 1:00 PM.** Rehearsals are on Sundays at 1:30 pm, starting October 1.



### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

There are several opportunities for people of all ages to share their talents in worshiping God. If you are interested in being a part of the music ministry, please contact Deborah Wenrich at <a href="mailto:deborah@beulahumc.org">deborah@beulahumc.org</a>, or come to a rehearsal.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: The choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, beginning September 7. The choir is open to all skill levels and voices. The Sanctuary Choir sings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month until June 16, 2024. The Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 17. WE NEED SOPRANOS, ALTOS, TENORS, AND BASSES!!!

BELLS OF PRAISE: Adult handbells is recruiting. If you know your right hand from your left hand, please come out and have some fun! Rehearsals are every Monday night from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and begin September 11. They will play on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month beginning in October and going forth until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June 2024.

WOMEN'S CHORUS: This new music group is open to ladies who would like to sing together (SATB, tight sound). Rehearsals are weekly from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and begin Tuesday, September 12. The women's Chorus will sing on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly.

## BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

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Starting **September 10, 2022**, we will begin a Bible Reading Challenge where we focus on reading the Word of God together as a church. Everyday there will a daily bible reading in the Old Testament starting with Genesis. A free NIV Study Bible is being offered to every person as we strive to be a church that is rooted in the Word of God. Please contact a staff member if you have not yet received your bible.

The Bible Reading plan can be round on the church's website at <a href="https://www.beulahumc.org/bible-reading-challenge">https://www.beulahumc.org/bible-reading-challenge</a>

### SEPTEMBER READING

- 10 Start of Challenge
- 11 Genesis 1-4
- 12 Genesis 5-8
- 13 Genesis 9-13
- 14 Genesis 14-17
- 15 Genesis 18-20
- 16 Genesis 21-23
- 17 Sunday (Catch-up day)
- 18 Genesis 24-26
- 19 Genesis 27-29
- 20 Genesis 30-31

- 21 Genesis 32-35
- 22 Genesis 36-38
- 23 Genesis 39-41
- 24 Sunday (Catch-up day)
- 25 Genesis 42-43
- 26 Genesis 44-46
- 27 Genesis 47-50
- 28 Exodus 1-3
- 29 Exodus 4-7
- 30 Exodus 8-10

## Root Cellar

By Barry Iglehart

root-cellar.org

### Avodah...Work

Throughout Scripture, notably Psalms and the Apostles' letters, we hear that God has work for us to do, planned and ordained for us since before the beginning of time. Jeremiah lets us know that Adonai has plans for us, for good and not for evil. Shortly we will celebrate a day dedicated to those that work for a living, or otherwise.

The Hebrew word is "avodah" and with various attachments takes on multiple denotations. Jesus knew the Psalms and Prophets and understood their use in going about the work He had here in this world, and the works. He understood His job and the goals He was to achieve. So far not much different than any of us. He came to the family of a craftsman, a carpenter and therefore understood the very human conditions and frustrations most of us face even today. Anyone who has ever worked retail holidays and weekends rarely had days off. Teachers have off during the summer? What about pastors? When do they ever really get any time?

So, what was/is Jesus' job? He came to seek the "lost sheep of Israel", to "proclaim release to the captives" and " the year of the LORD'S favor." He calls us to repentance and to worship God in spirit and in truth.

In short, we could say that His job was indeed to worship.

Interesting, as I've been told that "avodah" also means "worship" and not just "work". So, what might this mean for us? Scripture also tells us that all we do should be done for the Lord. Sounds like whatever we do should honor and bring praise to Him. Sounds like worship to me. Sounds like work and worship are bound up together. Not always easy, I know. We're to rejoice in all things, all situations, find blessing in all things, even that co-worker you wouldn't mind seeing left in the woods. Like I said, not always easy. Shalom chaverim! Peace to you, my friends!

### THIS MONTH'S COMMUNION OFFERING

### **Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry**

https://www.cchasm.org/

(Information taken from the CCHASM website)

The September Communion Offering goes towards The Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry. CCHASM is a non-profit providing emergency food, financial assistance, and women's clothing to area residents in Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Prince George, Virginia. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please write "Communion Offering" on the memo line of your check or envelope and then place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

### SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of September, they are requesting donations of canned food and pantry items to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming fall and winter. Your donation can be left on the wire rack at the Information Center or in the white Afterhours Donation Cabinet in the Breezeway. Thank you for your help in reaching our pledge of 5000 lbs.

### 10 BENEFITS OF CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

By William Boekestein

https://www.corechristianity.com/resources/articles/10-benefits-of-church-small-groups

If you've never been part of a church small group or have been part of a group that was unhelpful, it might be difficult to appreciate their draw. Indeed, the case for small groups is often overstated, as in, "small groups are really where church happens." To equate small groups with church is to miss Scripture's emphasis on elder-led (1 Tim. 1:5) Word and sacrament (Rom. 10:14; 1 Cor. 11:17-34), and corporate worship practiced by a distinct congregation (Heb. 10:25).

Orlando Saer puts it well: "The basic 'unit' of the church is the church itself, not some subdivision of it." Small groups are not the essence of the church. But without something like a small group ministry, it can be difficult for Christians to reflect the biblical pattern of communal life. Again, Saer is helpful: "Small groups can be a very helpful means of achieving ends which certainly are demanded by the Bible of Christian churches." The Bible does not demand "house churches." But there is an undeniable beauty in church members meeting publicly as well as in homes (Acts 20:20; Rom. 16:5). Christ's followers break bread together as a united family in the Eucharist and as smaller groups around tables where common life happens (Acts 2:46-47).

There are many reasons why small group fellowship meetings have been an important part of Christian experience throughout the ages.

### 1. Discipleship

Small groups provide opportunities for believers to learn from each other as they apply the gospel within the intimacy of relationships (Titus 2:1–8). "Who is Jesus?" (cf. Matt. 16:15) is critical to hear from the pulpit. But we also need friends to help us wrestle through that question face to face. We need people who are willing to get to know us so they can help us walk with Christ more faithfully (Acts 18:24-26).

### 2. Study

Some Christian groups meet to discuss and apply Scripture. Of course, there are pitfalls to group Bible study which the elders should work to prevent by providing good materials and capable, accountable group leaders. But by discussing and applying Scripture together, members can learn to understand not only the Bible, but also each other, so that each will know better how to love the other. The combination of a capable Bible teacher and eager learners, all exchanging ideas together, can be powerful.

### 3. Curiosity

When small group leaders cultivate an environment of openness and trust, group members are encouraged to ask questions they might not ask elsewhere. "I heard the pastor use the word 'justification' before. Now I just heard it again. What does it mean?"

### 4. Accountability

When we think about church accountability, we are right to think about elders (<u>Titus 1:5–9</u>). But elders should first equip God's people to work out their problems together. Every member should encourage and gently urge their brothers and sisters to better follow the Lord (Matt. 18:15-20; Gal. 6:1-2). But how can we exhort others to "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 1:3) if we rarely witness them practice the faith outside of corporate worship?



### LISTS OF GROUPS AND STUDIES STARTING THIS MONTH

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Men's Study

Room 112, Mondays at 10:00 am

Springdale Study Springdale, Fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am

### SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays at 9:45 am

Belong (Middle and High School Age) Youth Pod Children (Elementary Age) Room 110 Nursery (Ages 0 to 4 years) Nursery Crusaders Room 112 Room 106 Harvey Mariners Room 109 **New Centurions** Room 250 **Pathfinders** Room 246 Sojourners Disciples of God Room 249 Wordseekers Room 107

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### 5. Shepherding

If small groups can help believers assist each other, they can also help elders shepherd their flocks with greater familiarity and empathy. Model-elder Paul "lived among" the believers at Asia (Acts 20:18) so that he knew how to proclaim what was helpful from house to house (v. 20). If parishioners feel that their elders do not know them well enough to help them through the tears and trials of life, small groups can help close the shepherding gap.



### 6. Evangelism

If we fervently believe in the power of the means of grace—that God works his grace through the official proclamation of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments—we should desire that the "uninformed" and "unbelievers" be present in corporate worship so that they too will worship God as they sense his presence (1 Cor. 14:22–27). But small group meetings can be an important stepping stone to church worship. Likewise, many church members might find it easier invite friends to a small group who are unready to come to church.

### 7. Hospitality

Many believers feel drawn to practice the biblical imperative of loving those to whom they have no natural bond (<u>Heb. 13:2</u>, <u>Rom. 12:13</u>, etc.), but they don't always know how to begin. The very *thought* of hosting non-family members can intimidate. But as believers gather in homes for food and spiritual conversation, those present can witness hospitality blossoming from theory to practice.

### 8. Commitment

Many churches have a number of guests or occasional visitors "orbiting" the church; they are considering landing but not sure if or how they can. Small groups can provide a way for those who are trying—or considering whether they would like to try—to break into the life of the church.

### 9. Praver

In the New Testament believers prayed together "with one accord" (Acts 4:24). Believers pray in private and in their family networks. In corporate worship, they pray heartily while the minister voices the words for the community. But in small groups, children and parents, neighbors and friends, elders and new converts help each other come to the throne of grace, articulating their praise and petitions in personalized words and accents. In such settings, we can learn to pray even as we appreciate the universal fatherhood of God among believers.

### 10. Socializing

Fellowship is not a spiritually-neutral activity. As we catch up with friends and make new ones, we practice our calling to understand and love each other. As we share and listen to stories, we learn how others are attempting to intersect the common life and the sacred life.

Small groups can help us develop a greater sense of Christian community in a disconnected age. They can facilitate the formation of deeper Christian friendships, encourage greater spiritual accountability among church members, and become a natural opportunity for inviting unbelieving and unchurched (or under-churched) neighbors to interact with a covenant community.

Small groups should never supplant the church. But they can provide a setting where the church begins to experience the kind of closeness that will characterize the life of the redeemed in the age to come.

### **OTHER GROUPS**

Beulah's Best Fellowship Hall, Third Tuesday at 10:00 am

Card Ministry Room 12, Mondays at 10:00 am

Family Group Pastor Daniel's home

Hugging Hearts
Room 251, See Louise King for details
Matter of Balance
Fellowship Hall, Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Prayer Meeting
Room 107, Last Wednesday at 5:15 pm
Prayer Shawls
Room 111, Third Tuesday at 1:30 pm
United Methodist Men
Fellowship Hall, Third Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Wednesday Worship Meals
Fellowship Hall, every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Youth Fellowship Hall, Sundays at 5:30 pm

### **MUSIC GROUPS**

Bells of Praise Mondays at 6:00 pm
Women's Chorus Tuesdays, at 6:00 pm
Beulah Land Quartet Thursdays at 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Theater Players Sundays at 1:00 pm
C&Y Bells Wednesdays at 5:00 pm



# United Women in Faith

## BEULAH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CIRCLES

We have four circles in our unit of United Women in Faith, three that meet during the day, and one that meets in the evening. The members provide financial support for global and national missions and financial and volunteer support for local missions, in addition to the emotional support for each other in good times and bad. If you are a woman with a heart for mission, look for our circle meeting dates and times in the Beacon each month and consider visiting them. If you would like to join our UWF without joining a circle--yes, it's possible--contact Barbara Tuttle, 804-271-2289. We are also open to ideas for new circles, including online circles that meet on social media.

Mary Farmer Circle of Love Second Tuesday at 10:00 am

Rebekah Fellowship Second Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
Second Monday at 10:00 am

Wesleyan Stratton Third Wednesday at 1:00 pm

### **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

When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.

Jeremiah 29:13

### Witness

The Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Centroamericana, in partnership with other organizations, facilitate a project called Protection Transfer Agreement in El Salvador. Through this program, individuals and family groups who experienced displacement are given the opportunity for a new and safe life, away from the life-threatening issues at hand. I am moved by the strength manifested by the people who were and are in situations of risk and vulnerability. Although I witness their courage, some feel left, forsaken and abandoned - even by God. The question, "Where is God in all these injustices?" is strong and present. With all the overwhelming unrest and disbelief we stand as believers of Jesus Christ, as witnesses of the love poured out to those who need comfort, refuge and light. Just like a farmer, we sow seeds of hope, trusting the Holy Spirit to nourish and sustain.

-Kate Crystal B. Bael, Global Mission Fellow International, from the Philippines serving in El Salvador, Instituto de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Centroamericana UCA

### Praver

Please pray for international missionaries serving in Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and our missionaries serving in the United States in Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

### BEULAH UWF PRAYER BRUNCH

All women are invited to our annual Prayer Brunch on Friday, September 8, at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The World Thanks Offering will be taken, and our guest speaker will be Michelle Russell, Jann Niccoli's daughter, who will speak on the International Rescue Committee, a local organization involved in the resettlement of refugees.

## RICHMOND DISTRICT UWF DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The District Annual Meeting/Leadership Development will be held in person on Saturday, September 30, at Gum Spring UMC, 191 Cross Country Rd., Gum Spring, 23065. Registration begins at 9:30, and the meeting begins at 10:00. The guest speaker will be Dr. Karen McElfish, who will speak on the UM Creation Justice Movement and the VA Green Church Initiative. The meeting will be livestreamed.

### THE MONTH IN REVIEW

On Sunday, August 20, Beulah kicked off the Disaffiliation Agreement Cost Campaign. The campaign is to raise the funds required to execute the Disaffiliation Agreement by December 7, 2023. We believe the closing amount required will be approximately \$585,000. As of this date we have received or have in process approximately \$322,601. This leaves \$262,399 we need to raise. Please see the table in the Narthex or a Finance Committee representative for information on how to pledge and /or donate to this fund.



On Sunday, August 20, a special Back to School service was held to pray over and offer God's blessing for students, teachers, support staff, and those who work in the school system. Please continue to pray over the students and those who pour so much of their time and love in them.

On Sunday, August 27, we welcomed new member Pat Gulick. She lives at Springdale and participates in the monthly Bible study there.



## DISAFFILIATION AGREEMENT COST CAMPAIGN

ATTENTION: Sunday School Classes, Organizations like UMM, UWF, Bazaar, etc. and various committees. PLEASE consider a Special Donation to our Disaffiliation Campaign Goals. Note on your check "Disaffiliation" and drop it in the box in the Narthex, drop it in the offering plate, or give it to a Staff Member in the office. Many, Many THANKS!!!!!

### UMCOR IN HAWAII

Our United Methodist Committee on Relief is working with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide emergency supplies in Maui. If you would like to help with this effort, please make your check out to "Beulah UMC" with "Advance #901670 – Hawaii" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go for relief. Thank you for your generosity.

### A MATTER OF BALANCE

Back by popular demand! This 8-week class emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. You will learn to: view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. This class is open to anyone concerned about falls or interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength. The classes are on Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm,

September 07 through October 26. To register for this free workshop, please contact Kathy Brown by phone (804-343-3004) or email (kbrown@youraaa.org).

### HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

Greater Richmond Chapter of HLAA will meet on **Saturday, September 9**, at 10:30 am in room 250. Alan Brown , a Beulah member who passed in 2017, helped start this chapter. This will be the HLAA's first in-person meeting since the pandemic. The meetings are open to anyone. The September Program will feature special guest Noelle Webb. Noelle will do a presentation on service dogs for hard of hearing individuals. She is a certified professional dog trainer - training companion dogs and service dogs through a partnership with "paws with a cause." She is also the founder of the blue paw project with a mission of inspiring and educating dog parents and children on canine communication, giving seminars nationwide on this topic.

### ATTENTION MEN

The Men's Bible Study will restart their weekly bible study on **Monday, September 11** at 10:00 am in room 111. All men are welcomed. This bible study will be a space to explore and discuss various books of the bible. Even if you have never attended a bible study before, please come join us. Study guides are available at no charge for all who wish to attend and the meetings usually last about an hour and a half.

### **BEULAH'S BEST**

We will meet **Tuesday, September 19**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be music presented by Damian & Kathy Muller followed by a covered dish luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring a dish.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Trunk or Treat is on **Tuesday, October 31** with a rain date of Wednesday, November 1. Please be on the look out as sign up for spaces and the start of candy donations will be coming soon.

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS FALL SCHEDULE

September 13

Emma, Louise, Sarah: Chicken Pot Pie, salad, dessert

September 20

Crusader: BBQ, coleslaw, beans, dessert

September 27

Chili Cook Off

October 04

Mariners: To Be Announced

October 11

New Centurions: Potato bar and dessert

October 18

Mary E. Farmer Circle of Love: Italian pasta and dessert

October 25

Wesleyan Stratton: Hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert

November 01

Friendship Circle: To Be Announced

November 08

Prayer Team: Pino's Lasgna, salad, and dessert

**November 15** 

Available

### CHILI COOK OFF

As part of the Wednesday Worship Meal, there will be Chile Cook-Off on **September 27**, so get out the crock pots and some copies of your recipe and let's make it fun and share our recipes with friends. There will be awards given for first, second, and third place. To enter your chili in the cook-off please visit the Information Center.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 01 Travis Brooks
- 01 Ruth Glick
- 02 Barry Iglehart
- 03 Bridgette Harrison Sarah Inman Brenda Ridgeway
- 04 Amanda Collins
- 05 Colton Boitet
- 07 Pamela Collins Kelsey Cunningham
- 11 Luke Gibson Beth Spitzley

- 12 Louis Corde
- 14 Stephen Bates Bruce Sadler
- 15 Walt Hayden
- 16 Helen Costello
- 17 Rob Childrey
- 18 Rachel Ammons Ray McKinney Freda Quayson
- 20 Teresa Griggs
- 22 Tina CunninghamJean HensonArlene Mays
- 23 William Mustian

24 Ruth Koenig

25 Will Adams Diane Clark

Ryder Sadler

26 Gayle Crutchfield

Richard Hensel

- 28 Jennifer Cary
- 30 Nancy Cowardin Bill Payne

Ninna Smith

### THANK YOU NOTE

### To: Beulah Friends

### From: Pat Compton and family

Thank you does not seem adequate to express my appreciation for all the calls, spoken words of sympathy and cards that I have received after the death of my daughter, Tammy. The meaningful words of comfort have been read over and over and helped to make things easier. I feel so blessed to have so many caring friends.

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 04 Church Closed for Labor Day
- 08 UWF Prayer Brunch
- 09 Hearing Loss Association
- 10 Start of Bible Reading Challenge
- 11 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 12 Mary Farmer Circle of Love Finance Meeting
- 13 Start of Wednesday Worship Meals
- 17 Christmas Play Auditions
- 19 Beulah's Best Prayer Shawl
  - United Methodist Men's Dinner
- 24 Christmas Play Auditions
- 26 Springdale Bible Study27 Prayer Meeting

### REOCCURRING WEEKLY

Sunday 8:30 Worship

Sunday School

11:00 Worship

Monday Card Ministry

Men's Bible study

Bells of Praise Rehearsal

Scouts

**Tuesday** Cub Scouts

Women's Chorus Rehearsal

Wednesday Staff Meeting

C&Y Bells Rehearsal

Wednesday Worship Meals

A Matter of Balance Class

Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

02 Roy Hartless Bee Malone

**Thursday** 

David Orr

05 Rachel Holmes Betty Skaggs

07 Frances Dail

