



# Beulah Baptist Beacon

## From the Pastor

This winter has been a remarkable time in the life of our church. It has been frustrating at times thanks to the impact of the snow. More than that, it has been encouraging as we see God work through our church family.

We will likely never be a church that is described as flashy. In addition, it is just a faulty expectation to think that there is one big thing we should do as a church that will be a "magic bullet" of success. Yet, this winter we have seen God at work in drawing people to Himself in the life of our church as we seek to be faithful to Him. I think we are in good company since Paul says, "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power" ( 1 Corinthians 2:4, 5).

Church, let me warn you that we have by no means arrived. God has much in store for our church and our community as we walk with Him. I believe our church will be a place of healing for those who are hurting. I dream of us being a church that is integral in what God is doing around us because we are asking for His Kingdom to come in our community and the world. And in it all, we will strive to remain firm on the solid ground of His Word. So, continue to love one another and those in our community. Continue to seek God through His Word and prayer. And continue to pray for our church to become all God desires of us.

*Pastor Jason*

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## Worship with us at Easter

We look forward to celebrating Easter this year as we recognize our 150th year as a church. This year we will be hosting our joint Sunrise Service with some neighboring churches. Join us at 7 AM for a service followed by breakfast and our normal Sunday schedule.

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### *Special points of interest:*

- Church, support our teenagers as we prepare for Mission Fuge this summer.
- Church, let us continue to look for ways to share Christ.
- Ladies, be sure to come out for the next Bible study beginning in March.
- Pray for our upcoming Easter celebration.



## ***Calling on the Name of the Lord...***

- Pray for our church family that we would be united in Christ in such a way that His love is seen by others.
- Pray for our church to continue to grow into being a house of prayer.
- Pray for our church to stand continually upon God's Word.
- Pray for God to burden the hearts of our members to pray for our community.
- Pray for God to give us insight on how we can go to people to share the Good News.
- Pray for God to use our next community gift blitz to draw people to Him.
- Pray for God to continue to work through Fuente de Vida to transform lives.
- Pray for God to use Easter as a means to draw people to Christ.
- Pray for churches to give generously to support the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- Pray for God to lead our church in regard to an international missions partnership.

## **BEING ON-MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY...**

### **Walk for Life**

In April, we invite you to support Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Charlottesville through the Walk for Life.

### **Community Gift Blitz**

I encourage you to get involved in two opportunities this Spring. First, if someone invites you on a prayer drive, say "yes." We want to increase our commitment to pray for our community.

Second, stay tuned for dates for one or more Community Gift Blitz events. We desire to go back to our immediate 300 neighbors this Spring, but also to go to neighbors still awaiting a visit from our church.

## **BEING ON-MISSION IN OUR COUNTRY...**

### **Iglesia Fuente de Vida Update**

We continue to support this work among the Latinos in Charlottesville through monthly giving and prayer. This winter was a challenging time for Daniel and Lilianna personally due to the painful experience of a miscarriage. Several in our church family offered love and encouragement and they continued to walk in faith during this season.

The hope for the spring is for a couple of leaders to be able to increase their commitment to the church thanks to support from the North American Mission Board. In addition, pray for the church as they seek to start a service in a community called Southwood. Ministry has been going on there for some time and we pray God uses that to produce a growing body of believers in this community at Easter. If you would like specific updates more regularly, email Daniel at [mdbannister@liberty.edu](mailto:mdbannister@liberty.edu)

### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

In March, our church will receive offerings to support the North American Mission Board and their work to reach people and start churches.

## **BEING ON-MISSION IN ALL THE WORLD...**

### **Mission-Fuge Student Trip**

This trip is really more about reaching our country, but this year we are going to Philadelphia. It reminds me that the world has come to the US and that our teens that go on this trip are going to be used by God in reaching His world. We are going on this camp/mission trip June 21-26. The cost is \$352 per student. Pray about helping to sponsor one of the 8 students attending this year. Write checks to the church with m-fuge and/or the students name in the memo line.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Women's Bible Study –Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

In the Spring, the women will begin a new study titled "Discerning the Voice of God." Through this study, taught by Priscilla Shirer, you will become more familiar with the Holy Spirit, His character, language, and tone of voice.

### Men's Bible Study-Sundays at 7:00 PM

The men are completing a study on Spiritual Warfare before participating in one more short study this Spring. We will then take the summer off. Come out and join this time in God's Word together.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study-7:30 PM

Join us on Wednesday nights for Bible study and prayer. We are currently studying the book of Acts and spending some Wednesdays in prayer.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FALL

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**-We exceeded our goal taking in \$1364.

**Christmas for Fluvanna Family**-Our church brought Christmas to a family in Fluvanna through Social Services. It was a marvelous display of God's love from our church.

**Men's Ministry**-We had a great group of men come out to clean up leaves and complete other jobs around our church grounds. Thank you to these men and those who cleared snow throughout the winter.

**Heather Treynor Milestone Event**-Beulah women came out for a fun morning of snow-tubing and good food. The focus of the morning was on sharing what it means to be a Christian woman with Heather. This was a great example of how we get to be a family of families at Beulah.

**Youth Evangelism Conference**-We took a group of eleven teenagers and chaperones to Virginia Beach in January for this event. It was a great time for the teenagers to grow closer together and closer to God through times of worship.

## COMING EVENTS

**Men's Conference**-Men, plan to join with some of your Beulah brothers at the East Cost Men's Conference in Rocky Mount-March 12-13. Contact Greg Searcy for more info.

**E412 Conference**-Our state convention, the SBCV, will host this event which will offer training and encouragement for all areas of service in the church. Mark your calendars now for April 30-May 1.

### Mark your calendar...

- Disaster Relief Training-Grove Ave. Baptist in Richmond-March 5, 6
- Disaster Relief Training-Lynchburg-March 12, 13
- Men's Conference in Rocky Mount-March 12, 13
- Time Change Sunday-March 14
- Men's Breakfast at Bybee-March 20 at 8 AM
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering-March & April
- Maundy Thursday Service-April 1
- Good Friday Service-April 2
- Sunrise Service-April 4 at Beulah (breakfast follows)
- Jason preaching at Galilee Baptist-April 6 at 7:30 PM
- Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk for Life-April
- Men's Breakfast at Beulah-April 17 at 8 AM
- E412 Conference through SBCV (training for all areas of church ministry)-April 30-May 1 in Midlothian
- Community Gift Blitz-(DATE-TBD)
- Mother's Day Breakfast-May 9 at 8:30 AM
- Men's Breakfast at Bybee Road-May 15 at 8 AM



Beulah...a place to call home.

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### ***FAMILY FOCUS...PHOEBE-JANE AND BERNARD GRUBBS***

Bernard and Phoebe-Jane first met in 1952. He was working in his dad's service station and she had just moved to Virginia from Connecticut. Bernard has lived almost his whole life in the same house. He was baptized at Mt. Gilead Church in September of 1948. He served in the Army from 1952-54, then married and had two children. After his first wife, Joyce, died in 1982, Phoebe-Jane came back into his life.

She had joined Beulah Church at the age of 14, married at 19 and had three children. Following the dissolution of her first marriage, she moved back to the area and her home church, Beulah. After their separate years of marriage to others, they were married in 1984 by Pastor Paul St. Clair at the Beulah parsonage.

Bernard has been the Sunday School secretary since 1993, a deacon since 1992, a trustee since 1993, and serves on various committees and enjoys cooking for the men's breakfasts. Although retired for 15+ years, he still works everyday in his garage.

Phoebe-Jane has always worked with various missions organizations (highlighted by a missions endeavor to Buenos Aires two years ago) and has had a special love for the ladies Bible studies which started in 1995. Having served most of the committees over the years, she was church clerk for 15 years and has been secretary/treasurer of the Cemetery Committee since 1982. Visiting shut-ins is a special joy to her.

Beulah has always been a refuge for Phoebe-Jane and she claims Philippians 2 as the reason. Verse 4 speaks of the body looking out for one another. Her life verse is Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep in perfect peace him whose mind is stayed on thee."