

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Bill Metzler, Liturgist

Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship

9:00 a.m.

August 17, 2025

(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 92)

Give thanks to the Lord!

Sing praises to our God!

How great are Your works, O Lord!

How deep are Your thoughts!

Though the wicked sprout like grass

and evildoers flourish,

they are doomed to destruction.

For you, O Lord, rule on high forever!

In the day of my trouble I will call to You,

for You will answer me.

*Hymn #455 vs 1, 2, 3 & 6, **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

*Prayer 3ww3of Confession

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is full of grace, forgiving us and giving us new life. Let us confess together.

Lord God, when I have done what is

wrong and displeasing in Your sight,

extend Your love to correct me.

When I ignore those in need

and pretend that all is right with the world,

help me to face the truth.

When I turn a blind eye to those

stricken with poverty,

and those who face injustice,

Lord, teach me Your way.

Give me an undivided heart,

that I may fear Your righteous anger,

and learn anew the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

In His name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

As the Scripture tells us, while we were sinners, Christ died for us, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. God's love in Christ is for us all. Believe and share the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music

*Doxology #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures **Numbers 22:1–38**, pg. 140

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“When Your Donkey Is Smarter Than You”**

*Hymn #525, **“Here I Am, Lord”**

* Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #477, **“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”**

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response Hymn #432, **“Song of Hope”**

May the God of hope go with us every day,

filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain: **Praying, let us work for peace,**

singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*Postlude

**Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

Today's Theme

It's late August. A quiet time in the church. People are relaxed and sleepy. So let's look at a very strange scripture passage that wakes us up, makes us laugh, and challenges us to think. It is the story of Baalam and Balak, and the story of one highly insightful donkey. See *Numbers 22*



Return of the "Beulah Open"

It has been 13 years, and it is time to resurrect the "Beulah Open". No experience is needed and all ages are welcomed!!! Enjoy the time of fellowship and the fun of putt-putt golf. After an exciting and somewhat competitive game of putt-putt, we will enjoy a lunch of pizza or tacos at Happy Joes. Our reigning champions have been holding the title and trophy for quite some time and it is time to challenge the defenders for the title.

Mark your calendars and plan to join in on the fun:

Event: Putt-Putt Golf followed by Lunch

Date: Sunday, August 24

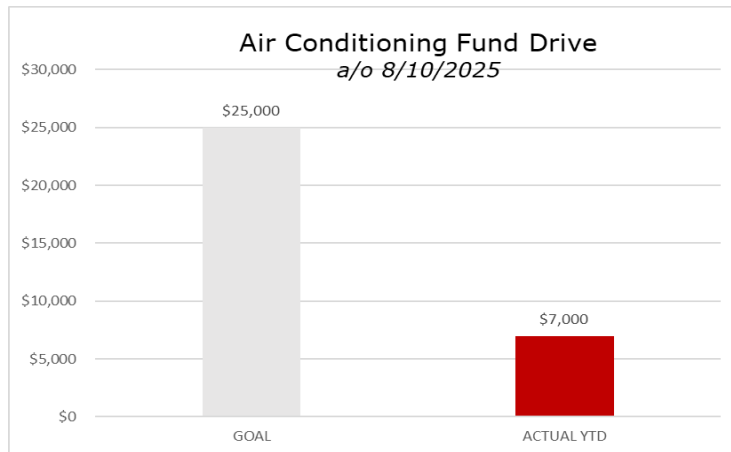
Time: Following Worship

Place: Happy Joes: 320 W First Ave., Coal Valley

BEULAH CALENDAR

Sunday	August 17	9:00am	Worship
Tuesday	August 19	6:00pm	Building & Grounds Meeting
		6:30pm	Session
Sunday	August 24	9:00am	Worship

after Worship Beulah Open @ CV Happy Joe's



This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings:

Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 Isa 58:9b-14 Ps 103:1-8 Heb 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Summer Mission Project Thank You's:

- Thank you Beulah Church for your generous donation of hygiene supplies to Orion Area Food Pantry. These are very sought after items. **Our clients appreciate your thoughtfulness.** →

- A **BIG** thank you to Beulah Presbyterian church members from the Sherrard Food Pantry. We appreciate your generous and kind contributions. We always treasure your partnership and support.

Prayer List

Heather DeHaven
Martha Green

Robert DeVries
Cathy Morgan

Norma Gordon
Dylan Preston

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

- ♥ Barbara Anderson
- ♥ Louise Green
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

Tax Tip – Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate up to \$108,000 annually from their **traditional IRA directly to a qualified charity**, potentially avoiding income tax on the distribution. This strategy is particularly useful for those who need to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) but don't need the funds for living expenses.

Key Rules for QCDs:

- **Age:** You must be at least 70½ years old at the time of the distribution.
- **IRA Type:** QCDs can be made from **traditional IRAs, inherited IRAs, and sometimes** simplified employee pension (SEP) or savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE) IRAs.
- **Direct Transfer:** Funds must go **directly from the IRA custodian to the qualified charity**, not to you first. Request your IRA custodian to send your donation directly to Beulah Church.
- **Eligible Charities:** The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization that is qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions. **Beulah Church is an eligible charity.**
- **Annual Limit:** The maximum QCD amount is \$108,000 per individual per year, indexed for inflation starting in 2024. For married couples filing jointly, each spouse can make a QCD, potentially totaling \$216,000.
- **Timing:** The QCD must be completed by December 31 of the tax year.
- **RMDs:** QCDs can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year.
- **No Itemized Deduction:** Unlike traditional charitable donations, **QCDs are not deductible as itemized deductions.**
- **Tax Implications:** QCDs are excluded from your taxable income, potentially lowering your overall tax liability.
- **Record Keeping:** It's crucial to keep records of your QCDs for tax purposes.

Community FYI: Orion VFW Post 143 & American Legion #255 are sponsoring a blood drive Wed. Aug 20, 3-6:30pm at the Legion Hall. Contact Darrel Muhleman 309-781-9896 to schedule an appt.