

Beulah

Methodist Church of Gilbert

FEBRUARY
2025

WELCOME TO BEULAH, PASTOR LAURA AND MIKE!

Greetings, Beulah Family! On behalf of my family, I would like to say how excited we are to be in ministry with you in this season. As we are in the process of moving and making our new home in Lexington, I just want to say thank you for your very warmth and hospitality. Mike and I are especially grateful to Pastor Tony and Mary for their generous welcome. We are looking forward to meeting many of you on Sunday, February 9, and getting to know the lay of the land around Beulah in the days and weeks ahead!



I will share a few things about myself as we get acquainted. I am a native South Carolinian. We lived in Irmo and Pawleys Island before I went to the University of South Carolina. I also lived in Northern Virginia for 10 years in between when my Dad worked in Washington, D.C. After graduating with a degree in Marketing and Management from USC, I pursued a calling into ministry (that began when I was a child) by getting my Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Later on, I also received my Doctorate of Ministry from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, South Carolina.

I was ordained as an elder in the UMC and have pastored churches for the last 19 years in West Ashley, Fountain Inn, Darlington, and Isle of Palms, Most recently, we were in Newberry in the midst of the discernment process but when the Judicial Council shut that down, we knew it was time for us to make a change. So January 26th was my last Sunday in the pulpit as a UMC pastor and I am excited to now be an elder in the GMC and to see the Lord at work in this amazing movement of His Holy Spirit.

I do not do anything alone. I look forward to teaming up with our ministry staff, our lay leaders, and all of you as we dream and work and look ahead to what God has in store for us in the days to come! I am richly blessed to have a wonderful husband, Mike, who is my partner in life and ministry. We have 2 sons. Gabriel is 21 and lives in Charleston as he finishes his studies at Trident Technical College. Caleb is 16 and loves singing and playing football. My parents live in Pawleys Island and are members of St. Paul's Waccamaw GMC (my home church and where I served on staff while in college and seminary) so you will see them here periodically when they visit. My brother's family lives in Texas and although their visits will be more rare, you will certainly be amused by our 4 and 6 year old nephews, who keep us all on our toes!

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On behalf of my family, we are truly honored to be part of the life-changing ministry that happens within this body of Christ by the lake. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the days to come as we embark on this journey of faith together!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Laura



WELCOME RECEPTION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 12:00 NOON
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND
TIME TO GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PASTOR.

A Message to Beulah

These past eleven and a half years at Beulah have flown by; yet, at the same time, so much has changed in our lives! Grandchildren growing and participating in many Beulah services and activities has been especially dear to our hearts. You've heard the saying, "Love my children, and you love me." Well, thank you for loving our children and grandchildren, because you have loved us. The loving prayers and concerns when there was sickness; the kind notes, gifts, and cards all gave us such comfort and love. The wonderful retirement party and message quilt were lovely tributes that we greatly appreciated. All the times that you have shared your lives with us have been such an honor. Praying for you, and having you trust us with your feelings, questions, doubts, insecurities, and your joys and milestones have enriched our lives. Even though we've gone through some tough times together, the majority of our times here have been blessed times. I have enjoyed working with the wonderful folks in Women's Ministries, as well as in the kitchen, the yard sale, the preschool, and on and on. As a pastor's wife, I also want to thank you for your support of my husband. Whether you always agreed with him or not, you were there to encourage him as we worshipped together. Beulah is a lovely church, and I am thankful for the time that the Lord allowed us to spend with you. We covet your prayers as we move into retirement, and know that our prayers will also be with you. Don't be surprised if we show up now and again because Beulah will always be a part of our family. May God richly bless all of you.

Love,

Mary Rowell

Thank you and God Bless You, Tony and Mary!

Women's Ministries Team News

Women's Retreat at Asbury Hills – March 28-30 – There are a few spots available. Please contact Trish Conn (803-413-7939) if you would like to attend. If you had previously planned to attend and now cannot, please let Trish know.

Saturday, February 15th – Brunch Buddies – 10:00 a.m. – Meet at Another Broken Egg Café, 931 N. Lake Dr., Lexington. This is an additional opportunity for the women of the church to socialize and get to know one another better, since many of the current activities are mid-day on weekdays. Please RSVP if possible, so we have a basic head count for the restaurant, to Trish Conn (803-413-7939) or Stacey Shull (803-960-3938).

The Beulah Women's Ministries invites you to our **first book club event, Saturday, February 22nd – 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon – Social Hall** - We will be reviewing Max Lucado's book, "What Happens Next." Max Lucado provides a wise and reassuring overview of what God's word has to say on the topic of end times, so that you can be prepared, not scared. The book is available at Hobby Lobby or on Amazon (\$11.75). Please read the book in advance and be prepared to discuss this insightful take on God's word. You may reach out to Chris Swansegar (440-668-7718) with questions. Hope to see you there!

GriefShare Ministry

January 12, 2025 - April 6, 2025 / 4-6 p.m.

A new 13-week session of GriefShare began Sunday, January 12th. Meetings are held in the Social Hall each Sunday. GriefShare is a video and workbook driven ministry, offered to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, whether recently or long ago.

Sign up online (griefshare.org/findagroup) or contact Mary Rowell (mkrowell@twc.com or 803-463-8974).

Monday Night Bible Study

Monday Night Bible Study began a 12-week study by David Jeremiah, *Luke - The Compassion of Christ*, on Monday, January 27. If you would like to join us, please let us know so that we can be sure to have a study guide available for you.

Please email, text or call Sandy Lorey at 734-552-8690, dslorey427@gmail.com, or Debbie Demidow at 803-466-7564, debbiedemidow@yahoo.com and let us know if you would like to participate. Our Monday Night Bible Study meets at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall Library. All are welcome to attend!

DISASTER RELIEF

Skip Price (Pete's Welding) is continuing to build wood stoves for those affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. The cost of the stoves is \$250. A fund has been set up for Disaster Relief to help with the cost. This fund may also be used for other relief requests once the stoves have been made and delivered. If you would like to donate, please mark checks for "Disaster Relief." Thank you!



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
SOUTH CAROLINA**

As of January 26, \$140,967.75 has been received toward the goal of \$200,000 to cover the cost of separating from the UMC. Thank you for donating!

BEHOLD 2025

Wednesday, June 25 - Clergy only. Thursday, June 26 & Friday, June 27, 2025 Open to all. Speakers and Breakout sessions will be announced soon.

Gather with us for BEHOLD, the GMC of SC Annual Conference that is full of Biblical teaching, passionate worship, and encouragement from other believers across the state. BEHOLD has been designed for church members, leaders, and all interested in growing in their love for God and others. The GMC of SC invites you to attend BEHOLD, which will be held on June 25 - 27, 2025 at Mt. Horeb Church in Lexington, S.C. Cost \$35 per person, optional T-shirt is \$15.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: <https://www.gmcofsc.org/behold-2025-registration-1>

Summer Serve Holy City

This summer, the GMC of SC, in partnership with Holy City Missions, located on the campus of Aldersgate Global Methodist Church in North Charleston, will host summer service camps for students. This is a great opportunity to provide a service option for middle and high school youth and their adult leaders, while also serving with one of our GMC churches and local partners.

Camps dates are: Week One will be June 7 - 14, 2025; Week Two will be July 19 - 26, 2025.

Registration opens in February

Questions? Please contact Janis Albergotti, Missions Collective Chair, at missions@gmcofsc.org.

Save the Date - DRT Training (GMC - Disaster Response Team)

DRT Training will be held **Saturday, March 8, 2025** at **Lyman Methodist Church**, 106 Groce Rd, Lyman, SC 29365 starting at 8:30am. Registration to come.

Ladies Getting to Know You Lunch

February Schedule

**Feb. 6 - 11:30 a.m. - Hebrew's
452 E Railroad Ave., Leesville**

**Feb. 20 - 11:30 a.m. - Luce Italian
1812 Augusta Hwy, Lexington**

**Contact: Elsa Mims (318-871-6592) or
Junie Laughridge (803-315-4460)**

BEULAH CLOTHES CLOSET

February 8, 2025

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

WINTER

CLEARANCE SALE!

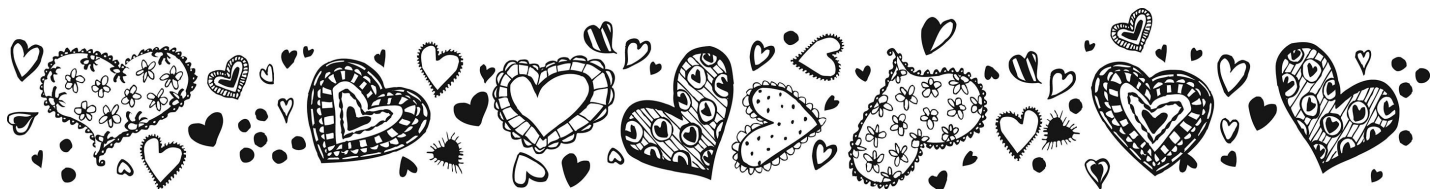
Pick your bargain from the basket.

FEBRUARY

Note: Please schedule all meetings and events through the church office to ensure availability of space. Heating and air conditioning are adjusted accordingly. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00am COMBINED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY	3 10:00am DWJ in FLC	4 9:30am Bible Study in CR	5 9:45am DWJ fast 11:00am DWJ med 12:00pm DWJ beg 7:00pm Praise Band	6 11:30am Ladies Getting to Know You Lunch	7 9:00am Moms Morning Out	8 Set up FLC for reception 9:00am Clothes Closet
9 8:30am Cont Svc 9:40am Jr/Sr Youth and SS 10:30am Trad Svc 12:00pm Welcome Reception for Pastor Laura	10 10:00am DWJ in FLC	11 9:30am Bible Study in CR 10:00am Fun-Food- Fellowship	12 9:45am DWJ fast 11:00am DWJ med 12:00pm DWJ beg 7:00pm Praise Band	13	14 Valentine's Day 9:00am Moms Morning Out	15 10:00am Brunch Buddies
16 8:30am Cont Svc 9:40am Jr/Sr Youth and SS 10:30am Trad Svc	17 Presidents' Day 10:00am DWJ in FLC	18 9:30am Bible Study in CR	19 9:45am DWJ fast 11:00am DWJ med 12:00pm DWJ beg 7:00pm Praise Band	20 Ladies Getting to Know You Lunch Newsletter Article Deadline	21 9:00am Moms Morning Out	22 10:00am (SH) Book Club FLC Reserved
23 8:30am Cont Svc 9:40am Jr/Sr Youth and SS 10:30am Trad Svc	24 10:00am DWJ in FLC	25 9:30am Bible Study in CR 6:30pm Trus- tees in CR	26 9:45am DWJ fast 11:00am DWJ med 12:00pm DWJ beg 7:00pm Praise Band	27 6:00 pm (SH) Men's Meeting	28 9:00am Moms Morning Out	1 9:00am YARD SALE PREP

MMO—Mom's Morning Out DWJ—Dancing with Joy SS—Sunday School CR—Conference Room
 Cont Svc—Contemporary Service SH—Social Hall Trad Svc—Traditional Service
 SPRC—Staff Pastor Relations Committee FLC—Family Life Center
 GMC—Global Methodist Church





Children's Ministry News - February 2025

I want to thank Johanna and Shelly for their work in helping get the Christmas program together. The little ones were precious and always bring such joy to our hearts as they help retell the Christmas story each year. Beulah is blessed with a wonderful preschool program and folks who just know how to get things done in a pinch.

We desperately need volunteers to assist with the children's message for each service. In the spirit of trying new things, I have created a SignUp Genius account to allow you to sign up for days that fit your schedules. If you are interested and willing to help with the children's

messages on Sunday mornings, please consider signing up to help. You don't have to do anything complex; just a quick message to share. I can help you locate some lessons if you are unsure what to do. **Follow this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A4AE2DA0FDCF8-54512525-2025> to add your name to the schedule or scan the QR code with your smartphone to access the link.** You will be prompted to enter your name and email address and will receive a confirmation email. Additionally, you will get email reminders 5 days before your scheduled slot. If you would like to add your name to multiple spaces, select all the times you wish to volunteer and you will only need to enter your information once. We each have so much to share with the younger generations and the joy you receive from your time with them will be a great blessing.



Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for some of our big events coming up in 2025*:

- Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM
- Vacation Bible School - July 7 - 11, 5:30 - 8:00 PM daily
- Back-to-School Burgers and Bingo - Sunday, July 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- Fall Festival - Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM
- Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, December 14

**Dates are subject to change depending on church calendar conflicts, etc.*

Finally, we hope to add another parent's night out event in the upcoming months. We had a great time at our event in November and want to provide the opportunity again soon. Keep an eye open for more details.

As always, thank you for supporting the children through your prayers and presence. If you would like to assist with any of the events, please reach out.

Blessings – Sue Ellen



Dancing with Joy

Join the fun on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Family Life Center. Check the calendar for the full schedule.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

8:30 AM SCRIPTURE READERS

Feb 2- Combined Service 10 am
Feb 9-John Wilson
Feb 16- Brett Reeder
Feb 23-Bryce Taylor

8:30 AM CHILDREN'S SERMON

Feb 9 - McKinley Shealy
Feb 16 - open
Feb 23 - open

8:30 AM USHERS

Feb 9-Wilson Family
Feb 16-Ferguson Family
Feb 23-Neal Sessions, Marion Kneece



Altar Flowers

Feb 2 - Youth
Feb 9 - Diane & Bill Crosby
Feb 16 -Janet Vega
Feb 23 - Connie Shealy

If you would like to place flowers on the altar please call the church office: 803-892-2842.

10:30 AM SCRIPTURE READER

John Barnhill

10:30 AM CHILDREN'S SERMON

Feb 2 - Sue Ellen Shealy
Feb 9 - McKinley Shealy
Feb 16 - Nancy Barnhill
Feb 23 - open

10:30 AM USHERS

Karolyn Berg, Jane Flythe, Barbara Bodie

10:30 AM GREETERS

Jerald and Ann Hancock

FEBRUARY COUNTING TEAM

Jane Flythe, Jody Swygert, Skip Price, Sandy Ferguson, Chris Swansegar

January Attendance Average:

Worship Services: 143 Sunday School: 17 Streaming: 239
YTD Income: \$ 36,280.25 YTD Expenses: \$36,287.03



Youth Ministry News - February 2025

We missed getting to have our normal (yet somewhat crazy) Christmas gathering, but we look forward to what 2025 has in store.

We will study the book of Job in Sunday school over the next several weeks. The book of Job will challenge us to look beyond blame, accept uncertainty, and trust God in things we cannot understand or control. We look forward to sharing this time together each week from 9:30 to 10:20 AM in the youth room upstairs.

This month, we will have a special offering to support the “**Souper Bowl of Caring.**” This mission was started in Columbia, SC, in 1990 to help tackle hunger in the local community. Since then, the idea has spread nationally and seeks to serve those who need food assistance. We will have children and youth at the doors with “soup pots” on **Sunday, February 9** to collect donations after each service. The money given on this day will be donated to Restore Hope Ministries, as they play a huge role in serving the community when assistance is needed. In addition, we will have boxes at the entry of the Sanctuary and FLC to collect non-perishable food items to place in some of the local blessing boxes.

We are sad that we missed the **5th Sunday breakfast** in December and can't wait to host our next delicious breakfast between the services on **Sunday, March 30th**. Please make plans to join us as we gather to share a meal and fellowship.

Looking ahead, we are planning to visit The Gorge Zipline again in March. We are looking at Saturday, April 5, and need to collect \$40 from each participant no later than March 16. This is the best zipline experience in the area! Let me know if you have any questions, and please, feel free to invite a friend.

In Christ,
McKinley



FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday or wedding anniversary this month but it is not listed, please call the church office. (803-892-2842)

CASEY	ADAMS	02/01
JUDY	SMITH	02/02
CARL	LYBRAND	02/03
ELAINA	WOODARD	02/04
MARY	JEFFCOAT	02/05
REBECCA ANN	MELTON	02/05
ROBERT	GRANT	02/05
THOMAS	ROSSON, JR	02/06
MIMI	EGLIN	02/07
JAMIE	FRICK	02/07
JOSHUA	SCHUMPERT	02/08
C CECIL	SHUMPERT	02/12
ASHLEY	LEAPHART	02/12
MARC	EGLIN	02/13
JOHNNY	BAILEY	02/14
JIM	POOLE	02/14
STACEY	SHULL	02/14
DONALD	COOK, SR	02/15
JOHNNY	VEGA	02/15

WAYNE	CLAMP	02/16
ROSEMARY	REDDICK	02/16
JUDY	KNIGHT	02/16
SUE	WALTERS	02/17
LYNN	HAMILTON	02/18
SONNY	GEORGE	02/19
MARK T	BULLOCK	02/22
LARRY	EPTING	02/23
MIRANDA	HASS	02/23
NOAH DAVID	COOK	02/23
NANCY	SORRELL	02/24
MALCOLM	NICHOLS	02/24
BRYSON L	SHEALY	02/25
JOSHUA	PORTER	02/25
JOHN	CROSS	02/26
DARLENE	OSWALT	02/27
NANCY	BEST	02/27
CYNTHIA D.	RUSSELL	02/27
MARY ANN	ROSSON	02/28



February Anniversaries

M/M ROBERT H "BOB" WALTERS 02/15
M/M WILLIAM "BILL" CROSBY 02/07/2007
M/M THOMAS H TAYLOR 02/02/1992

JESUS
LOVES
HOME

THINGS
 I LOVE...

REJOICE	REJOICE
HEART	HEART
LOVE	LOVE
FOLLOWS	FOLLOWS
ANGEL	ANGEL
HOPE	HOPE
GENTLE	GENTLE
JESUS	JESUS
KIND	KIND
JOY	JOY

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AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
 SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
 NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

COLOR THE BOOKMARK
 & THEN CUT IT OUT.



We have items with the Beulah Methodist Church of Gilbert logo (pictured left) available for purchase. Fill out the order form below and mail to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your check payable to Beulah Methodist Church of Gilbert.



Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

UNISEX T-SHIRT \$15.00

#	Sleeve		Size						Color			\$\$
	Short	Long	Small	Med	Large	X L	2-XL (\$18)	3-XL (\$18)	BLUE	PINK	GRAY	
How Many												AMT DUE

COFFEE CUP (\$8.00)	_____	X	\$8.00=	_____
CAR MAGNET (\$10.00)	_____	X	\$10.00=	_____
UV STICKERS (4 inches)	_____	X	\$5.00=	_____
UV STICKERS (6 inches)	_____	X	\$8.00=	_____

TOTAL:

FUN - FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

BINGO
PRIZES
MUSIC



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Lillian Kaminer
Fairforest Grove Senior
Living, Room 202
Columbia, SC 29212

John Sease
151 St Marks Rd
Leesville, SC 29070

Barbara Krepps
167 E. Drake Rd
Gilbert, SC 29054

Martha Garlock
Lexington Extended Care
Crews Pt., Rm 207
815 Old Cherokee Rd
Lexington, SC 29072

Rose Nix 803-359-3521
115 Kings Way
Lexington, SC 29073

Pat Ellis
2356 Island Way
Little River, SC 29566

Alan and Carl Tompkins
803-892-2816
616 Tom Drafts Circle
Gilbert, SC 29054

Dot Oswald
Lexington Extended Care
Rm 265B
815 Old Cherokee Rd
Lexington, SC 29072

Wayne and Gladys Clamp
445 Shore Rd
Gilbert SC 29054



Roy Sox
The Heritage at Lowman
Rehab & Health Care Center
PO Box 444
White Rock, SC 29177

Seretha Sox
529 Canasta Drive
Gilbert, SC 29054

Chuck Wallace
134 Vista Oaks Dr
Lexington SC 29072

Bill Tarte 803-307-9699
956 Wildwood Circle
Leesville, SC 29070

*IN OUR
THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS*

Betty Armstrong
Russel Bickley
Barbara Brown
Lillian Brown
Aubree P. Buchanan
Karen Carter
Harriet Cotterman
Brenda Crosby
Bobby Davis
Tyler Dennison

Matt & Natalie Derrick
Robert Drafts
Rachel Ferrell
Tim Garrett
Virginia Gates
Jane Goodwin
Todd Hall
Pastor William Hightower
Jim Johnson

Tom & Ursula Lain
Chris Leaphart
Carl Lybrand
Donald Mack
Debbie Moore
Debbie Myers
Patty Page
Arlen Peterson
Rebecca Porter
John Sease

Bill Segar
Betty Shealy
Jason Smith
Randy Smith
Missy Stamper
Bill Thornburg
George Warnke
Michael Watkins
Tony Wells

*Thank
& you*

Pastor Tony and Mary - Thanks to you both for hosting the District Christmas Party! And also a huge thank you to the ladies that prepared the meal and the decorations! It was a lovely relaxed night of fellowship! And the music made the evening!! Thank you - Thank You!

Pastor Mike and Christine Maston

Thank you to our Beulah Church family for all of the calls, cards and prayers for me during my shoulder surgery in late January. We are truly blessed to be members of such a caring congregation.
Sincerely, Donnie Woolsey

Dear Beulah MC: Thank you so very much for your continued support of our GES families and students! We are so thankful for your kindness and generosity through your Angel Tree and adopting our neediest students for the holidays. Love, GES

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Return Service Requested



- 2nd - Combined Service at 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
6th and 23rd - Ladies Getting to Know You Lunch - 11:30 a.m.
8th - Clothes Closet - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
9th - Welcome Reception for Pastor Laura & Mike - 12 noon - FLC
9th - Souper Bowl of Caring - Both Services
11th - Fun, Food & Fellowship
15th - Brunch Buddies
22nd - Women's Ministries Book Club

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