

BEULAH BEACON

A SUMMER STAPLE

By Pastor Don Gibson

Well, summer is upon us! For most students and teachers another school year is over and, well, parents are scrambling to fill days and weeks with fun, healthy, educational experiences. So, what is summer all about? One of the things summer is about is relaxation and rejuvenation and some kind of change in our “regular” schedule. For some, summer includes a planned vacation - time away. However, there is something else, very important, that happens each year at this time - Vacation Bible School (June 16-20). Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an annual staple for many churches around the world, drawing children and families together for a week of fun, learning, and spiritual growth. While some may see it as just another summer activity, its spiritual significance reaches far beyond simple entertainment. I believe, from my own experiences, that VBS serves as a vital tool for children’s discipleship and is often “the” church-wide outreach with the most spiritual impact. It is a proven fact that, VBS presents the gospel, fosters community, and deepens faith for all who are involved, including kids, teens, parents and volunteers.

I believe that VBS plays a crucial role in fulfilling the church’s mission of spreading the Good News of

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:15-17

Jesus Christ for salvation and teaching a biblical worldview. VBS offers us, Beulah Church, an opportunity to engage with children and families who may not otherwise attend worship services and offers us an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to serving the needs of our community.

Vacation Bible School holds immense significance for me as it has served as a cornerstone of my faith - formation by providing a nurturing environment where I could learn, grow, and express my faith. As both a student and pastor, I have witnessed Vacation Bible

School provide parents with support and sense of community. VBS provides churches an opportunity to fulfill their mission of spreading the message of love and compassion, and journey of spiritual discovery for all children that will shape their lives for years to come.

As we begin to consider our summer plans, let’s not forget to prayerfully support Vacation Bible School, where we will together have the incredible responsibility (and opportunity) to nurture faith, foster community, and shape the next generation of believers.

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BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

JUNE READING

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Sunday | 12 Revelation 13 |
| 02 Revelation 3-4 | 13 Revelation 14 |
| 03 Revelation 5 | 14 Revelation 15 |
| 04 Revelation 6 | 15 Sunday |
| 05 Revelation 7 | 16 Revelation 16 |
| 06 Revelation 8 | 17 Revelation 17 |
| 07 Revelation 9 | 18 Revelation 18 |
| 08 Sunday | 19 Revelation 19 |
| 09 Revelation 10 | 20 Revelation 20 |
| 10 Revelation 11 | 21 Revelation 21-22 |
| 11 Revelation 12 | 22 Sunday |



PSALM AND PROVERBS

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|----------------|----------------|
| 01 Psalm 76 | 16 Psalm 89 |
| 02 Psalm 77 | 17 Psalm 90 |
| 03 Psalm 78 | 18 Proverbs 19 |
| 04 Psalm 79 | 19 Psalm 91 |
| 05 Psalm 80 | 20 Psalm 92 |
| 06 Proverbs 17 | 21 Psalm 93 |
| 07 Psalm 81 | 22 Psalm 94 |
| 08 Psalm 82 | 23 Psalm 95 |
| 09 Psalm 83 | 24 Proverbs 20 |
| 10 Psalm 84 | 25 Psalm 96 |
| 11 Psalm 85 | 26 Psalm 97 |
| 12 Proverbs 18 | 27 Psalm 98 |
| 13 Psalm 86 | 28 Psalm 99 |
| 14 Psalm 87 | 29 Psalm 100 |
| 15 Psalm 88 | 30 Proverbs 21 |

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: THE BOOK OF ACTS

This summer's sermon series will examine the remarkable spread of the gospel and the Kingdom of God from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world. Jesus has commissioned every one of his followers to be his witness by the power of the Holy Spirit. Despite challenges from outside and within, the Kingdom of God continues to advance. Today, we continue to be his witnesses and have a vital role in the continuing story of Jesus's unstoppable kingdom.

ROOT CELLAR

By Barry Iglehart

leharim(eem): to lift, to hold up

When the Amalekites attacked Israel on their way into Canaan, Moses instructed Joshua how to meet them in battle. Part of the plan was for Moses to hold the staff of God up for the soldiers to see and take heart in. Aaron and Hur placed a stone for Moses to sit on and held Moses's arms up in support when he grew tired. The Israelites indeed won the day, depending on the Lord and His providential leadership.

Do we lift God up today in praise and worship, to lead our lives? Many raise their hands up as they worship; many do not, calling it clownish and undignified. How is that so? In lifting our hands we reach for Heaven and God. And in turn we allow Him to reach for and take hold of us in saving grace. Does He need us to do this? Certainly not. But it does show a certain amount of love and devotion.

The word in Hebrew is leharim (eem): to lift, to hold up. Perhaps as we work to build His kingdom, we can lift and hold up those around us - brothers, sisters, friends who could use a bit more support. Even ourselves. Shalom

**TRANSFORMING LIVES
AS WE SEEK, SHARE,
AND SERVE GOD.**

MISSIONS

MISSION MOMENTS

It is so special to be able to support many Missions, both locally and internationally. Sharing our faith and the love of Christ is what we are encouraged to do. Our help/donations do not go unnoticed. We have received many notes/letters of appreciation already this year from the following: Crossover Healthcare Ministry, Boaz & Ruth, the Coleman family with Konbit, Heart Havens, Safe Harbor, Society of St. Andrew, and Samaritan's Purse. Beulah Church is such a special family.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS CAMPAIGN

As part of Beulah's Missions, we will be running a Life is Precious Campaign coming soon. Our drive will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield County as they serve our teens in counseling, care during their pregnancy, and help during the child's first couple years of life. Their mission statement: "The Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield exists to honor God by defending the value of all life, born and unborn, through the lifeline of compassionate care and resources". "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

MISSION MEETING

There is a mission meeting on June 26, at 4pm in room 107. Anyone who is involved with the church missions is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jann Niccoli at jnic3934@hotmail.com.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

If you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA account, please consider Beulah Church as the non-profit recipient.

To avoid taxes, the custodian of the funds (investment company) sends the check directly to Beulah Church, PO Box 37098, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234. See IRA Publication 590-B or visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information regarding IRA distributions.

Some of our members have elected to have RMD's sent directly to Beulah Church monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually rather than once a year. We really appreciate this since we have many monthly bills to pay such as utilities, payroll, building maintenance, worship supplies, etc. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions. **AVOID TAXES ON YOUR INCOME!!!**

COMMUNION OFFERING

Chesterfield Food Bank



<https://endhunger.org/>
(information adapted from
the CFB website)

The June Communion offering is going to the Chesterfield Food Bank. The CFB wants to fight hunger and its underlying causes. CFB programs work together to

help their mission to "fight hunger and empower lives forward". They have broken their programs down into four main types; food outreach, community outreach, resources programs, and volunteer programs. To learn more about CFBOC, please visit their website at www.cfboc.org.

SHERBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of June, Sherbourne Food Pantry is requesting donations of any type of boxed, bottled, or canned fruit and vegetable juices and Kool-Aid (with sugar). Your donation will help provide beverages for children who are out of school for the summer.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Beulah Church's number is KV086

Kroger is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but their common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods they serve and help the people live healthier lives. One of the ways in which they do this is through their Kroger Community Rewards program.

Once you link Beulah's Reward number to your Shopper's card, any transactions (this includes gas) using your Shopper's Card number will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates quarterly to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

This is an easy way to give to the church. To link your shopper's card go to <https://www.kroger.com>. Down at the bottom of the screen is a blue box with a girl and a bee in it. Click on "get started". You will have to be logged in to the Kroger web site for this to process. If you need any assistance the church office will be happy to help you.

2025 COLLEGE GRADUATES

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Madison Coyne

Virginia Commonwealth University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
& Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice



Claire Gibson

Virginia Commonwealth University
Bachelor of Science in Health, Physical
Education and Exercise Science with a
concentration in Health Science



Steven Alvarado

L C Bird High School
James Madison University
Mechanical Engineering



Josiah Lawson

Thomas Dale High School
Traveling to South Korea
Boxing Training



Wren Riley Sadler

University of Virginia
Bachelor of Science in
Civil Engineering with an
emphasis in Structural Engineering



Kass Spitzley

Virginia Tech
Bachelor of Science
in Biological Sciences



Kelsey Smith

Richmond Christian School
Southside Virginia Community College
Power Line Worker Program

2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Gabriel Aguilar

UVA
Schmitz Award

Krissy Henderson

VCU
Alice Smith Award

Ryder Sadler

Darden School of Business, UVA
Holmes Award

Natalie Aguilar

UVA
Hart Award

Joscelyn Lawson

VCU
Hart Award

Kelsey Smith

Southside VA CC
Beulah Award

Steven Alvarado

JMU
Beulah Award

Rachayl Powell

Brightpoint CC
Holmes Award

Lydia Spitzley

Brightpoint CC
Alice Smith Award



Starting June 1,
pick up your church
membership information
from the Narthex, check it,
and return it.

All information will be used
for the Church Directory.

VBS REGISTRATION

Join us for Vacation Bible School, June 16 – June 20, 8:30 am - Noon. VBS is open to all elementary school students ages 5 through 12 (as of Fall 2025). This year we are going to ancient Egypt! You'll explore Pharaoh's palace, experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends! Register online at Beulah-church.com/vbs by **June 9**.



ATTENTION VBS VOLUNTEERS

Next meeting is on
Tuesday, June 3,
at 11:00 am
in room 107

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

If you are volunteering with VBS in any capacity we ask you to attend the meeting for VBS on **Tuesday, June 3**, at 11:00 am in room 107. Please see Pastor Hae Rin if you have any questions.

VBS SET UP WEEK

We will be setting up for VBS starting **Monday, June 9 thru Friday, June 13**, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and on **Saturday, June 14** starting at 10:00 am until finished. Please call Sherry Harris at 804-691-5678, if you can help so she can plan accordingly.

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. It's 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.

IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE:

During the month of June, we will be focusing on updating our church records in preparation for creating a pictorial directory this Fall. Starting June 1, there will be a table in the Narthex with your membership information. Please review it and return it by June 15. This will be the information we use for the directory, so it is important for everyone to check their data. We are planning on having pictures taken in the Fall, so please keep an eye out for further information this summer.

GERANIUM SALE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums to support Shalom Farms. Beulah bought 80 flowers. \$2,100 was raised, which will be held until their matching funds campaign, when it will be doubled.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER SALAD

By Caryl Harris and featured in ©1996; Angelic Delights, a Collection of Recipes by Friendship Circle.

1 head cauliflower, broken in bite-size pieces
1 bunch broccoli, broken in bite-size pieces
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 green pepper, thinly sliced
Sliced carrots

Mix ingredients. Cover with dressing below.
Refrigerate overnight.

Dressing:

1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sugar
½ cup salad oil
¼ cup cider vinegar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix ingredients and pour over vegetables.

JUNE CALENDAR

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- 01 Picnic Paint Party
- 02 Bells of Praise
- 03 VBS Meeting
- 04 C & Y Bells Rehearsal
- 05 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 08 Pentecost Sunday
- 09 – 14 VBS Set Up
- 10 Finance Meeting
- 11 C & Y Bells Rehearsal
- 15 Father's Day
- 16 – 20 VBS
- 24 Springdale Bible Study
- 25 Music Department End of Year Party
- 26 Mission Meeting

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

Wednesday

- 1:00 Staff Meeting

STAYING CONNECTED

During the summer months people take vacations or go on weekend getaways. Many of the weekly groups at church also take a break for the summer. It is easy to become disconnected from your church family and friends. Here are some helpful tips for staying connected.

- Weekly Emails will let you know what is going on. (Please email the office to sign up if you do not already receive them. office@beulahumc.org)
- The 11:00 am worship service is streamed live on [Facebook](#) and can be found on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) after 2:00 pm .
- Every Friday at 9:00 am, Pastor Don offers a weekly devotional and prayer on [Facebook](#).
- Pick up the phone and call the church (804-275-2325). Our classes and groups might not be meeting but you can still gather for lunch or fellowship. We are only a call away.

THANK YOU NOTES

To: My Friends

From: Carolyn Salmon

I am so thankful for each and every one of you as I recently went through hospital and neuroscience rehab for a ruptured disc in my back. Each text, phone call, visit and card brightened my day, and your prayers were definitely felt. A special thanks to the Card Ministry and my Wesleyan-Stratton Circle sisters. Chuck and I both felt loved and supported by your cards and kind words.

To: Beulah Church

From: Pam Collins and girls

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and cards that we received at my mom's passing. I am so grateful for my church family. You are the best. Love you all.

To: Beulah Church

From: Howard and Priscilla Bareford

A big thank you to all of you for your cards, prayers, food, and phone calls. It has been a little bit of a difficult time but because of God's love and all of your prayers and well wishes we are healing nicely. It will just take a little time. We are getting our strength from God and Beulah. God bless you all.

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 02 Martha Payne
- 03 Gladys Orellana
Angel Vega
- 04 Butch Sanderson
- 05 Anne Christopher
Geneva Harris
- 09 Dave Jones
- 12 John Clanton
- 14 Herb Coen
- 16 Kent Hudson
Ron McKissick
Barbara Tinsley
- 17 Kelly Ann Joseph
Rebecca McKissick
- 19 Kelsey Smith
- 20 Aviel Benitez
Peggy Taylor
- 24 Loran Byers
- 25 Frank Williams

- 27 Pauline Sherrill
- 28 Garry Soyars
- 29 Jane Schmierer
- 30 David Conant
Jackie Corde
Lydia Spitzley

JULY

- 01 Bonnie Ramey
- 02 Ken Brooks
Joie Jones
- 03 Barbara Coen
- 04 Carl Griggs
- 05 Michael Boraski
Jim Eads
- 06 Chuck Salmon
Rafael Vilorio
- 09 Baxter Taylor, IV