

BEULAH BEACON

PROVERBS 16:3 By Pastor Norma Aguilar

Last week, my family and I went on our first-ever apple picking trip to Carter’s Mountain. Despite having lived in Virginia for 21 years, it was only after our youngest son, Gabriel, suggested it when we decided to visit. The experience was truly wonderful. Mountains have a way of inviting us to embrace new and unique experiences. They create opportunities not only to connect with nature and enjoy breathtaking views but also, for believers, to stand in awe and declare, “How great is our God.”

While standing in awe at such a breathtaking sight, I couldn’t help but think about Scripture and those noteworthy encounters that took place on mountains. Take Moses, for example, Moses was drawn near to a burning bush on a mountain, receiving his calling as a deliverer and while tending his father-in-law Jethro’s sheep. Later, on Mount Sinai, Moses ascended to receive God’s law for Israel, even as the people rebelled against God below. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus agonized in prayer and submission while some of his disciples slept, and others plotted his arrest and death. There was also the moment of Jesus’ transfiguration on a mountaintop with Peter, John, and James, where God’s voice affirmed Jesus’ identity and mission. Elijah challenged 450 prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, proving the power of the One True God. David found refuge in mountain caves, and Elijah from Jezebel’s persecution. After Jesus’ resurrection, according to Matthew, He called the eleven disciples to meet Him on a mount in Galilee, there they were commissioned to spread his teachings and to make

disciples. On that same place, the eleven received two promises, His forever presence and the promise of His return.

Reflecting on my first trip to Carter’s Mountain, I see Beulah as a mountain, our sacred place, where we worship the same God who spoke to Moses, called Elijah, became David’s shelter and refuge, and appointed Peter, John, and James as witnesses. As God’s chosen people, Beulah is called to make an extraordinary difference on our community. Each year, we plan and organize events to reach out to our neighbors, we also prepare ourselves by inviting every member of Beulah to join us in prayer and for the Lord to give us the willingness and courage to share the story of salvation. Our community needs Beulah to be a mountain where God’s glory is visible, where His presence is felt through our love, faith, and fellowship. Let us make Beulah a place where people can encounter God—like Mount Horeb, where callings are revealed; like Mount Carmel, where purpose is discovered; and like Mount Gethsemane, where lives are surrendered to God’s love and will. God has commissioned Beulah to be a place of refuge, a place where everyone is seen, accepted, and loved.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee onto a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 28:16

Therefore, let’s make out of our Wednesday’s meal and devotion a safe place, a place where we can sit as brothers and sisters. Let’s make out of future events, —the car show on October 4 an event that unite us by things we all may have in common, let’s make out of our Trunk or Treat on October 31, a place where children can feel safe and loved. Let’s make out of our Fall Festival on November 8, and the Living Nativity on December 21, a place where we can enjoy each other’s company and remember the birth of our Lord and Redeemer. These gatherings not only represent brothers and sisters united and living in harmony, but also ripe fields that need to be harvested. Are you willing, are you ready? Matthew 9:37-38 reminds us: “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.”³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” And so they went...

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BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

OCTOBER READINGS

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| 01 | Genesis 47-50 | 17 | Leviticus 1-4 |
| 02 | Exodus 1-3 | 18 | Leviticus 5-7 |
| 03 | Exodus 4-7 | 19 | Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 04 | Exodus 8-10 | 20 | Leviticus 8-10 |
| 05 | Sunday (Catch-up day) | 21 | Leviticus 11-13 |
| 06 | Exodus 11-13 | 22 | Leviticus 14 |
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| 08 | Exodus 17-19 | 24 | Leviticus 18-20 |
| 09 | Exodus 20-23 | 25 | Leviticus 21-23 |
| 10 | Exodus 24-26 | 26 | Sunday (Catch-up day) |
| 11 | Exodus 27-28 | 27 | Leviticus 24-25 |
| 12 | Sunday (Catch-up day) | 28 | Leviticus 26-27 |
| 13 | Exodus 29-31 | 29 | Numbers 1-3 |
| 14 | Exodus 32-34 | 30 | Numbers 4-5 |
| 15 | Exodus 35-37 | 31 | Numbers 6-7 |
| 16 | Exodus 38-40 | | |

PSALM AND PROVERBS

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| 01 | Proverbs 6 | 17 | Psalms 39 |
| 02 | Psalms 26 | 18 | Psalms 40 |
| 03 | Psalms 27 | 19 | Proverbs 9 |
| 04 | Psalms 28 | 20 | Psalms 41 |
| 05 | Psalms 29 | 21 | Psalms 42 |
| 06 | Psalms 30 | 22 | Psalms 43 |
| 07 | Proverbs 7 | 23 | Psalms 44 |
| 08 | Psalms 31 | 24 | Psalms 45 |
| 09 | Psalms 32 | 25 | Proverbs 10 |
| 10 | Psalms 33 | 26 | Psalms 46 |
| 11 | Psalms 34 | 27 | Psalms 47 |
| 12 | Psalms 35 | 28 | Psalms 48 |
| 13 | Proverbs 8 | 29 | Psalms 49 |
| 14 | Psalms 36 | 30 | Psalms 50 |
| 15 | Psalms 37 | 31 | Proverbs 11 |
| 16 | Psalms 38 | | |



PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

Beulah Church has been blessed with two pastors who are willing to lead us faithfully according to the word of God. They have been gifted with an overwhelming kindness and patience, a servant's heart, and the Holy Spirit. Many people have not seen the "hats" they wear behind the scenes. The life of the pastor is more than just preaching on Sunday morning and shaking hands. During the week they make house visits, hospital visits, meet with families in distress, travel with students for college tours, pray for the church and the individuals in the church, helped clean the church, helped make repairs to the church, planned for events, taught a study, and prepared a meal for someone else (and in some cases physically feed someone). They do so much for all of us and we are blissfully unaware of it.

October is Pastor Appreciation month and on **Sunday, October 12** we will be celebrating our pastors. Please take the time to acknowledge the pastors at Beulah for all their dedication to sharing the word of God with us. They continue to serve us so faithfully and go "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to us. SPRC would like to encourage everyone to please consider writing a note of appreciation or words of encouragement, giving a small token of appreciation (i.e., gift cards) or even homemade baked goods to Pastor Don and Pastor Norma during the month of October to show our appreciation for all that our pastors do! If you would like to send an expression of your appreciation to the pastors you can mail them to P.O. Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234 or you can leave it in their mailboxes in the church office.

*We thank the Lord
for you, Pastor!*

"...PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF
THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS."

PHILIPPIANS 3:14, ESV

MISSIONS

MISSION MOMENTS by Jann Niccoli

Mission Moments: The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield greatly appreciates Beulah's contributions to them during our annual Life is Precious campaign. Besides my SUV being full of baby diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, and hygiene products, Beulah gave \$2135.83+. (The coins are being counted by their bank and will report that to them later.)

October brings cooler temperatures. Our annual blanket (and set sheets) drive to support the International Rescue Committee runs from October 5 through October 19. Remember these must be new items. Please look at your bulletins for more details.

One more thing...the Samaritan's Purse Operation Mission Child shoe box mission will be starting soon. This is the one where we fill shoe boxes for children for Christmas.

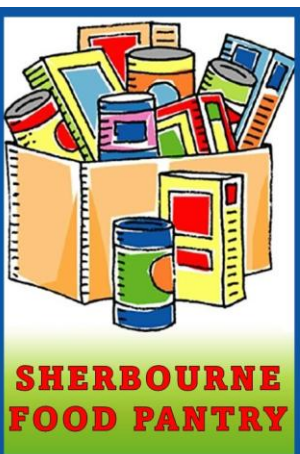
OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING



Global Methodist Church
Disaster Relief Fund

Global Methodist Church Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response

The October Communion will be taken next Sunday, October 05 and will go to the Global Methodist Church Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response. The GMCHDR has helped locally in the US with those affected by tornados, flooding, fires, and hurricanes and internationally by those affected by disease and natural disasters. To donate please write "Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check or envelope.



IS REQUESTING...



Canned Soup



PICK UP A SHOE BOX
FROM THE NARTHEX



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Every year Beulah Church helps with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes by packing and gathering shoeboxes. The donated boxes are given to Samaritan Purse where they are "delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child." Don't know what to pack? Make your boxes fun by including a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as a soccer ball with pump, doll, or a stuffed animal. Please make sure to make your box full! You can fill empty spaces by adding school supplies and personal care items, such as pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks, or sunglasses. Lastly you can make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer by including a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

The boxes will be available for pick up after the Wednesday Night Dinner on October 15 and need to be returned to the drop-off location in the Narthex by Sunday, November 16. Please include a check \$10 in your box to help cover the cost of shipping the boxes.

2ND ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The Methodist Men will be hosting Beulah's 2nd Annual Car Show on **Saturday, October 4** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for businesses to donate small items for the goodie bags which will be given to the first 50 cars. Please contact Harry Trimble at 804-748-7745 if you have any questions.

TREATS FOR THE MBK HS EXCEPTIONAL ED DEPT.

For several years, Beulah Church has shown appreciation for the Instructional Aides in the Exceptional Education Department at Meadowbrook HS by providing monthly treats. This year, we are expanding our outreach to provide treats for the entire department of 24 people, now including the teachers. If you or your group would like to participate in this monthly outreach, please sign up at the Information Center. The department head has asked that we remember everyone in our prayers.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The song I chose to write for the September 2025 Beacon article is Take Me to the King. Take Me to the King was written by Kirk Franklin for Tamela Mann. He says that this song was inspired by Heaven. Kirk remembers asking God to speak something, he recounts that he was working until very early in the morning because he'd promised that he would have something for her to look at the next day.

TAKE ME TO THE KING

By Kirk Franklin for Tamela Mann

Take me to the King
I don't have much to bring
My heart is torn in pieces
It's my offering
Take me to the King

Truth is I'm tired
Options are few
I'm trying to pray
But where are You?
I'm all church'd out
Hurt and abused
I can't fake
What's left to do? (Come on)

Truth is I'm weak
No strength to fight
No tears to cry
Even if I tried
But still my soul
Refuses to die, mm-hm
One touch will change my life
Take me to the King
I don't have much to bring
My heart's torn in pieces

It's my offering
Lay me at the throne
Leave me there alone
To gaze upon Your glory
And sing to You this song
Please take me to the King (come on)

Truth is it's time
To stop playing these games
We need a word
For the people's pain
So, Lord, speak right now
Let it fall like rain
Oh, yeah, we're desperate
We're chasing after you,
oh-whoa
No rules, no religion
I've made my decision
To run to You
The healer that I need

Take me to the King
I don't have much to bring
My heart's torn to pieces
It's my offering
Lay me at the throne
Leave me there alone

To gaze upon Your glory
And to sing to You this song (sing)
Take me to the K

Lord, we're in the way
We keep making mistakes (glory)
Glory is not for us
It's all for You
(come on, come on)

Take me to the King
I don't have much to bring
My heart's torn to pieces
It's my offering
Lay me at the throne
Leave me there
(leave me there alone)

I wanna gaze upon Your glory
(To gaze upon Your glory)
Sing to You
(sing to you this song)
To sing to You this song

Take me to the King
Take me to the King
Take me to the King

This song was released in 2012. It was on the Billboard Gospel Songs for 19 weeks and earned a Grammy nomination. Take Me to the King Mann, Tamela 2025 Songfacts, LLC www.songfacts.com

ROOT CELLAR

By Barry Iglehart

I've asked before as to what is and why Sukkot? What is it's meaning and significance for both Jew and Gentile? Yeshua, Jehovah God, guided His people then provided for them on a forty-year tour of the wilderness that rightly shouldn't have taken any more than about two weeks!

They were a rebellious and stubborn lot, prone to disobedience. Sukkot, or the feast of Tabernacles, reminds them of how He, Jehovah Jireh, provided for and guided them in spite of their constant grumbling. They had lived in "tents" on the road and would do so now every year during this harvest feast as a reminder. Sukkot is one of three such harvest festivals every able-bodied male was required to attend in Jerusalem.

Imagine, if you will, what it might look like: a sea of coverings, roof-top to roof-top, celebrating the Lord's grace and providence! Not that we need to do the same, but what a joyous and wonderful sight! What a joyous and wonderful thought! What a way to proclaim His sovereignty! From the Day Of Atonement, Yom Kippur, and into a New Year, we learn more and more of His love and faithfulness.

Baruch haShem! Blessed be the Name!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

WAYS TO SUPPORT BEULAH CHURCH, INC

1. Drop a check or cash in the offering plate

Pew Envelopes are available on the back of the pews. Please complete your name and address if you are new to Beulah. Members may request preprinted envelopes if you would like them. Donations can also be mailed to the church at PO Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234. If you pay bills online through your bank, you can do the same with the church at no additional cost.

2. E-Giving

E-giving is available if you wish to donate monthly, directly to the church. This can be done through the website at <https://www.beulah-church.com/give> or you can contact Ken Spitzley, Financial Secretary to get information necessary to set this up.

3. RMD's

Beulah Church, Inc is a non-profit organization able to receive contributions from Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's). You need to make sure the donation is mailed directly to the church to avoid IRS questions concerning the tax-free donation. Questions concerning this matter and information necessary to provide your financial institution should be referred to Sarah Tatum, Treasurer at 804-271-1844. She is usually available at the church Finance Office on Tuesdays

4. Stocks

You may donate shares of public traded business stock to Beulah and avoid Income tax on capital gains. The church has a discount broker account with Truist Bank. Questions concerning how to make this donation should be referred to Sarah Tatum at 804-271-1844. Value of the stock is based on the average (mean) price the date the stock is received in the church's account. The church absorbs any fees necessary to sell the stock.

5. Upcoming Special Projects

We will be replacing the main church boiler this fall, at the cost of \$86,000. If you would like to contribute, please identify your gift by writing Boiler Fund on the memo line of your check or envelope.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS

SCHEDULE

10/08	Mary Farmer Circle of Love	Pinto Beans and cornbread
10/15	New Centurion	Potato Bar
10/22	Wesleyan Stratton	Ham dinner
10/29	Mariners	Baked Spaghetti
11/05	Fall Festival	Catered
11/12	Hispanic Ministry	To Be Announced
11/19	Chili Cook Off	Who will have the Best Chili?

Please note when signing up for the meals that there is an option for you to mark if you are coming to all the dinners, otherwise you will need to sign up each week. Please make sure to sign up by the Sunday before the meal. The sign-up sheet will be located at the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

OTHER NEWS

SWEET POTATOES AND MORE

The order forms for sweet potatoes, pecans, and hand cream are now available at the Information Center. Orders must be returned to the church office by **October 13**. Please note, your check needs to be made payable to MARY E FARMER CIRCLE OF LOVE with Potatoes on the memo line.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There is a Church Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 14** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing the budget and ministry items in preparation for Charge Conference.

BEULAH'S BEST

Beulah's Best will meet Tuesday, October 21, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be provided by our "Beulah Road Quartet". Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music and to socialize with each other.

DATE CHANGE FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Charge Conference has moved to **Sunday, November 09**, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendar to attend this import time of worship and prayer as we look forward to how God will be moving in 2026.



TRUNK OR TREAT
Trunk-or-Treat is **Friday, October 31**, starting at 6:00 pm. Sign up at the Information Center to host a trunk, to hand out candy or to volunteer behind the scenes.



CANDY, CANDY, CANDY
We need **a lot more** individually wrapped candy, approximately 35,000 pieces, before Sunday, October 19. We are asking for peanut free candy only. Your donations can be left in the Narthex.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

01	Adriel Benitez	23	DiAnne Kneipp
02	Bee Malone	25	Nancy Dyckes
05	Betty Skaggs	27	Reyna Bonilla
08	Ashley Taylor		Joseph Schmierer
09	Bud Burke	28	Carlos Gonzzales
	Dionicio Reyes	30	Elizabeth Cole
10	Yadira Funes		
11	Alice McKissick		
12	Maria Rivera		
17	Milayah Akoi		
	Ben Foster		
18	Tom Buckley		
	Diane Kuti		
19	Sara Kelin Alvarado		
	Patricia Peterson		
20	Barbara Tuttle		
22	Jann Niccoli		

NOVEMBER

01	Margaret Burke
05	Louie Love
06	Chad Conner
	Thomas Owens
07	Sandy Lunsford
	Diana Snow

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mushrooms – Stuffed

By Barbara Dudley,
from Angelic Delight, published in 1996

Mushroom caps
Stouffer's spinach souffle
Lemon Juice
Pepper to taste
Garlic Powder to taste

Dip mushroom caps in butter before stuffing. Stuff with souffle, lemon juice, pepper and garlic powder mixture. Bake at 375° for 12 minutes.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- 03 Mariner's Dinner
- 04 Car Show
- 07 SPRC Meeting
- 11 Hearing Loss Association
- 13 Ruth Robertson Friendship Circle
- 14 Mary Farmer Circle of Love
Finance Committee Meeting
Rebekah Fellowship
Church Council Meeting
- 21 Beulah's Best
Prayer Shawl Meeting
Methodist Men's Meeting
- 28 Springdale Bible Study
- 31 Trunk or Treat

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship Service
Children's Church
- 11:30 Escuela Dominical
- 1:00 Hispanic Worship
- 3:00 Musical Rehearsals
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 7:00 Youth Band Rehearsal

Monday

- 10:00 Card Ministry
Men's Bible Study
- 12:30 Luke In the Land Study
- 5:00 Women's Chorus
- 6:00 Bells of Praise
- 7:00 Scouts

Tuesday

- 6:30 Cub Scouts

Wednesday

- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 C & Y Bells Rehearsal
- 6:00 Wednesday Worship Meal

Thursday

- 6:00 Beulah Land Quartet Rehearsal
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal