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BEULAH BEACON

Transforming lives as we seek, share, and serve God.

THE SUMMER IN REVIEW

THE M25 MISSION TRIP: FROM CHAD CONNER (ADULT LEADER)

When I was asked to share my experiences regarding the youth mission trip I said yes right away because I had such a great experience and thought it should be shared with the entire church. I only wish that I hadn't been sick on the Sunday when I was going to share, so Pastor Marti asked me to write it out.

This was a mission trip unlike anything that I have ever done before. Growing up in this church I had the privilege of going on several mission trips but with those trips I never had to talk with a stranger, pray with a stranger, or share the word of God with anyone who I didn't already know. Knowing that I at 36 years old had never done anything like this before I assumed that most of the kids hadn't either and I was right. This was something brand new to almost all of us who went on the trip. I saw God moving in our group the entire trip but mostly I saw how God started to mold these youth and myself into his disciples. God had our agenda planned well in advance even if the camp didn't realize it yet. Our first few days of going out to meet the homeless was preparing us for our last and most difficult day and without the experiences from those first few days I am not sure how we would have made it through the last day there. There were a few youth that I didn't think I would see pray for the group or for a stranger, but they surprised me and by that last day I had seen them all praying and socializing with the homeless.

The last day at the camp we were taken to the bridges around Atlanta where we witnessed people living in conditions not fit for animals. The sights, smells, and sounds of this place will live in my memory forever. It was under one of these bridges where I met a woman who I will never forget. As I walked up an incline I noticed a woman sitting on the ground rubbing her feet, her face covered with tears. When I looked down and saw the condition of her feet I assumed that is why she was crying but it wasn't. She was crying because she had her children taken from her and all that she wanted in the world was to be able to see them, talk to them, and hold them. A few others from our group had joined in to pray for this woman as well, after we had finished praying with and for her I stood up and started to walk away from the group to try to compose myself. Her struggle had really gotten to me and I felt her pain. It felt as if I had a hole right through my chest, I couldn't swallow, I couldn't breathe, and I couldn't get my emotions under control. While composing myself I had walked to the top of the incline behind where she had made her home and noticed that right across from where she stayed was a playground. It looked to be a preschool or daycare of some sort and I thought to myself that maybe hearing the children playing was somehow a comfort to her and that she had chosen this exact spot for that reason.

It made me feel like I take a lot of things for granted. It made me realize how important it is to see, hear, and hug my kids every day because not everyone is able to do that. I was there to help her but I think that she has helped me more than I could have ever helped her. I don't know her name but every night I pray for God to ease her pain and I hope that someone can help her the way that she has helped me. I think that we all learned a lot on this mission trip. We learned about each other, about how hard life can be, but most importantly we learned that we can collectively make a difference. We might not be able to change someone's life but we can "Change a Day".

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

After church service on August 27 over ninety of our Beulah congregation donned their red hairnets and got to work measuring, bagging, sealing, and packing over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger to send where needed the most. This is a fun, multigenerational event for a good cause. We thank all donors, participants, cooks and food preparers, and the Boy Scouts for their heavy lifting to make this possible.

PRAYER CALANDER:

By being willing to work with the people, discovering and promoting their efforts and areas in which God is already at work, praying with/for them, being willing to learn their culture- food and language, and participating in forums and workshops, I am part of people and they are part of me. Christopher Hamera, Global Mission Fellow-Intl., Initiatives for Peace in Mindanao (InPeace), headquartered in Daven City, Phillipines

Please pray for our missionaries in Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Laos and Vietnam and those serving at home in New York, North Carolina, North Dakota and Ohio.

LECTIONARY:

October 01 – Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 8 – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 – Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 22 - Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 – Deuteronomy 31:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

COMMUNION OFFERING:

World Communion Sunday

FAITH BUILDER:

*“With Christ,
it is not how much we give,
but what we do not give
that is the real test.”*

— Oswald Chambers

Summer School Supply Program

Beulah rose to the challenge and donated bags and bags of school supplies, which we sorted and offered for sale (\$3 for a backpack and supplies) on three Mondays in August in the Bensley Elementary School parking lot during the Chesterfield Food Bank distribution. The children and parents were excited to choose their purchases, and each week we took the money we made and purchased more supplies. We were able to provide for about 90 students. We then took boxes of remaining supplies too Bensley, Beulah, and Hopkins elementary schools, AND had money left over to donate to the Food Bank! Thank you to everyone who participated in any way and helped to make this a success!

Summer Food Distribution Program Completed

Beulah again took part in the Chesterfield Food Bank’s distribution of breakfasts and lunches to children who normally receive these meals at school during the school year. This included donating food items; packing the bags at the Food Bank on Thursday mornings with other church groups, scouts, work groups and local families; and meeting with, registering, and loading the food into client vehicles on Mondays. Some days we distributed to almost 120 children. Many thanks to all who took part, showing up rain or shine, to perform this mission. This was a partnership with the Chesterfield Food Bank, Webber Memorial Baptist Church, and Oak Grove Baptist Church.

National Night Out 2017

Beulah participated in Chesterfield County’s National Night Out on August 1 with a neighborhood party in Fellowship Hall. Church members, neighbors, scouts, local schools attended and enjoyed hot dogs, snacks and ice cream, books and games, and a visit by Crime Fighting Officer McGruff, with music by members of our Beulah Road Band providing a festive atmosphere. The county reported the largest number of parties ever!

CONFERENCE KIT TOTAL 34.6 TONS!

The Virginia Annual Conference reports the following totals for kits: Bedding 390; Birthing 4,479 (Beulah 50); Cleaning 366 (Beulah 5); Health 26,679 (Beulah 367); Layette 1,397 (Beulah 23); Sewing 540; School 12,987 (Beulah 222); Items for kits 254. Two trucks carried almost 70,000 pounds of love and hope to UMCOR’s Sager-Brown Depot in Louisiana! Thank you!

THE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 1	Malachi 1-4	October 17	Mark 6-7
October 2	Matthew 1-4	October 18	Mark 8-9
October 3	Matthew 5-6	October 19	Mark 10-11
October 4	Matthew 7-8	October 20	Mark 12-13
October 5	Matthew 9-10	October 21	Mark 14
October 6	Matthew 11-12	October 22	Mark 15-16
October 7	Matthew 13-14	October 23	Luke 1
October 8	Matthew 15-17	October 24	Luke 2-3
October 9	Matthew 18-19	October 25	Luke 4-5
October 10	Matthew 20-21	October 26	Luke 6-7
October 11	Matthew 22-23	October 27	Luke 8-9
October 12	Matthew 24-25	October 28	Luke 10-11
October 13	Matthew 26	October 29	Luke 12-13
October 14	Matthew 27-28	October 30	Luke 14-16
October 15	Mark 1-3	October 31	Luke 17-18
October 16	Mark 4-5		

VIRGINIA U. M. ADVOCATE

Have you ever come to church with a smile on your face but an aching in your heart, hoping to find comfort in worship? Have you felt the ache growing less painful as you join with others in singing the opening songs so carefully chosen to prepare us for the pastor’s message? The cover articles for the September issue, including one with Josh Wortham of Chester UMC, discuss the importance of music in worship and the thought process that goes into choosing the music for each gathering. Other articles describe devotions on the Roanoke River, a pastor’s walk to Washington to fight Medicaid cuts, and using Facebook Live to continue worship beyond Sunday morning and reach virtual visitors with information and spiritual guidance. The Advocate is available at the Welcome Center and on tables in the narthex. Subscribe at any time by calling their office at 521-1100. Barbara Tuttle, Beulah’s Advocate Representative

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 02** - New Centurions Dinner COM
- October 06** - Mariners Dinner
- October 07** - Hopkins Distribution UMW Mission Team
- October 10 - Mary E Farmer Circle Finance Committee
- October 11 - Hugging Hearts
- October 13 - Senior Council Lunch Friday Nite Live
- October 14 - Community Action Project
- October 16 - Beulah’s Best
- October 17 - Prayer Shawl Ministry Ruth Robertson Friendship UMM Dinner
- October 18 - Circle of Love Wesleyan-Stratton
- October 19 - Rebekah Fellowship
- October 21 - Oyster Roast
- October 24 - Admin Board
- October 25 - Hugging Hearts
- October 27 - Sandy Creek Bluegrass
- October 29- Harvest Festival

WEEKLY:

- Sun** - Men’s Chorus Practice
- Mon** - Card Ministry
Bells of Praise Practice
Men’s Bible Study
- Wed** - Beulah Road Band Practice
Fall Dinners
Music Makers Practice
Praise Team Practice
- Thursday** - Cantata Choir Practice
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Women’s Bible Study

OYSTER ROAST AND BBQ

Come and enjoy some oysters and help raise funds for NOW (Neighbors Outreach Worldwide) missionaries Susan and Len Eastwood. They work to educate more than 35 children and support many community activities in Kenya. The date is Saturday, October 21, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for donations only, checks can be made to NOW.

TIS THE SEASON

Please join us for the Hermitage’s Bazaar and Bake Sale, on **Friday, October 27**, from 10:30 am - 2:30 am and Saturday the 28th, 9:30am – Noon. The Hermitage’s social hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland with many Christmas and Fall items for your shopping pleasure. All the rooms in the basement "Country Store" will also be open. The Hermitage is located at 1600 Westwood Ave, Richmond, VA.

FRIDAY NITE LIVE



October 13, at 7:00 pm Pastor Marti will share *The Lord is Near*. This month’s guest musicians are 70x7. Come and enjoy this great worship experience.

BIRTHDAY’S FOR OCTOBER

- 01- David Moore, Daisy Parker, B.B. Taylor
- 02- Roy Hartless, David Orr,
- 05- Robyn Abernathy, Lee Grammer, Harry Grammer, Rachel Holmes, Rebecca Mendoza
- 06- Carol Story, Arthur Warren
- 07- Lillian Andusko, Fran Dail, Thomas Grammer
- 08- Katie O’Kennon, Amada Tharp,
- 09- Jackie Collins, Karis Gibson, Dani Martinez
- 10- Gale Giles
- 11- Alice McKissick, Benjamin Roache, Carolyn Tuttle
- 12- Jorge Barriga, Herb Peterson
- 13- David Glass
- 14- Troy Taylor
- 15- Josie Roache, Rob Witherspoon
- 17- Sydney Dodson,
- 18- Mikey Cordova, Dominyck Jacob, Diane Kuti, Evan Kuti
- 19- Pattie Peterson
- 20- Carlotn Davis, Bryan Hayden, Henry Martin, Donna Smith, Barbara Tuttle
- 21- Michael Williams
- 22- Dawn Hall, Jann Niccoli, Barbara Sadler, Jim Tyler,
- 23- Beth Dunkum
- 25- Brenda Carner, Nancy Dyckes, Tommy Waterworth, Rachael Yocum, Rebekah Yocum
- 27- Mark Creasy, Ty Schmeierer
- 28- Sandra Rubin
- 29- Diane Andusko, Frances Kinneberg, Elizabeth Scott, Sterl Sharp
- 30- Elizabeth Cole
- 31- Sarah Glass, Bill Putnam

BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet Oct. 16th at 10:00. Our program will be Josh Wortham and the Joy Singers from Chester UMC. Come enjoy the music and the fellowship.

CROP HUNGER WALK

The Beulah UMC team is registered on the Richmond CROP Hunger Walk page: www.crophungerwalk.org/richmondva. Join the team online to raise funds through social media. Contact Barbara Tuttle, 804-271-2289, for your donation envelope. Your financial gift helps to build God’s Kingdom!



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THANK YOU NOTES

To: Beulah Friends

From: Byers and Henderson Family

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support during the past few weeks as we celebrated the life of Barbara Byers. We would also like to thank the special ladies and gentlemen for the wonderful reception in honor of Barbara. A special thank you to Pastor Don and Marti for the beautiful service and remembrance of such a special mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to so many. She was loved by so many, and we know that she truly is home.

To: Beulah Family

From: Logan Spitzley

Thank you so much for blessing me with a scholarship for my Junior year at James Madison University. I am grateful for this opportunity to attend college and it would not be possible without the financial support from my family and you. I am looking forward to starting classes next week and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers throughout the semester. I hope you are all doing well and I will see you soon. Thank you again for your help and prayers. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer!

To: Friends in Christ at Beulah

From: Neely Owen

Thank you so very much for the kindness you have shown to me, remembering me in prayer while here in seminary. Your cards of encouragement and support have been so very much appreciated and I am quite thankful for them. Please convey my thanks to my sweet and dear sister, Jenn Niccoli, for remembering me to you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC BEGINS

Our children's and youth music ministry is in full swing on Wednesday nights! The Music Makers (K-2nd Grade) will rehearse from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in room 109, starting October 4. The Praise Team (3rd -12th Grade) will rehearse from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. You can register your kids to participate at the Volunteer Desk.