



Beulah Land

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Minister's message

Where has the summer gone? Soon the colors of fall will be upon us and the church activities of fall will be upon us as well. Sunday School began on September 8th. We all gathered at the church to make apple pies in order to further the mission activities of our church. We have just finished taking our part in the church's witness in the Orion Fall Festival. Earlier this summer, we had an offering of items and money to support the ministry of New Kingdom Trailriders (NKT). Many of us will be going on the annual crop walk in order to help hungry and poverty stricken members of our community and our world. We will be making our monthly offering to the Orion Food Pantry. We are also the sponsors of an after-school program in Sherrard.

So, as you can see, we are involved in a number of mission and ministry activities. And it is very important that we follow through with all of these missions and ministries, but the hands-on part of all of these programs is only the beginning. Almost more importantly than donating the money, and volunteering our hands and feet to get the work done is to keep each ministry or mission in our prayers.

In order to truly be a part of each one of these endeavors that I have mentioned, we must call on the Lord to complete our participation. The money that we gave to the Food Pantry should not be just a can of corn and a loaf of bread. It should be a can of corn, a loaf of bread along with an expression of God's love to each family that is assisted by the Food Pantry Ministry. Let's make it our pledge to make each program that we participate in more than giving a nameless impersonal donation to a person that we don't know. Let's strive to make it so that by our prayers we call on the blessing of God's intervention for each person that we seek to assist through the ministry of our church. **Prayer Matters.** We must make the foundation of each ministry that we enter into our prayers for each person that is assisted. God's Love must be the reason. To honor God in the name of our precious Savior Jesus Christ must be our motivation for being involved in each ministry we undertake. Let us honor God as a church and with the heart of each of its members. That is how we magnify the Lord as we are called to do.

Pastor Tim



Deacon's Report for July and August

During the months of July and August, the Beulah deacons reached out to others as reported below:

July:

home visits – 1
hospital visits – 1
assisted living/nursing home visits – 5
communions – 0
funerals – 0
cards/emails – 34
calls/texts – 24
food delivered – 1
good deeds – 6

August:

home visits – 1
hospital visits – 0
assisted living/nursing home visits – 3
communions – 0
funerals – 1
cards/emails – 26
calls/texts – 5
food delivered – 3
good deeds – 5

Please remember those who are unable to join us at worship, for whatever reason.

"Happiness consists of sharing joy with others. Consider the fragrance of a delightful perfume. It cannot be experienced until the bottle is unsealed. So it is with happiness. Kept to itself, happiness is there but no one can enjoy it." -- Edward L. Friedman

"Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see." -- Corrie Ten Boom

Sherrill Hills, secretary

"If God Should Go On Strike" -Anonymous

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.
If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'd do:
I'll give my order to the sun – cut off the heat supply!
And to the moon – give no more light, and run the oceans dry!
Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone"
You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain,
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me,
With all the favor of His grace, and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

Awesome!
God!
Amazing Power!

Worship Committee:

Communion will be served on Sunday October 6, November 3 and December 1.



Prayer Requests:

Robert DeVries Carolyn Jessen Addison Kelly Gary Lovested Pat Modglin Dylan Preston Alex Strandgard

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family:

- Tim & Bethany Spears and their daughter, Carmichael, who are serving in the Philippines.
- Ted & Kim Treadway serving in Guatemala.

Please alert us with additions or changes to our Prayer List – Thank you!

Please Remember Our Shut-ins in Your Prayers:

Grace Day

Eleanor Garrison
c/o Doug Garrison

Sonia Grafton

Doris Kennedy

Harriet Strandgard

Beulah founded in LOVE; renewed in HOPE



50 years' Members!

Beulah celebrated her 165th Birthday on Sunday, August 22. During Worship we recognized our 50 Year Members (many are 50+ years as members).

Front Row: Emma Hoke, Louise Green, Barbara Anderson, Dorothy Gift and Joyce King.

Back Row: Jan Green, Bill Green, Maryan Wherry, Jim Neumann, Dave Gould and Nedra Baraks.

Let's pray that October, November and December are months filled with good news, many blessings, new opportunities, healing and love. Amen.

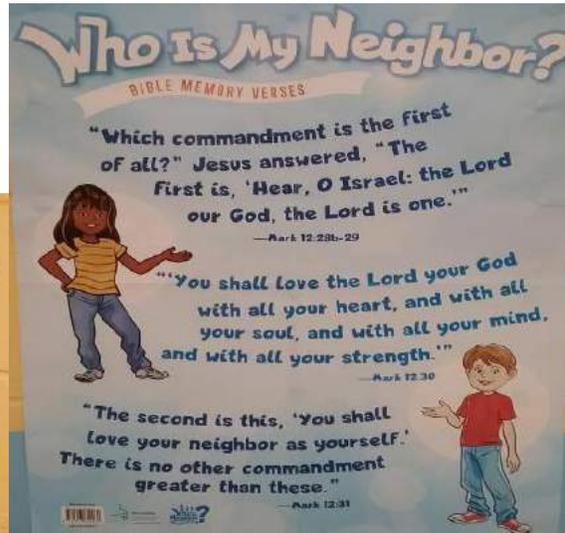
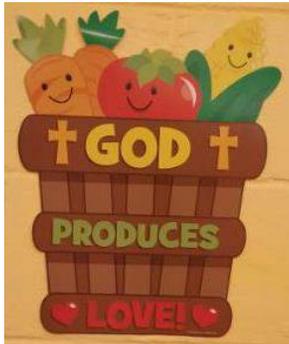


Lord, I put my family in your hands today. I can't control everything that happens to them, but I can remember to cover them in prayer. Amen.

Need a Giggle, read on:

- I had a hen who could count her own eggs. She was a mathemachicken!
- Are you at that age where you respond to your 10:37pm text at 6:05am?
- Dear Lord, please let me ONLY crave lettuce this week. Amen.
- Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, summer, Friday or Tuesday and ruins it for us.
- Don't you hate it when you see an old person and then realize that you went to high school together?
- My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy. I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.
- Going to bed early, not leaving my house, not going to a party ~ my childhood PUNISHMENTS have become my adult GOALS.
- My friend named his dog Five Miles. So every day, he says "I walked five miles". –That's priceless!
- Technically, if you don't cut a cake and just eat the whole thing with a fork you still only had one piece!
- Some people think inside the box. Some people think outside the box. As for me: I don't even know where my box is!

In winter's chill and summer's heat, a farmer works so the world can eat. **Thank you Farmers!**



Have You Read the Church Sign Messages on the Corner of 104th Street and 148th Avenue?

Our thanks to Carol Browning for weekly updating this sign.

- **With God all things are possible only believe.**
- **In God we trust. Right on the money!**
- **What a Friend we have in Jesus.**
- **Well done "Good and Faithful Servant".**
- **Who can hide...that I can't see them?**
- **August 22: Happy 165th Birthday Beulah!!**
- **Humble yourselves in the sight of your Lord.**
- **God knows us completely.**

*Thankful
Grateful
Blessed*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE FARMER:

I give thanks to You, Lord over all the earth.
 I give thanks to You, Savior, redeemer, forgiver of my sins.
 I give thanks to You who made the sun and rain.
 I give thanks to You for new growth that rises from fertile land.
 I give thanks to You for harvests of grain, for nourishing bread.
 I give thanks to You for fruit and vegetables, full of goodness.
 I give thanks to You for refreshing milk and eggs freshly laid.
 I give thanks to You for the hearty and healthy provision of meat and fish.
 I give thanks to You for all your great bounty.
 Surely we taste Your goodness today with truly thankful hearts. Amen.



Greetings! This is Shelly Johnson, Pastor Tim's Assistant. It's hard to believe but a year has passed since I began serving the Lord at Beulah and First Presbyterian as Pastor Tim's assistant. As Pastor Tim began his new adventure of shepherding both communities of believers, he and I began our partnership. This was new territory for both of us but what an exciting ministry opportunity.

Each week I have the blessing of assisting Pastor Tim. As with any assistant, if I do my job well you do not see me in the background helping and supporting Pastor Tim as needed. While I enjoy it when my duties allow me to interact with each of you, my weekly goal is to free him up from simple day to day tasks so he can focus more fully on the church body, encouraging and shepherding those under his care.

Please know that while you might not see me on a regular basis, I have come to consider you all as part of my family. The wonderful thing about the family of God is that we have a kinship, a connection with one another. I feel honored to participate, in a small way, in the ministry of Beulah Presbyterian Church. To personalize Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 1:2,3; "I always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in my prayers. I continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the months ahead I hope that we can come to know one another better as we serve our Lord together! Thank you so much, for allowing me to use my gifts to glorify God and walk in fellowship with each of you! I am truly blessed!

Blessing,
Shelly Johnson
Pastor Assistant

******Whenever you don't understand what is happening in your life, just close your eyes, take deep breath and say:
"God I know it's Your plan, just help me through it. Amen".******

If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain!



For the past 4 years the Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church had an outreach program for children in the Sherrard Area. This weekly program offered a religious-based after school program. With the closing of the Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church, this program was at risk. However, the new owners of the church building are allowing this program to continue in their building in Sherrard and Beulah Presbyterian Church has agreed to be the sponsor-church. The Kids' Club program is run by 3 volunteers and the program has its' own funds. However, it will be under the umbrella of Beulah Church programs.

What is Kids' Club? Kids' Club is a weekly club program for students in kindergarten on up enrolled in the Sherrard School District. They meet every Thursday afternoon that school is in session at the former Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church. Jr-Sr High School students meet from approximately 2:45 to 4:00pm. Grade School students meet from 3:45 to 5:00pm. There is a 15-minute overlap between classes so that all students can have fellowship together.

During their time together each week they have music and/or video time relating to the Bible lesson being taught that day. They then have a teachable lesson, Bible verse memorization, game playing, and craft making, all revolving around the Scripture lesson. They also provide a light snack for the kids.

They currently have approximately 16 students who come faithfully every week and that in itself is testimony to how the children in the area are searching for God's word. They are always looking to invite others to join them as either students, teachers, or helpers.

Anyone interested in the program can contact either Drew Nagle (309-716-7073) or Linda Breiby (309-716-7073).

Mission Page:

- **Mission Committee NKT Project Results**



The mission committee would like to thank everyone for making our summer mission project a great success. With your generosity we were able to give New Kingdom Trailriders a check for \$700 to purchase hay to help feed the therapy horses over the winter. In addition, there were office supplies and paper supplies from NKT's wish list supplied. All these donations help to keep this therapeutic riding program in operation and continue to help many people in the Quad City Area. Again, thank you everyone who helped to support this project.

- **Crop Walk**

Beulah will once again be participating in the Annual Quad-Cities CROP Walk. We will be accepting donations up through Sunday, October 6 and will be walking as a group that day. This year the walk consists of three different lengths:

2-mile, 4-mile, or the full 6-mile. The full route starts with a loop in Davenport, crosses the Mississippi River over the Centennial Bridge, a loop in Rock Island, and then returning across the river back to Davenport. All are welcomed to walk, including children in strollers or wagons, and pets on leashes. For more information check out their website: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities>

Please consider donating and/or walking this year and help to END HUNGER.

<h3><i>PLEASE Join Us!</i></h3>	
<p>CROP HUNGER WALK ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME</p>	<p>Sunday 2:00pm (Registration starts at 1:00pm) October 6, 2019 @ Freight House Farmers Market Davenport, IA</p>

- **Head To Toes Mission Project**



Beulah Presbyterian Church has supported the children of our community for over 20 years by providing hats, gloves, and mittens when they are needed. Recently, the Orion and Sherrard Elementary Schools have reported a need for preschoolers' socks and underwear. Beulah's Mission Committee is asking church members for donations of hats and gloves that will be collected in November. Any cash donations will then be used to purchase the preschool clothing. The Mission Committee will be purchasing winter boots. These boots are being offered to children when the school nurse becomes aware of a child who is not able to play in the snow at recess because of a lack of boots. The boots are purchased with money from the sale of Peanut Brittle made by Wanda and Jon Cross. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

- **Peanut Brittle Fund Raiser**



The Mission Committee will again be selling home-made peanut brittle to raise funds for their 2018-2019 Mission Projects. The proceeds are used to purchase boots for our Heads to Toes project and to help provide funds for our other mission projects throughout the year. The price is \$15 for a 1 lb. package, and \$8 for a ½ lb. package. Delivery will be on Sunday Nov 24 and Sunday Dec 16. Please contact Wanda Cross to order your peanut brittle.

A ten-year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The ten-year old girl replied, "It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts a light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.



Jul-2019		
Worship	Giving	Attendance
07/07/19	\$ 1,460.00	33
07/14/19	\$ 742.00	31
07/21/19	\$ 725.00	29
07/28/19	\$ 965.00	51

Aug-2019		
Worship	Giving	Attendance
08/04/19	\$ 1,288.00	38
08/11/19	\$ 1,045.00	41
08/18/19	\$ 895.00	33
08/25/19	\$ 1,031.00	55

YTD Giving as of July 31	\$ 39,713.04	50%
Budgeted 2019 Giving	\$ 79,731.00	

YTD Giving as of Aug 31	\$ 43,972.04	55%
Budgeted 2019 Giving	\$ 79,731.00	

As of Aug 31, our Giving is only at 55% of our annual budgeted amount. We should be at 66.67%. This means we are \$9,365 behind in giving to meet our annual budget.

Our Giving
55%



Our Budget
\$79,731.00

Ready or not, fall is upon us!

- Are you ready for fall leaves, hoodies, pumpkins and s'mores?
- Be careful as it's that time of year in Illinois where pulling out into an intersection to see past the corn could be very dangerous.
- The moment you're ready to quit is usually the moment right before a miracle happens. Don't give up!
- Sometimes in life we just need a hug. No words, no advice, just a HUG to make us feel better.
- A rich life has nothing to do with money.
- It's easy to make 15 friends in 1 year, but keeping 1 friend for 15 years is special!



Dear God, From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for loving me, forgiving me, healing me and never leaving me. Amen.

In the Autumn by Betty Killebrew

In October when the tree leaves fall,
It is a metaphor to all
Of how we too age over time
From budding leaf to full-blown prime
To face at last our mortal ending
As youth springs forth to new beginning.

It is a cycle known too
with many stories sad to tell;
So as the leaves fall down outside,
Set aside your human pride
And make your life one worth the living
By gentleness, restraint and giving.

So when the generation coming
Views your life and makes a summing,
You will be a memory dear
And never be forgotten here;
And in the life that is to come
You'll hear the savior say, "Well done."



Agape

will meet on Monday, October 21 @ 7pm. (Yes, it's not the 4th Monday, but because of schedule conflicts the meeting will take place on the 3rd Monday for October.) November's Agape meeting will be on Monday, November 25 @ 7pm and there will be no meeting December.

The 3 C's in Life: Choices, chances and changes.

You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.



Dear Lord,

I know that I'm not perfect. I know sometimes I forget to pray. I know I have questioned my faith. I know

sometimes I lose my temper. But thank you for loving me unconditionally and giving me another day to start over again. Amen



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Mission Statement:

Working together for spiritual growth to glorify, praise, worship, and share God's love.

Vision:

Beulah is:

- A Christ-centered family of faith.
- Flexible in learning and listening to God.
- Serving the Lord with gifts and talents through multi-generational engagement.
- A Landmark Church, visible in the community, vibrant in ministry and impacting the world.
- A destination for continual growth.

Slogan:

Love, Thrive, and Grow for the Glory of God.

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Welcome friends!
We live and laugh together!