

New Building Q & A

Q: Who is on the building committee?

A: David Livingston (leader), Mike Allen, Chris Lowe, Norman Fulks, Ron Jenkins, Matt Wilson, David Stewart

Q: How much will the new building cost?

A: Projected cost is \$450,000

Q: How long with it take to build?

A: About 8 months



Feel free to contact any of the building committee members with your questions or concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you would like an electronic copy of the Beulah Church Directory, please email theallens@zoominternet.net and Rena will send you one by email. The directory has phone numbers and addresses so you can stay in touch with your church family.
- Our congregation, along with area churches, support the community Food Bank housed at New Hope Methodist Church. If you need or if you know of someone who is in need of food, please call 740-886-5311. If there is no answer, leave a message.
- If you would like to make donations to the Food Bank, pantry food items and monetary donations are always welcome. Call 740-886-5311 to receive information on how you can donate.

Home Tips & Mental Health

1. Open all shades, curtains, etc.
2. Play music all day in kitchen.
3. Shower, clean clothes.
4. Drink water in a fancy glass.
5. Call at least one friend a day.
6. Movie time is 4-6pm.
7. At least 1 walk or bike ride.

Prayer Concerns



The prayer list reflects those needs and praise reports that were shared during the past week. Please let Rena Allen know if you would like for someone to be added.

Lloyd Ash has a praise report! He does not need eye surgery! Also his lungs are clear with no cancer! We want to praise God for His healing touch!

Phyllis Ball is **Michelle Bloss's** mother, who has been battling health problems. She is having dialysis 3 times a week. Pray for her and for Michelle.

Susan Terry asks that we pray for her 30 year old nephew in Tennessee. He is seriously ill and hospitalized. Susan and her family are very concerned.

Buddy Wilson is home from the hospital. Pray for his mom, **Charlene** and his other caretakers.

Continue to pray for **Lisa Sheets**, as she is going through chemo. Pray for her husband **Dave**, as he cares for her.

David Tabor's mother celebrated her 100th birthday this past Thursday. The family celebrated looking through the window at her Gallia County assisted living facility.

Let's pray for the elderly parents of many of our members. Pray that they are comforted.

- Betty Kipp — Karen Livingston's mother
- Ken Lowe —Chris's dad
- Mike Butcher—Matt Wilson's dad
- Cecil Caudill—Shirley Jenkins's dad
- Carolyn Webb — Melissa Ramey's mother
- Brenda Ellis—Shawna Gorby's mom

Pray for our senior family members, that they are kept well. Encourage them with calls and cards.

- Anna Mae Edwards
- Carolyn Paetow
- Carolyn Murphy
- Margaret Sanns
- Pat Swain
- Lenville Mays
- Lloyd Ash
- Larry & Lois Blake
- Roger & Patti Bradley
- Betty Payne
- Jim & Carole Whitley
- Billie Simmons
- Ruth Skaggs
- Danny & Sandy Webb
- Charlene Wilson
- Judy Byrom

Let's pray for a protective hedge around all of our healthcare workers. Many in our Beulah family work on the front lines in hospitals and nursing facilities. This list is no doubt incomplete.

- **Holley Donahue (expectant mom)**
- **Ashley & Matt Whitley**
- **Chrissa Burd**
- **Donna Boster**
- **Cindi Whitley**
- **Courtney Daily**
- **Beth Finley**
- **Lauren Hardin**
- **Afton Reedy**
- **Josh Ross**
- **David Tabor**
- **Anthony & Susan Little**
- **Betty Waddell**
- **Michelle Reedy**
- **Paulette Fulks**
- **Martha Ferguson**
- **Angel Kimble**

The Battle Within to Stay Within

The governor of Colorado spoke, a mixture of anger and pleading in his voice. He was asking people to stay at home, practice social distancing, wash their hands, and watch out for one another. As news of the number of infected New Yorkers alarmed us, more alarming were the scenes of people congregating together to play full-court basketball, lay on the beaches, and crowd into Costco.

Scripture talks about that internal struggle...frequently! The Apostle Paul does a personal tug-of-war in Romans 7, where he goes back and forth trying to understand why he has a tendency to do the things he knows he shouldn't do, while also recognizing his desire to do what is good.

There's Simon Peter, who would do anything for Jesus, and then denying he even knew the man. There's the conversation that Jesus has with a young man in Matthew 19. The young man asks Jesus what good thing he must do to get eternal life? When Jesus narrows the focus of the discussion down to the man's obsession with his wealth the line was drawn in the sand. It was a line that revealed what the struggle and, consequently, what his priorities were. The scripture says that "he went away sad, because he had great wealth."

The battle is different for you than it is for me, but it is still that inner tussle for following the ways of God, following what we know is right, versus giving into our hunger to satisfy ourselves in the moment.

The current pandemic has clearly shown examples of self-sacrifice. A 72 year old Italian priest named Don Giuseppe Berardelli, infected with COVID-19, gave up his ventilator for a younger person who was sick. The priest had been suffering from a respiratory condition for some time and his church had bought the ventilator for him previously. Father Don died two days ago, a week after giving his ventilator up.

Volunteers are helping gather and deliver food, neighbors are checking neighbors, people are praying for one another. The good acts of humanity have been frequent needed harmonies of sweet music.

But our propensity for dumbness and deceit has also been evident. New scams are suckering in desperate people. People are stealing toilet paper from places of business. Stubborn self-centered folk are thumbing their noses at following protective guidelines. Crazy people in crazy times!

Let me tell you what my hope is. My hope is that the God of heaven changes hearts in these coming days, causes people to look into the mirror and discover who their number one foe and number one advocate is, and brings us into new and deeper realizations of how precious the gift of life and our loved ones are.

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