

Beulah and Monterey eNewsletter

July 2024



A Prayer for Independence Day

Lord of all, we recognize that true freedom comes through you, that our ultimate loyalty belongs to you and that our real identity is bestowed upon us by you. Every day is a gift, every breath a moment to give you praise, every hour one in which to live what you command.

Knowing that you are Alpha and Omega, we ask for the wisdom to properly order all else. On this day when we celebrate our country's independence, we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this land: the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; the ability to speak what is on our minds, even when what we have to say is contrary to popular opinion or public policy; and the freedom to worship (or not). Help us to recognize that such marks of human dignity are for all people and that you, O Lord, love and value every person and place you have made.

May our patriotism be subject to your law, our loyalty to country never higher than our obedience to your will, our pride of nation always secondary to our humble attempts to follow Jesus Christ. As we commemorate this Independence Day, we remember that all people are created equal, because you Lord created us all and called us good. May our actions, laws and hearts reflect the character of our Creator. Amen.

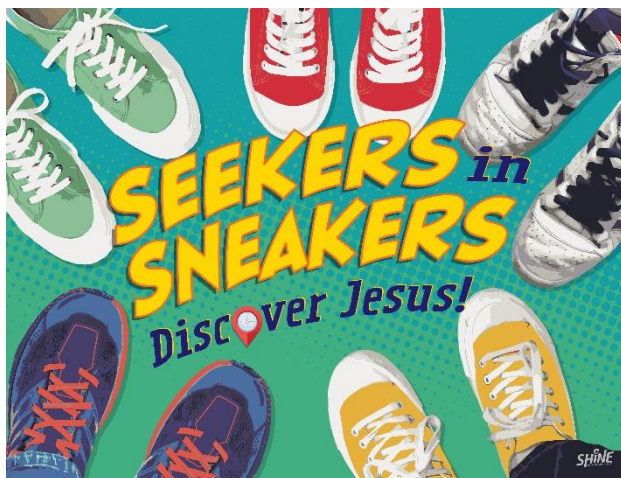
JILL DUFFIELD (Presbyterian pastor, writer, wife and mom (not listed in order of importance)).

Birthdays

4 – Eli Moore
5 – Ethan Moore
6 – Page Rowe
9 – Carol Furr
12 – Levi Warner
15 – Steven Rogers
18 – Pete Atkeson
22 – Karen Allen
22 - Mike Humphries
23 – Kimberly Bird
23 - Jim Sherman
29 – Julia Blanchard
30 – Elizabeth Lohr-Myers

Anniversaries

16 – Joe & Ruby Simmons



Vacation Bible School

Monterey Presbyterian Church

July 15-19

5:00 – 7:30 daily, includes dinner

Ages 4 -11

This week at VBS, children will use investigative skills to discover Jesus. Geocaching activities will challenge children to dig into the Bible to find the way to Jesus. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, sing fun songs, solve clue puzzles, do art projects and science explorations, and play active games. Dinner will be provided each night. During the week we will be collecting an offering paper products for the Highland County Food Pantry.

You can register your child at <https://tinyurl.com/montereyvbsregistration>

Contact information for registering a child or volunteering, Chris Swecker, chrissweck@gmail.com, 540.830.2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS (and yes, that includes YOU!) There will be a meeting for volunteers to go through all the program elements and stations at **Monterey Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 9th at 5 pm**. This will be a time to ask questions, make sure we have all materials, and share further ideas. We anticipate this meeting being roughly an hour, with a cutoff time of 6:30 at the very latest to be mindful of everyone's time. You can volunteer for one night or all week.



PRAYER LIST – Claudia Bedwell, Miles Johnston, Bill Wagner, Roger Orndorff, Marlene Reynolds, Mike Armstrong, Bill and Mary Lou Cox, Barbara Hevener, Becky Magee, Amy Vaus, Andrea Lewis, Ramona Arbogast, Bethel Crummett and Clair Myers.



Congratulations to Ethan Moore on his graduation from the Augusta County Fire and Rescue Academy!

Pulpit Supply for July

July 7 – Lay leader Tim Allen

July 14 – Pastor Chip Hill

July 21 – Reverend Adam White

July 28 – Reverend David Hindman

BEULAH SESQUICENTENNIAL

June 30 was a wonderful day as we gathered together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Beulah Church with worship, stories, music, fellowship, a fine meal from a new kitchen and grateful hearts for the work God has done for more than 150 years through the Beulah church family.

Please enjoy several pages of pictures from the 30th.



**Beulah Presbyterian Church
150th Anniversary Celebration**

Every day that we spend worshipping our Lord and Savior is a great day! On Sunday, June 30th, we once again met as the body of Christ to worship God and celebrate. Members and friends near and far came together at Beulah Presbyterian Church to remember and give thanks for God's work in the lives of His people. We are grateful for those who 150 years ago listened and obeyed God's calling to further His work in the Mill Gap community. As a result of their dedication not only was the Mill Gap area affected but God's love was and continues to be shared locally as well as globally. We were reminded that from generation to generation we are called to continue God's work here on earth. Today, we too must listen and obey God's calling to share His love and gospel with others.

There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus eating with people and as a result many lives were changed. One of the ministries of Beulah Presbyterian Church is to provide a time of fellowship for members, friends, neighbors, and strangers where both the soul and body receive nourishment. With the help of many, the kitchen and dining area at Beulah PC has received a major update so that this part of our ministry can continue and grow. We dedicate not only the "new" kitchen to the Lord but ourselves to the work of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

To each and every one who donated, gave their time and energy, prayed, sang, shared memories, shared messages of encouragement and gratitude, and so much more... we say THANK YOU!

Our hearts are filled with the God's love, and we are so grateful for and humbled by His mercy and grace. With the Psalmist we say...

**I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Psalm 9:1-2





Elder Holmes Stephenson and Pastor Chip Hill



Morning worship service



Glory Bells under the direction of Richard Simmons (photo below)

A nice crowd anticipated the dedication of the new kitchen and the lunch that followed.



Reverend Sara Payne and Reverend Bill Cox, former ministers at Beulah, took part in the service. Bill Cox is in the center of the photo at the lower pulpit.





Beulah's Father's Day Celebration



Dear Dad

*(Husband, Brother, Son, Uncle, Pastor, Teacher,
Neighbor, Friend, Etc.)*

Thank you for sharing God's wisdom with me and those around us.

Your guidance has inspired me and given me courage.

I appreciate your many lessons, both spoken and lived.

The sacrifices you made did not go unnoticed. Thank you for the impact you made on my life.

YOU ARE LOVED AND APPRECIATED!

