

church **Unleashed** @ beulah

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The Journey Continues

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discipleship
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Brad's Blog Unleashed

Let me begin by saying how genuinely excited I am about our recent *"Every Believer a Witness"* Revival with Dennis Nunn. I am overjoyed as I hear the stories of you praying for your servers at restaurants, for the stories of sharing your personal stories of salvation with others, and the opportunities you have had to share a Gospel tract. God is so wonderful to let all of us be a part of taking His story to the world around us.

Our focus is on making the main thing the main thing. We have said, "The main thing is to Know Him and to Make Him Known." I want to paraphrase that, to say it differently from an evangelistic point of view. The main thing is "To be a disciple and to make disciples." We are moving to encourage all church partners to become involved in the journey of discipleship.

The first step in making disciples is obviously witnessing to others. We have discovered that many who want to be witnesses are simply afraid or not equipped. We learned in our revival that it is normal to be afraid, but that we can defeat our fears. We also learned some practical things that will enable us to witness everywhere we go. I am loving hearing your stories pour in. I want to encourage every small group, every Sunday School class, every meeting of any organization in our church to begin every meeting asking for some reports on sharing

tracts, praying for servers, and telling your stories.

We are *Beulah Baptist Church*. That is our heritage and it is our soul. Thank God for all the investment of lives, the sweat and tears over the years to bring us to this point. But we are also becoming *Church Unleashed @ Beulah*. We are seeking to release God from the mental boxes that we sometimes try to squeeze Him into and let Him be the Awesome God that He is. We are releasing the Holy Spirit from the closets of traditions and religion so that He can be the power of God to make us bold witnesses to a lost world. We are releasing Jesus from being the leader of a cause to being a Redeemer and Savior whose focus is people so that He can do what He promised in Matthew 16, "Build His church". And we are releasing God's people to be witnesses in Hopkins, Richland county, and to the very ends of our earth. Our charter says we are Beulah. Our guidelines give us permission to do ministry as Church Unleashed.

I hope you will enter into the partnership and join the movement. God is doing something brand new, and these are truly exciting days to be a part of this church and more importantly, the Kingdom of God.

As always, I am grateful for the privilege to be your pastor.

Pastor Brad

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THOUGHTS FROM KEN

Mechanics and Doughnuts

I read a Scripture recently about a woman who had what apparently was a pretty big deal going on with her health for twelve years. It is found in Luke 8.43-48. This issue was probably well-known to those around her, because it was an issue that made her ceremonially unclean and she was required to make known to others that she was unclean while she was in public. Humiliating. Because of her condition, she was more than likely isolated from various religious and social activities. Lonely. And to top it all off, she had spent all of her money on doctors, but they could not heal her. Hopeless. Physically, emotionally, spiritually, this condition was probably aggravating and uncomfortable for her. So much so that she was in desperation, and she humbled herself in public to get to Jesus. Just to touch His robe because she believed He could heal her. Almost as if He was her last hope.

Imagine her desperation. Ever felt desperate?

What interests me, among many things about this story, is that Jesus provided for this woman something that no man, no doctor, no amount of money could. Healing. Her issue immediately was taken away. Because of her faith and His power. Jesus fixed in a moment what human effort and resources couldn't for twelve years. And to top it all off, with loving sincerity and warm intentionality, giving her some type of emotional healing that she no doubt needed, He called her "daughter."

How many times, when facing a trial or struggle or big decision or whatever, does our human pride and reason come into play as we try to humanly "fix" it? As if we know best. Even sometimes with good intentions, but with no thought of taking it first to the One who could heal it not only in the best way for us, but for His glory and Kingdom.

Almost like taking our broken-down vehicle to get fixed at the local doughnut shop. There are others more highly qualified and capable to take care of the job.

Granted, this may have been the first time this woman could get to Jesus to even ask for His help. And seeking Jesus first doesn't erase all struggle, because Scripture says that struggle helps us grow (James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-4). But I think we can learn a lot from this story, namely this: Jesus is the only One able to best handle not only our most desperate of times, but all of our times. We are natural and limited, yet He is supernatural and limitless. He is always available to us, and it's about time we got in the habit of taking our situations in prayer to Jesus first, and not as a last resort. Trusting Him in faith. Asking for His leadership and help to guide our steps according to His wisdom. And wait for His answer, obeying His guidance, instead of trusting in our limited, man-made "solutions" and "opinions" that have been made apart from truly seeking Him.

Krispy Kreme might be able to glaze a doughnut, but I don't need a doughnut when my engine is sputtering.



WMU Groups

Ruth Motley Group meets Feb. 14 @
6:30PM @ Beulah

Mary Magdalene Group meets Feb.7th
@ 7:00PM @ Susan O'Neal's home.



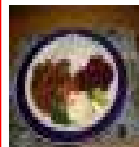
Couponing Class
February 23 6:30 ~ 8:30PM
Interested in learning how to
stretch your dollars
with the use of coupons?

Then this class is for you! Led by Dawn Derrick

XYZ Club Luncheon Thursday, February 9th @ 12PM

Please bring a favorite covered dish,
meat, or dessert to share.

Our program will be a presentation of
the Congaree National Park.



We ALWAYS have a
great time!
Bring a friend and
join us!





COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT FREE ADMISSION

Friday, February 10
7:00pm



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March 2012 Events

- 5~ Deacons 6PM
- 8~ XYZ Club Luncheon 12PM
- 9~ Community Movie Night 7PM
- 10~ Men's Prayer Breakfast 8AM
- 11~ Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13~ Ruth Motley 6:30PM
Mary Magdalene 7PM
- 17~ St. Patrick's Day
- 20~ Spring Begins
- 29~ eBay Class 6:30~8:30PM



The "Fruit of the Spirit" keepsake cookbooks are here! What a wonderful gift to receive and give to your loved ones...and for such a meaningful ministry. Please see

Linda Tice or any Good Neighbor member to get your cookbook. The Good Neighbor Ministry thanks you and hopes you enjoy your cookbooks for many, many years. From our ministry to you!

February 2012 Child Care Volunteers



February 5

Sign-in (N): Barbara McAllister
Nursery: Marlene Steiner/Ann Harmon
Sign-in (C): Courtney Waldrup
2's & 3's: Martha Motley
Children's Church: TBD
Children's Church (Youth): Cameron Crisp/Brandi Norris

February 12

Sign-in (N): David Waldrup
Nursery: Linda Tice
Sign-in (C): Sherri Coffey
2's & 3's: Mitzi Bessent/Lisa Rose
Children's Church: Jessica Chigbu/Lavon Poe
Children's Church (Youth): Sarah Bradley Bessent/Colleen Snyder

February 19

Sign-in (N): Lolly Graham
Nursery: Joyce Fralix/Jean Waldrup
Sign-in (C): Roni Tatton
2's & 3's: Tammy Dawkins/Connie Vise
Children's Church: Andrea Freeman/Karen Moore
Children's Church (Youth): Justin DeBrew/Devin Harwell

February 26

Sign-in (N): Wendy Harwell
Nursery: Delores Coleman
Sign-in (C): Courtney Waldrup
2's & 3's: Melanie Floyd/Debbie Wells
Children's Church: Misty & Travis Polson
Children's Church (Youth): David Bradley/Austin Snyder

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®
National Goal: \$175 million
Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4-11, 2011
Our church goal: \$7,500

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struggling with forgiveness?
financial problems?
marital troubles?
God wants to heal your heart. Find HEALING and HOPE from your hurts and pain on
Monday Nights 6:30 pm
(rear entrance)

Help put an end to Hunger in our Community
Give a \$1 donation on February 5th!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Be an organ donor
~ Give your heart to God.

| 2011-2012 Deacons | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mason Brooks C-530-9292 | Phil Dawkins H-776-6630 | John Motley C-413-2467 | Olin Poe H-776-0440 |
| Clyde Coleman H-783-2618 | Jay Floyd H-783-9980 | Mike Norris H-695-2522 | Buddy Wilkes C-608-2395 |

| The Records Speak | Jan 1-28, 12 |
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| Average Sunday School Attendance | 114 |
| Average Worship Attendance | 152 |
| Average Small Group Attendance | 26 |
| Budget Offering | \$25,466.80 |
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| Advancing The Kingdom | \$5,080.50 |
| Advancing The Kingdom YTD | \$112,104.68 |
| ATK-TJC Commitments (monthly) | \$8,830.33 |

The Journey Continues ~
real life discipleship coaching
Sunday Nights @ 5PM

Join us as we learn how to be disciples
and to make disciples for His Kingdom!

Would you like to get rid of some of the
stuff you have around your house...and
MAKE SOME MONEY DOING IT?
Learn how you can ~
March 29th from 6:30-8:30PM
eBay Class



MEN'S BREAKFAST
February 11th @ 8AM
@ Bunky's
Everyone Welcome
(including wives!)

The LORD
appeared to us in
the past, saying:
"I have loved you
with an
everlasting love; I
have drawn you
with unfailing
kindness."
Jeremiah 31:3



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