Beulah News

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May 2014

The Art of Mullet Fishing

The fresh water mullet is an illusive adversary. He is at one time as crafty as a fox and as dumb as a doorknob. He is adventurous and cowardly. He longs to try new things and yet is afraid to follow through. He swims the current with glee and leaps with fear from a smooth lake. He is an enigma, a mystery, and a fine meal.

Years ago, when just a young boy I used to hunt this famed creature with a fervor seldom rivaled to this day. I would spend hours on end, shirtlessly, shoelessly and carelessly following a pack and/or school of mullet up and down the dam that spanned the Dead Lakes in my boyhood haunt of Wewahitchica, Florida.

You see the technique for winning this prize isn't complicated, but it must be carried off with great precision and a dedication so intense that it boarders on fanaticism.

The mullet spend their day on the smooth side of the spillway which drops the overflow of the Dead Lakes back into the Chipola River.

On the drop off side the water is rough and large boulders have been placed there to prevent erosion. Large mouth bass love this area mainly because any little fish that comes over the top is bruised and battered and just a bit confused when it lands in the rapids and thus is an easy meal.

The smooth side is just that. It is where the water banks up just before it overflows and the resulting water up against the spillway is an eddy of sorts. The current just under the surface is strong enough to host a veritable parade of trash for the mullet to eat but not strong enough to pull them over the top, but Lord help the mullet that ventures too close to the surface. He has a wild ride ahead of him.

That being said, the mullet swim as a pack up and down the spillway just below the strong current all day long catching whatever bits of garbage come their way; and it is this tendency to bite first and taste later that gives the hunter the advantage, small as it is.

With a stout cane pole, a strong hook and the patience of Job mixed with the fortitude of Sisyphus, a young boy can bring home the bacon, if the conditions are just right.

You have to lean over the rail, so you have the proper leverage when the time comes, and lower your hook, baited with just a tad of wriggler, about four or five feet in front of the oncoming herd of mullet. The difficult part is not spooking them, number one, and determining the correct depth, number two. Oh, I almost forgot, not falling in is actually the first most difficult thing.

When you get it just right the lead mullet will sidled up to your worm, give it a noncommittal glance and then with an imperceptible intake of water make the worm disappear as if by magic only to make it reappear a millisecond later when he or she has determined that it isn't trashy enough to eat.

It is only the hunter with the sharpest focus and lightening fast reflexes that gains the prize.

For when fishing for mullet your focus must be razor sharp. Nothing in the world exists but that lead mullet before you. You have to get into the mind of the mullet, and when you are in the zone you unconsciously and imperceptible intake air at the precise moment when that worm disappears.

With that unconscious intake of air, your body springs into action with a precision and speed that defies logic and physiology; and with seemingly one movement, that mullet is airborne.

Up he rises from the water, he performs a perfect arch above your head and then he comes crashing down on the pavement behind you.

That is, of course, if there is pavement behind you.

At eight years of age my power of focus was quite acute.

One afternoon, in the mid summer as I recall, I was hunting for mullet. I was in the zone. No mullet was safe that day. I had already

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sent several to the icebox, and I knew the time to head back to Panama City was closing in, so my focus heightened all the more.

As the sun began to set, the final school was before me, and the lead mullet was magnificent. As the yellow sun shown off of the silver scales, the effect was dazzling. The fine head, the graceful lines; I was mesmerized. I had to have that prize.

So with a skill borne from years of practice I lowered the perfect morsel before the intended victim, and with the now accustomed mutual intake of air and water the magic happened.

That beauty was lifted from the water, sailed through the air with a style to be envied by all, disappeared over my left shoulder in the setting sun's glare and came crashing down with the customary thud. Or was that a crash?

My exultation at having gained such as prize was quickly tempered. For when I turned around, I saw that my new found trophy was beautifully displayed on the hood of the local game warden's pick up truck. Right there in a mullet shaped indentation lay my fish.

It turns out that it doesn't take all that long for an eight year olds life to flash before his eyes.

I will dispense with the rest of the story for now. Suffice it say. It ain't all that pretty.

I'll tell you this though. I believe my feelings at that precise moment would best be described as mixed.

I felt compelled to tell you this story, but the reason for the telling remains unknown to me. Perhaps, like me, the Lord simply enjoys reliving those simple, innocent times. Perhaps there is some deep theological meaning hidden within the interplay between mullet, current, bait and the boy, or perhaps not.

One way or the other I pray that the reading brought a smile to your face, a pleasant memory to your mind, and a bit of rest for your heart. We all can use such things.

Love,

Pastor Tony

Star Member

Fellowship Friends will list in the bulletin each month a **Star Member**. A star member is anyone over 65, a nursing home member or a home bound member. These are our special members who need our care and concern. Greeting cards or note cards are a great way to stay in touch when we can't visit or call.

Our Star Member for the month is:

Frances Smith
Agape-Room 415
2705 Leaphart Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29169

Dear Beulah Church Family, We certainly appreciate the beautiful flowers given in memory of our cousin Nick, (Verl Caughman) during this difficult time. She loved flowers and we are sure that she would have appreciated them. Our family is so grateful for your constant kindness support and generosity shown toward Nick through the years. She enjoyed the visits from church members as well as the bulletins and newsletters brought to her. Once more, thank you for your support. **Respectfully, Her surviving Cousins**

Thank you all for your prayers, visits, cards, calls, flowers, and food during my stay in the hospital and since I returned home. Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for each act of kindness. What a blessing it is to have such a wonderful and caring church family. May God bless you each one. **Clyverd Price**

4th Sunday Night Singing Concert Series

Featuring the Beulahland Quartet and a special guest group each month

January 26, 2014

2 for 1 - Male duet based out of the Cowpens, SC area.

February 23, 2014

The Heritage Quartet - based out of the Lancaster, SC area.

March 23, 2014

The Atkins Family - Based out of the Taylors, SC area.

April 27, 2014

Holy City - Based out of the Charleston, SC area.

May 25, 2014

Morning Star - Based out of the Laurens, SC area.

June 27, 2014

Soldiers of Faith - Based out of the Gilbert, SC area.

July 27, 2014

The Griffins - Based out of the Spartanburg, SC area.

August 24, 2014

Echoes of Mercy - Based out of the Anderson, SC area.

September 28, 2014

Calvary's Hill Quartet - Based out of the Fayetteville, NC area.

October 26, 2014

The Centurions - Based out of the Greenwood, SC area.

November 30, 2014

The Kingsmen - Based out of the Asheville, NC area.

May Birthdays

1	AMY BOOKTER SEASE
	THOMAS COVINGTON, JR
	DAVID LAKE
	JOHN DAVID SEASE
	BRYSON LEO COOK
2	BRIAN L SWOFFORD
3	LINDA REYNARD
4	FRANCES DANTZLER
	SHANE BARTON
6	VIOLET MYERS
8	IAN LYBRAND
	TONI HUGGINS
9	MELISSA TAYLOR
	LISA GANTT
10	PHILLIP MCNATT
	BEVERLY JERALD
13	JOANNA SHEALY
14	JACOB RANDALL
	THOMAS SINCLAIR, III
15	JASON MAGEE
	VICKIE GOSSETT
16	JANE FLYTHE
18	STEVE SMITH
	TARI KOON
	ED MOORE
	CHAD HANCOCK
	JUDY BURNETT
19	ERNESTINE PRICE
20	LAURIE GRINER
21	TEURA CORRINE JONES
	JEFFERY PRICE
	SKYLAR GAUSE
22	SHERRY BASHLINE
	CALLY R FORREST, JR
	HAZEL SMITH
	FRANCES LEAPHART
25	ZACHARY GANTT
	SUZY COLLINS
	WILLIAM WHITTLE
26	DONALD KOON
	FRED TAYLOR
27	GLENN SHEALY, II
	LILLIAN KAMINER
29	NICOLAS CONN
	DYLAN LEE SWOFFORD
30	SANDRA L BURKETT

MR. & MRS. G THOMAS SINCLAIR, JR	05/01/1993
MR. & MRS. BILL WATFORD	05/03/1996
MR. & MRS. TONY ATTAWAY	05/09/1987
MR. & MRS. DAVID STONE	05/13
MR. & MRS. JAMES PRICE	05/15/1988
MR. & MRS. DONALD COOK, SR	05/17/1975
MR. & MRS. JOEL RODRIEGUEZ	05/17/2008
MR. & MRS. CARTHON KAMINER	05/19/1945
MR. & MRS. BILL TARTE	05/22/1953
MR. & MRS. JOSH ROWELL	05/23/2009
MR. & MRS. CHARLES W HUGGINS	05/24/1979
MR. & MRS. EDDIE H GOFF	05/25/2007
MR. & MRS. BRIAN OSWALT	05/25/2008
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM SCHOFIELD	05/26/2006
MR. & MRS. ROBERT DRAFTS	05/28/1964
MR. & MRS. C CECIL SHUMPERT	05/28/1972
MR. & MRS. CALLY R FORREST, JR	05/29/1999
MR. & MRS. JAMES C MCGLOCKLIN	05/30/1987

Aftershock Schedule

The junior youth now has a name: "Aftershock". The name comes from Acts 4:31 (NIV):

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Aftershock is for young people 4th-6th grade. We meet every Sunday evening beginning with supper from 5:00-5:30, and then the meeting from 5:30-7:00.

May 4 - "Anything but Ordinary" Bible Study

May 11 - No Aftershock (Mother's Day)

May 18 - "Anything but Ordinary"

May 25 - No Aftershock (Memorial Day)

If you have any questions please contact Steven & Hope Binkley at hopebinkley31@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help assemble and fold the newsletter. If you are willing to volunteer, please call the church office at 892-2842.

Vacation Bible School 2014: June 16-20

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School June 16-20.The theme this year is Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides.

As part of VBS, the children will be working on a program that will be presented on June 22 at a joint service at 9:30 am.

J.A.M. Schedule

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me time) is for children ages 3 years to 8 plus years old. We meet every Sunday evening beginning with supper at 5 pm. J.A.M. starts at 5:30 pm. We have two classes. One class is for our preschoolers and kindergarten children. The other class is open to first graders and up.

The schedule for this month is as follows.

May 4 – Time with Pastor Tony, Music with Mrs. Mary, and Bible story and craft with teacher.

May 11 – No J.A.M. (Mother's Day)

May 18 – Time with Pastor Tony, Music with Mrs. Mary, and Bible story and craft with teacher.

May 25 – No J.A.M. (Memorial Day)

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Blessing of the Bikes

On Saturday, May 10th, Beulah will host a "Blessing of the Bikes" event sponsored by The United Methodist Circuit Riders.

The Circuit Riders is a ministry of the United Methodist Church whose purpose is to provide fellowship for its members and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the motorcycling community in a loving and non-threatening way. The event is free and will include a meet and greet, barbeque, and music beginning at 10:30 a.m. The blessing will be held at noon and will be followed by a short group ride. All are welcome.

Ladies' Night Out: Hawaiian Luau

Join us on Friday night May 9th at 6:30 for a Ladies' Night Out/Hawaiian Luau. Entertainment will be furnished by the Rowells. We hope to see all of our Beulah ladies in attendance. This is a special time to remember your own mother or celebrate being a mother.

Presented by UMW, Mary and Martha Circle.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 27. You may purchase in advance or purchase at the door. Adults $8.00, 7-12 years old, $4.00, 6 and under free. See a member of the Mary and Martha Circle or call Naomi Baker 532-0842 or Nancy Drake 741-6550.

Your May Helpers

USHERS-MONTH OF MAY
Gerald Riddle-Leader
Jerry Snelgrove
Tom Rosson
Don Deering
Carl Bagwell

CONTEMPORARY GREETERS & USHERS FOR MAY
Jason and Tonya Gossett

GREETERS
Jerry Snelgrove and Gerald Riddle

ACOLYTE
Josh Schumpert

SCRIPTURE READER
Jim Grimm

AFTER SERVICE GREETERS
Diane Crosby-Computer program-Finance
Apr. 27 & May 4
Melba Smith-Treasurer
May 11 & May 18
Mindy Price-SS Superintendent
May 25 & June 1

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
May 4 – OPEN
May 11 – Mary Price
May 18 – OPEN
May 25 – Kim Patterson

MAY COUNTING TEAM
Donald & Karen Woolsey
Gail Provost
Mary Price

Homebound and Residential Care

LEXINGTON EXTENDED CARE
Ruby Bedenbaugh
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
256 A Caughman Way
Lexington, SC 29072

Mary Leslie
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 218 A – Crews Point
Lexington, SC 29072

Betty Jo Gable
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 144-Lexington Trace
Lexington, SC 29072

Wayne Leaphart
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 114 A-Palmetto Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

Wilma Raye Covington
Lexington Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Room 488 A-Azeala Ct.
Lexington, SC 29072

AGAPE
Frances Smith
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West Columbia, SC 29169

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Saluda, SC 29138

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Gilbert, SC 29054

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616 Tom Drafts Circle
Gilbert, SC 29054

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212 Shore Rd.
Gilbert, SC 29054

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Broad River Corr. Inst.
Montecello Unit-Room 144B
4460 Broad River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

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Gilbert, SC 29054

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Gilbert, SC 29054

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Gilbert, SC 29054

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3712 Hwy. 378
Leesville, SC 29070

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431 Peachland Dr.
Gilbert, SC 29054

Esther Kaminer-532-6730
156 Half Circle
Leesville, SC 29070

Betty Ricard-892-6655
3834 Augusta Hwy.
Gilbert, SC 29054

Polly Derrick-892-6660
1833 Lewie Rd.
Leesville, SC 29070

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Beulah Methodist Preschool

May 2014

Last month the kids of Beulah Methodist Preschool conducted a month long science project. Thanks to Fox's Farm outreach educational program, the children were provided with 12 eggs and an incubator to observe the cycle of an egg hatching into baby chicks. Our first chick hatched April 22nd and many of the children were able to actually witness the egg breaking open and the chick emerging. Two of the children have already received the OK from their parents to adopt one of the chicks! Any remaining chicks not adopted will go back to Fox's Farm to live a good life!

You are invited.....

Preschool Graduation

June 2nd, 2014

6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary.

Please come to support our students and say good bye to our four year old class that will be leaving us for kindergarten next year! Everyone is welcome!

Hope everyone had a joyous Easter!

Calendar for May 2014

THURSDAY, MAY 1
7:15 am Prayer Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 2
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)

SATURDAY, MAY 3

SUNDAY, MAY 4
8:30 am Meet & Greet
Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00am Sunday School
Traditional Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
3:45 pm Praise Choir Practice
4:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm J.A.M
Sunday Night Live
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 5
9:30 am Bridge

TUESDAY, MAY 6
9:30 am Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
10:00 am Weight Watchers
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 8
7:15 am Prayer Breakfast
10:30 am Fun, Food and Fellowship

FRIDAY, MAY 9
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)
6:30 pm Hawaiian Luau
8:00 pm Square Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 10
10:30 am Blessing of the Bikes

SUNDAY, MAY 11
Mother's Day
8:30 am Meet & Greet
Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Traditional Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Children's Church
3:45 pm Praise Choir Practice
4:00 pm Confirmation Class
No J.A.M, Aftershock, or Sunday Night Live
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 12
9:30 am Bridge

TUESDAY, MAY 13
9:30 am Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
10:00 am Weight Watchers
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 15
7:15 am Prayer Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 16
Beach Blast
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)

SATURDAY, MAY 17
Beach Blast

SUNDAY, MAY 18
Beach Blast
8:30 am Meet & Greet
Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Traditional Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Children's Church
11:15 am Potluck
3:45 pm Praise Choir Practice
4:00 pm Confirmation Class
5:00 pm J.A.M
Sunday Night Live
6:00 pm Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 19
9:30 am Bridge

TUESDAY, MAY 20
9:30 am Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
10:00 am Weight Watchers
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 22
7:15 am Prayer Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 23
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)
8:00 pm Square Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 24
10:00 am Chicken Dinner (until 2:00 pm)

SUNDAY, MAY 25
7:30 am UMM
8:30 am Meet & Greet
Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Traditional Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
Children's Church
3:45 pm Praise Choir Practice
No J.A.M, Aftershock, or Sunday Night Live
6:00 pm Bible Study
Gospel Singing

MONDAY, MAY 26
Memorial Day
9:30 am Bridge

TUESDAY, MAY 27
9:30 am Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28
10:00 am Weight Watchers
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 29
7:15 am Prayer Breakfast

FRIDAY, MAY 30
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out (until noon)

SATURDAY, MAY 31

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

If you have any additions, changes and/or corrections to the calendar, please notify the church office (892-2842) by the 20th of each month.

Gospel Singing

May 25, 2014

Featuring **The Beulahland Quartet** and special guest **Morning Star**, based out of the Laurens, SC area.

Stewardship Report

PRAYERS: Ruby Bedenbaugh, C. J. Price, Alan Tompkins, Esther Kaminer, Sarah Bailey, Luther Rogers, Polly Derrick, Joy and David Stone, Frances Leaphart, Mildred Price, Hazel Moore, Thomas Taylor, Sr., Mary Leslie, Rosetta Leaphart, Dean Price, Mickie Folk, Betty Jo Gable, Frances Smith, Carthon Kaminer, Lillian Kaminer, Jo Nicholson, Wilma Raye Covington and Betty Ricard.

PRESENCE

	4-6	4-13	4-20	Average
Sunday School	107	68	61	78
Contemporary	97	98	108	101
Traditional	126	146	196	156

GIFTS

The giving report was not available at the time of printing.

Chicken Dinner Youth Fundraiser

Saturday May 24th

10:00 till 2:00

Grilled Chicken Plate **$8.00**

Includes 1/2 Chicken, Green Beans and Cole Slaw

Child's Chicken Plate **$6.00**

Includes 1/4 Chicken, Green Beans and Cole Slaw

Grilled 1/2 Chicken only **$6.00**

Dine in or Take out

Tickets on Sale till May 18th

Sponsored by Beulah Youth Ministry

All proceeds will go towards portable youth building

Info: (803) 580-9946

Vendor's Market

Beulah will be holding a Vendor's Market on **Saturday, November 8th** in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars for this fund raising event. Before opening it to the public for vendors, we would like to offer booths (tables) to our church family. **Perhaps you have a gift for woodworking, sewing, jewelry making, or perhaps you sell Avon, Thirty One, and so on.** Please consider registering to participate in our Vendor's Market (yet to be named). We have a limited number of tables which will be advertised outside of Beulah after June 15th. Registration forms are available in the vestibules. If you have any questions, please contact: Mary Rowell, Sandy Lorey, Melba Smith, or Nancy Drake. See you there!

June 23rd-June 26th[th]

Literature/Drama Camp

"This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalms 118-24

Exciting new drama camp where young performers have an opportunity to put their faith, energy and talent into action! There will be a presentation on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. for parents to come see the children's play!

July 7th– July 10th

Mad about Jesus

Science Camp

"All things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27

We will have an entire week's worth of Science projects! Each day will consist of exciting, fascinating, and memorable scientifically based object lessons to teach biblical truths to children.

July 21st-24th

Water World

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you "

Isaiah 43:2

This is our most popular camp! We will have the slip and slide all week. We will be having fun doing various water activities while thanking God for being with us!

Camps for 2-10 years old

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

<u>Weekly Registration Fees:</u>

$75 for 1st child registered

$65 for each additional child

Or register to attend all 3 weeks for $200.

Call Leeann at (803) 892-3793

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Fun, Food, and Fellowship

May 14, 2014

We would like to invite you to Fun, Food and Fellowship. We meet every second Thursday at 10:30 am (except for November, when we have the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner). We hope you will come have lunch and get together with all your friends and make new friends. Invite all your neighbors to come with you. We would be glad to have you attend. Any questions, please call the church office at 892-2842.

Your Help Needed

Again, Fun, Food and Fellowship is asking for your help. We still need caps from your medicine bottles. We also need about 66 bud vases - any color. We thank you very much for your continued help and support. We hope you'll take advantage of our fun gathering on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. We can always make room for more. Any questions, call Mary Mestler at 892-5999.