



BEULAH BEACON

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WHOSE CHILD ARE YOU?

Ben was about 12 years old when a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early. But one day the preacher said the benediction so fast he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. He said that he could feel every eye in church on him.

"Just about the time I got to the door I felt a big hand on my shoulder. I looked up and the preacher was looking right at me. 'Who are you, son? Whose boy are you?'

"I felt the old weight come on me. It was like a big black cloud. Even the preacher was putting me down.

"But as he looked down at me, studying my face, he began to smile a big smile of recognition. 'Wait a minute,' he said, 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance. You are a child of God.'

With that he slapped Ben across the rump and said, 'Boy you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.'"

Ben Hooper would later say, "That was the most important single sentence ever said to me." Ben Hooper would one day be elected and re-elected Governor of Tennessee.

Each of us have a great inheritance and we need to go throughout Chesterfield and the world and CLAIM it.
Have a great June.

In His service, **Pastor Keith**

Introductions brim with possibility. When you're in high school, you wonder if the girl who saw you drop your books in the crowded hallway will become your beloved wife one day?

When you're driving down Ironbridge, will a "Help Wanted" sign be the start of a 30 year career? When you're talking with a friend, will a passing comment about "it's the place I love to worship" lead your friend to your church? When we are introduced, the possibilities for future relationship are endless. It is why there are butterflies on first dates and on first days of school. It is why nervousness abounds in job interviews and maybe even signing the pew pad for the first time at Beulah. Will this be the start of something significant?

Goodbyes cause a different kind of nervousness. Some goodbyes are unwanted, others are unexpected. Goodbyes mean separation and departure. At first glance, goodbyes seem empty of possibility. And yet, when a goodbye comes, something new will be coming along... A new relationship, a new job or a new school. Goodbyes don't come without prospects. In reality, like introductions, goodbyes are replete with opportunity. Sometimes it's hard to see that in the rearview mirror when we are struggling not to cry.

That said, it is with tears and anticipation that Emily and I will be leaving Beulah at the end of this month to serve Rocky Mount United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount, Virginia. With this move comes the hard goodbye of leaving a church and a people that have filled up every corner of our hearts. While Emily and I will always cherish the relationships that have been forged in the ministry we've shared with you, we anticipate new introductions and greetings in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. As we say goodbye, let us remember the words of the Lord through the prophet Jeremiah: "I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future (Jer. 29:11)." God keeps His promises and is faithful. The goodbyes we face in our lives are leading us closer to the better future God has for all of us. We anticipate great things because we know a great God.

For Emily and me, there will be new opportunities that will come in serving a different church. We will go to Rocky Mount with the lessons you taught us and the love that you gave us, and we will be forever grateful for those memories. At the same time, Beulah will welcome a terrific new associate pastor, with different gifts, bringing different opportunities and perspective. And you will love them as you have loved us.

God bless you Beulah! – **Pastor Will**

PRAYER CALANDER:

Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In the work that I do as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, I see the "poor in spirit" daily. I answer God's call to be a blessing to "the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jana Marie Whitten, deaconess St. John's United Methodist Church/Salmon Falls behavioral Health

Please pray for our missionaries in Kenya, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Liberia, Cameroon, Tunisia and those serving at home in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, and Kansas.

LECTIONARY:

June 05 – 1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 12 – 1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19 – 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23; Luke 7:26-8:3

June 26 – 2 Kings 2:12, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-15; Luke 9:51-62

COMMUNION OFFERING:

2016 Virginia Annual Conference Offering supporting mission projects in Cambodia, Brazil, Mozambique, and Virginia

FAITH BUILDER:

"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will."

– *John Wesley*

2016 SAMARITAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE HERMITAGE

Contributions to the Samaritan Fund is your opportunity to help residents of the Virginia United Methodist Homes (VUMH) when they are at their most vulnerable. This is a faith based, non-profit organization, and does not ask residents to leave when, through no fault of their own, they can no longer meet the full cost of their care.



The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day each year but you can make a donation any time during the year. Please consider doing so in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special in your life. Envelopes are at the volunteer's desk. Please mark your envelope for The Hermitage of Richmond because that is the one we at Beulah support. Your donation goes directly to the financial support of residents in need and will not be used for operational, capital or administrative cost.

Thank you so much for your support over the years.

BEULAH ENTERTAINS KIDS AT FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Besides having a good number of volunteers for Chesterfield Food Bank distribution, Beulah is now responsible for children's activities every third month. This provides an opportunity for those who would like to help but are unable to be on their feet or for long periods or lift bags and boxes. More than 15 children joined us to make mother's day cards, color, listen to and participate in a story, and win prizes. Join us at Hopkins Road Elementary School each first Saturday of the month.

**CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute food to needy families throughout Chesterfield County. Here are the times and locations:

Every Friday from 5:00pm at Food Bank Headquarters, 12211 Iron Bridge Road

Saturdays from 8:00am:

1st Saturday of the month at Hopkins Road Elementary School, 6000 Hopkins Road;
2nd Saturday of the month at Elizabeth Scott Elementary School, 813 Beginners Trail Ln;
3rd Saturday of the month at Etrick Elementary School, 20910 Chesterfield Ave;
4th Saturday of the month at J.A. Chalky elementary School, 3301 Turner Road.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "THE BARNYARD ROUNDUP" HAS BEGUN

Register for VBS at the volunteer desk, the church's website and/or Facebook page. Volunteer Cowboys and Cowgirls are needed to make this a successful event. The dates are June 20-24 from 9am-12:15pm @ Saint Augustine. Please contact Pastor Tracey or Karen Clanton if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Ever wonder what a quadrilateral has to do with John Wesley? Ever speculate about where your tithe goes? Ever ponder what exactly Beulah does missionally both in the neighborhood and in Kenya? Please contact Pastor Will (will@beulahumc.org) for our upcoming Membership Class. Membership in the United Methodist Church entitles you to all the opportunities offered at Beulah UMC. The classes will be held on Wednesday June 1st and 8th at 7:00 pm in room 249.

STAR RETURNS TO BEULAH

Beulah will again join with Chesterfield County Schools to host three summer reading parties, for the Summer Time Access to Reading (STAR) program. We are inviting students from Beulah Elementary School and other neighborhood children to join us on Tuesday, June 14, from 6 to 8pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have books, games, crafts and snacks. If you can help out with this, please contact Joanne Barreca at [804-658-0086](tel:804-658-0086) or email jlbarreca@yahoo.com.

**WHAT DO YOUR CONFERENCE KITS DO?**

A layette wraps a newborn refugee in warm clothing. A health kit allows a tornado victim to wash up after salvaging all he can from his home. A cleaning bucket helps a family scrub out their flood-damaged home. A school kit allows a future doctor to get an education when her parents can't afford supplies. On Sunday, June 12, we will dedicate 600 kits or more, a goal we will reach with everyone's help. The flame on the chart in the hallway collection area is already rising. You will find the kit instructions on the chart.

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

Creation Care; Our church's concern for the environment goes far beyond politics and bureaucratic policies. As God-fearing people, we must take our role as stewards of God's creation very seriously, because we answer to a higher authority. In the cover articles of the May issue, churches share what they have done, and ideas are given for doing more. Beulah has already made some changes. Can we do more? There are also articles about the closing of VUMAC in Blackstone and the plans for tornado relief in Virginia. Stay informed! The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center in the outer narthex. Subscribe at any time by calling their office at 804-521-1100. Barbara Tuttle, Beulah's Advocate Representative

ORDINATION

Pastor Will will be ordained as a Full Elder in the United Methodist Church at Annual Conference and invites all to attend this momentous occasion. It is because of you, Beulah, that he has made it! Thank you for your prayers throughout the process and your flexibility with scheduling throughout the completion of Clinical Pastoral Education and papers on Theology, Practice of Ministry, and Vocation and Leadership. The ordination will take place at the Berglund Center (formerly the Roanoke Civic Center) at 7:30pm on June 18. No tickets are required. You may also watch online live for free at www.vaumc.org.

**FRIDAY NITE LIVE**

Friday Nite Live this month features our house band, Beulah Road, who will lead us through in song to our Savior! Pastor Will brings a message of hope and promise that God is good, all the time. Service begins at 7pm, June 10th. Come for the hope that is found in Jesus Christ, stay for the delicious Krispy Kremes.

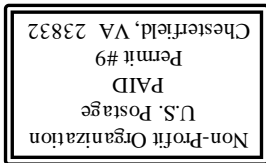
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 03- Mariners Dinner
- June 07- Admin Board Meeting
- June 08- Hugging Hearts
- June 14- Mary E. Farmer Circle
- June 10- Friday Night Live
- June 21- UMM Dinner
Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- June 15- Circle of Love
Wesleyan-Stratton
- June 19- Rebekah Fellowship
- June 22- Hugging Hearts
- June 24- COM

Mon. 10am: Men's Bible Study
Thurs. 10am: Lady's Bible Study

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE

- 01 – Robbie Cordova,
- 02 – Martha Payne,
- 03 – Miranda Creasey, Valerie Sarrett, Cathy Walden
- 04 – Jeffrey Moats, William Sanderson, Kellyn Staneart,
- 05 – Howard Bareford, Ann Gould, Anne Christopher, Geneva Harris, Bryan Wallin,
- 07 – Brandon Conner, Tom Connor, William Tinsley
- 08 – Frankie Beatty, Lindsey Lankey,
- 09 – David Jones
- 10 – Abigail Cordova, William Gillette, Chelsea Griffith, Paul Tuttle
- 11 – George Cash, Jo-Ann Clark, Dolly Covington, Terry Gillespie, Jacob Stanfield
- 12 – John Clanton, Richard Feeback, Kelsey Inman, Alex Ogunware, Annie Sandy
- 13 – Jessie Wallin
- 14 – Richard Dunkum
- 15 – Savannah Baron
- 16 – Alan Brown, Natalie Christian, John Huband, Kent Hudson, Amy Kluis, Ron McKissick, Patricia Scott, Barbara Tinsley
- 17 – Amy Byers, Rebecca McKissink
- 18 – Jennifer Anderson, Jon Kluis, Linda Litton, Karen McCauley, Chris Shaffer
- 19 – Jay Ammons, Joe Garrison, John Lancaster, Geneva Setien, Kelsey Smith, Travis Wilson
- 20 – Ann Arnold, Matthew Holicky, Alex Sargent, Bridget Soyars, Peggy Taylor
- 21 – Nancy Garrison, David Hastings
- 22 – Brendan Barclay
- 23 – Conner Hamilton, Kate Moats, Ann Worrell
- 24 – Loran Byers, Ryan Carter, Jennifer Martin
- 25 – Mireya Barriga, Joyce Biringer, Marilyn Corbitt, Isabella Koontz, Carson Miles, Carl Williams
- 27 – Kellie Barton, Ed Christopher, Karen Flores, James Glazier, Julie Matthews, Jennifer Pisa, Pauline Sherrill
- 28 – Jeff Magee, Garry Soyars, Vincent Wilson
- 29 – Don Foster, Kathy Lauver, Jane Schmierer, Bill Stearns
- 30 – Jackie Corde, Joanna Peterson, Lydia Spitzley



**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY**

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

THANK YOU'S:

To: Men's Chorus

From: Beulah members at Springdale

Thank you! Thank you! Beulah's Men's Chorus, Sherrie, and Joel for the beautiful Sunday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed your singing so very much. One Lady said she had never heard the "Lord's Prayer" sung as well as Joel sang it that day. We enjoyed visiting with you during refreshments. Please come again soon.

To: Mary Farmer Fellowship/Circle

From: Neighbors Outreach Worldwide

On behalf of Susan and Len Eastwood, I'd like to thank you for your recent donation to Neighbors Outreach Worldwide. Your gift will help purchase much needed bibles for the community.
V/R. Pepper Ailor Volunteer

To: Beulah UMW

From: Kingsway Prison & Family Outreach

Thank you for your gift to Kingsway. It is greatly appreciated and allows us to serve others. When you plant in God's kingdom you will share in the harvest. Thank you for your donation to this ministry.

To: Beulah Friends

From: John Hall

I cannot thank you all enough for the thoughts, prayers, and kindness directed toward me during my hospital stay and the days after as I slowly recover. Special thanks to all of you who sent cards to cheer my spirits. Also to Barbara Dudley, Pat Soyers, and Cathy Turner for providing wonderful meals. Finally a big thanks to Keith for being there with us every step of the way and for the beautiful plant. Blessed to be part of the Beulah Family!

To: Beulah

From: Betty Lowe

Beulah people are just wonderful. Thank you so much for the many phone calls, cards, prayers and food following my automobile accident. The Lord has blessed me in many ways and I am so grateful.

Send in your well wishes and notes of thankfulness to the church to be added to the next BEACON or email them to suzanne@beulahumc.org

