

BEULAH BEACON

INDEPENDENCE By Pastor Don Gibson

What comes to your mind when you think of Independence Day or the 4th of July? For many of us, including me, I think of enjoying a great fireworks show, barbequing with my family, and watermelon. While there is nothing wrong with having these traditions, I think it's very important to remember the reason why we celebrate this day- the 4th of July.

I recently read about Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, who was bold in proclaiming his faith. He was one of the signers of our Declaration of Independence and to him, signing the Declaration of Independence was a faith statement. His signing this Declaration meant that we, as a nation, would no longer submit to Great Britain but it also meant that we, as a nation, were submitting to the Lord. As a result, America would be free from the power of man and able to serve Christ. What a significant day in history and what a great reason to celebrate!

So, although it's fun to celebrate with fireworks, BBQ's, and watermelon, it is so important to remember what our duties are as Christians. We are called to serve Christ and Christ alone, and what a blessing it is that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to do so.

Our freedom is a blessing from God! Because of our freedom, we can express our faith and boldly share it with others. It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters around the world.

Billy Graham writes, "Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV). Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots."

The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). Happy Independence Day!

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ROOT CELLAR

By Barry Iglehart

10th Of Av



Potentially as much about the Ninth of Av as the tenth, remember that the Hebrew calendar is lunar based and not solar. Months wiggle around against our steady matrix. Generally located from July into August, the Ninth is considered the unluckiest day of their calendar year.

Many days in their history, days of disaster and calamity occurred on the Ninth. Starting at least with the destruction of Jerusalem in 87 BC, events continued at the Temple through Rome's occupation, and into the Middle Ages (as calculated by Jewish scribes and sages. . .)

Spain had been their major refuge until an edict in August of 1492 required all Jews to convert or flee. The only other option was death. The harbors were fortified. There were other ships due to leave that would point the way to refuge and freedom. This was the Tenth of Av. Columbus' three boats eventually would help establish the biggest haven ever for the Hebrew people.

It may seem that there's no escape, no route out but God will always provide. He is our sword and shield. Shalom.

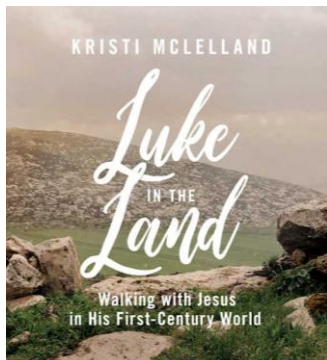
BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

JULY READING PSALM AND PROVERBS

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| 01 Psalm 101 | 17 Psalm 115 |
| 02 Psalm 102 | 18 Proverbs 24 |
| 03 Psalm 103 | 19 Psalm 116 |
| 04 Psalm 104 | 20 Psalm 117 |
| 05 Psalm 105 | 21 Psalm 118 |
| 06 Proverbs 22 | 22 Psalm 119:1-48 |
| 07 Psalm 106 | 23 Psalm 119:49-88 |
| 08 Psalm 107 | 24 Psalm 119:89-136 |
| 09 Psalm 108 | 25 Psalm 119:137-176 |
| 10 Psalm 109 | 26 Psalm 120 |
| 11 Psalm 110 | 27 Proverbs 25 |
| 12 Proverbs 23 | 28 Psalm 121 |
| 13 Psalm 111 | 29 Psalm 122 |
| 14 Psalm 112 | 30 Psalm 123 |
| 15 Psalm 113 | 31 Psalm 124 |
| 16 Psalm 114 | |



LUKE IN THE LAND BIBLE STUDY



It is time to start looking into the Fall Bible Study. We will be working in "*LUKE in the LAND*". This is written by Kristi McClelland and follows our last study of hers in Acts. This study helps us walk with Jesus in His First-century World. We will be looking at four snapshots in the life of Jesus each session.

The study will be 7 weeks long and will start on **Monday, September 8** at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center, so we can order the books all at once.

This class is open to anyone – member, visitor, men, women, neighbors, and friends – who would like to learn more about the small part of Jesus that has been written. However, Kristi has tried to relive some of it as she lived there for a time and studied with several Rabbis who

have made it their life's work to put more of the story of Jesus's life on paper. Put the class on your calendar and be ready to join us for another compelling lesson from Kristi.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was from Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20. There were between 50 to 60 children and about 45 volunteers each day. On Sunday, June 22 there were about 40 children and their families that returned for VBS Sunday during the 11:00 and 1:00 services. The children gathered over 250 pounds of food and over \$200 to donate to the Sherbourne food pantry.

VBS was more than reported numbers and dates. The children took a theoretical trip to Egypt to meet Joseph and travel with him through his journey from the pits to the prison, and onward to the palace. Each day was a new lesson from Joseph: hope, special abilities, wisdom, forgiveness, and family. Several of the children and families had never been to church before, so this was a new experience. Through God’s Spirit, and the actions of the volunteers, the children and their families learned a deeper lesson. God loves them, God forgives them, and God is with them! The wonder of VBS are the results we might never see. When the children have grown and find themselves in need of God they will remember their time here at Beulah, learning of God’s love, and the lessons of hope and forgiveness that comes from him.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard in preparing the decorations, snacks, lesson plans, music, and games. Thank you to those who helped set up and take down everything for VBS. Thank you to those who showed unwavering love to the children and their families.



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH OF VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 29 – 31 was the GMC of Virginia’s annual conference in Front Royal, VA. All three of Beulah’s pastors were in attendance along with Ken Spitzley our Lay representative to the conference. Pastor Don, who serves as Missions chair of the

GMCVA, was invited to speak at the conference. Pastor Norma, completed the ordination process and was received as a Deacon and Elder. If you would like to see either of these services, you can view them at the GMCVA YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@GMCVirginia>.

A FAREWELL FOR PASTOR HAE RIN LAWSON

On Sunday, June 29, Pastor Hae Rin said farewell to Beulah as one of our Pastors. She shared some of her testimony and expressed her gratitude for Beulah during her service time here. Beulah is very grateful that David and the family are remaining here with us at Beulah as members. Pastor Hae Rin would like to thank everyone who extended their love and thanks to her and her family. She also wanted to share their address with everyone if anyone wishes to contact them.

David & Hae Rin Lawson
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Chesterfield, VA 23838



MISSIONS

MISSION MOMENTS

In addition to our many mission opportunities, we have been working on adding more to our list. As we obtain all the information and determine timing, we will share that with you. We also have received cards and letters of thanks from the Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center and the Liberation Veteran Services. The Global Methodist Church also sent a letter thanking Beulah Church for the generous gift of \$3000 given to help with disaster relief in neighboring states. A huge thank you to all of you who contribute financially and prayerfully.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS CAMPAIGN

On June 29, we started our 9th fund raiser for The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. This organization exists to demonstrate the love of Christ through their ministry to pregnant women and their babies. Get your baby bottle in the narthex and participate. You can fill it with your change, checks, “folding money”, and so forth. If you want to take it one step further, there is a wish list of items needed for the Pregnancy Help Center. You may drop off your baby bottle and any unwrapped optional gifts by **July 20**.

COMMUNION OFFERING



<https://www.fobf.org/>

(information adapted from the fobf website)

Our July communion offering will go to Friends of Barnabas. In the United States, there are 28.2 doctors per 10,000 Americans. In Honduras, there are only 2.1 doctors per 10,000 people. Your gifts will educate, empower, and strengthen communities by providing direct care to children in Honduras.

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of July, The Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of peanut butter, jelly, and jams. Many children have peanut allergies so there is always a need for peanut butter alternatives such as almond butter and sunflower butter.

CCHASM CARWASH FUNDRAISER

We're excited to announce a new fundraiser in partnership with Flagstop Car Wash to support CCHASM's Thanksgiving Meal Bag Event! Starting today through September 15th 2025, when you purchase a car wash at any Flagstop location using the special link below, 50% of the proceeds will go directly to CCHASM to help us provide holiday meals for families in need. [Flagstop Car Wash to Support CCHASM TG] (Please be sure to use this link—it's very important to ensure we receive the proceeds!)

Are you already a current Flagstop Carwash member who would like to support our organization? — there are a couple of easy options available:

- 1. Purchase a Single Wash: You are more than welcome to buy a one-time wash in support of our fundraiser.
- 2. Switch to a Prepaid Membership: If you'd prefer to purchase a prepaid membership (quarterly, semiannual, or annual), you can do so by: Contacting Flagstop Guest Sales and Service team at 804-782-9274, request to switch your existing monthly subscription over to a prepaid plan of your choice.

This is an easy and impactful way to support our mission while keeping your car sparkling clean! Feel free to share the link with your friends and family, too! Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

Flagstop CAR WASH

Help us reach our fundraising goal for
Flagstop Washes Away Hunger with CCHASM

**BUY A CAR WASH
TODAY!**

Purchase a car wash through the link to support
Flagstop Washes Away Hunger with CCHASM
https://wlink.live/2025_CCHASM

LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

You are invited to attend our Annual Ice Cream Social on **Tuesday, July 15**, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! We will be doing a Hawaiian theme - so come and enjoy the fun and fellowship as you build your own sundae with all the toppings! Any questions call Sandra Sanderson at 804-271-1631. See You There!

KINGS DOMINION TRIP

The Youth and College ministries are going to Kings Dominion. We will gather here at Beulah on **Thursday, July 17** to go to Kings Dominion. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Information Center.

time to
UPDATE

**Pick up your
church profile information
from the Narthex,
check it, and return it.**

**All information
will be used for
the Church Directory.**



IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE

It is not too late to check your church profile to update your information. Your profile page is in the Narthex until Sunday, July 06. We will mail all the remaining profile pages on Monday, July 07. Please return your corrected profile to the church or mail it back to us by August 01. The information in your profile will be the same information used in the next church directory, it is important for all your information is up to date.

HOST A WEDNESDAY WORSHIP MEALS

Fall is "just around the corner"! Wednesday Worship meals will be starting in September and end the week before Thanksgiving. Just time enough to make plans for your Sunday School, Small Group, or ministry to host a dinner. A signup sheet will be at the Information Center beginning in August. Remember you don't necessarily have to prepare a meal, your group can have it catered and enjoyed.

JULY CALENDAR

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- 01 Congregational Care Meeting
- 04 Church Closed
- 08 Congregational Care Meeting
Finance Meeting
- 15 Congregational Care Meeting
Ladies Ice Cream Social
- 16 Commonwealth Bible Study
- 17 Kings Dominion Trip
- 22 Springdale Bible Study

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 8:30 Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship
- 11:30 Escuela Dominical
- 1:00 Hispanic Worship

Monday

- 10:00 Card Ministry
- 7:00 Scouts

Tuesday

- 5:30 Prayer Meeting (Spanish)

Wednesday

- 1:00 Staff Meeting

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

PICKLED SQUASH

Pickled Squash

By Emma Bradley; The Bounty of Beulah Land, publ. 1984

- 4 quarts thinly sliced squash
- 6 medium white onions, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup salt
- 5 cup sugar
- 3 cup vinegar
- 1 ½ tablespoon turmeric
- 1 tablespoon celery seed
- 1 tablespoon mustard seed

Put squash, onions, and salt in pan; cover with crushed ice to stand for 3 hours. Drain. Combine other ingredients. Put squash in a large pan and pour mixture over them. Bring to a boil, pack in jars and seal. Makes about 8 pints

THANK YOU NOTES

To: Beulah

From: Susan and Barry Iglehart

Words could never express our appreciation for all of your love, prayers, cards, phone calls and visits over the past weeks during our unexpected rough journey of illness and hospitalization. God is good and has been with us every moment, each step of the way - and we know He will continue there. Beulah is truly our family, and we thank you for keeping us both lifted up before our Great and Mighty God. Blessings. Each one of you is in our prayers as well.



To: Prayer Shawl Ministry

From: Sherry and James Harris

Thank you to everyone in the Prayer Shawl Ministry for James', our grandson, baby blanket. He really liked it as it was so soft!

To: Ushers

From: David Dudley, Usher Chair

I would like to thank all my ushers for being so faithful every Sunday - Our church is so blessed to have you!

To: VBS Decoration Team

From: Sherry Harris

VBS 2025 was a great hit! Our decorations were fabulous, and I think the kids and adults enjoyed them. Thank you all for helping in so many ways to paint, color, outline, cut, and string up all our decorations! Thanks to everyone who helped set up and hang up our decorations, and to both shifts for taking them down! A special thank you to Robin Crytmus for sharing her artist skills in painting and decorating our pyramids and temple columns, among other things! Thank you to Pastor Norma and the folks from the 1:00 pm congregation who helped decorate and undecorate the Sanctuary and crawl up the ladders to help with the taller decorations! We had between 45-50 people help us with VBS decorations!!! This program was definitively a church-wide support event! Thank you all for your dedication to Beulah Church and the children who attended. God Bless You

All! To: The Hispanic Congregation

From: Barbara Dudley, Worship Chair

Many thanks to Pastor Norma and the Hispanic Congregation for taking the Altar area apart and then putting it back together after VBS. This was a great help to me and I appreciate all of you!



To: Everyone who helped make Fred the Camel

From: Suzanne Davis

Thank you, to all the helping hands who helped make Fred the Camel for VBS and the Children's ministry. Thank you to Haley Cole, Pat Soyars, Barbara Dudley, and the Word Seekers classroom for supplying news papers and bags. Thank you to Mike at Walthall Food Lion for saving clean plastic materials. Thank you to Barbara Coen, Deborah Wenrich, Rachyl Powell, Sofia and Yohanna for helping cut, tape, glue and paint. It is because of your love and assistance that Fred became everything he is.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 01 Bonita Ramey
- 02 Alexander Sadler
Joie Jones
Ken Brooks
- 03 Barbara Coen
- 04 Carl Griggs
- 05 James Eads
Michael Boraski
- 06 Chuck Salmon
Rafael Vilorio
- 09 Baxter Taylor
- 10 Meredith Anderson
- 11 Connie Cook
Sherry Harris
- 13 Kevin Gonzalez
- 16 Christy Gibson
- 21 Betty Bell
- 22 Brandon Brooks
Marcia Abernathy
Stanley Hartman
- 25 Logan Lee
Sandra Sanderson
- 26 Don Joyner

Dorothy House

- 27 Jaimmy Hart
- 28 Lee Goff
Garry Soyars
Shirley Pfeil
- 29 Jennifer Staneart
- 31 Bobbi Welchel
David Lawson
Jean Lane

August

- 01 Crystal Grady
Della Delbridge
Heather Jones
- 02 David Conner
Lois Quaiff
Margaret Schools
- 03 Martha Vaughan
- 04 Julia Grisham
- 06 Gail Casto
Jim Taylor
Jane Mason

