



MAGNIFY CHRIST,
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES

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From the Pastor's Pen

"God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38).

We have not explored these terms much in my time here at Beech Haven, but another way of stating our mission is this—

Beech Haven exists to destroy the works of the devil in this community and around the world.

Your work represents a full-on assault of demonic powers. When you share and demonstrate Christ's good news, you engage in aggressive action against evil forces. These forces have created doubt, undermined marriages, blasphemed God, broken families, addicted adults of all ages, banished hope, and created all manner of sorrow and misery. The good news you share and demonstrate is the weapon God provides you to thrash hell. Charles Spurgeon wrote that the gospel is the "whip that flogs the devil" and the "thunderbolt, the sound of which makes all hell shake." You are a mighty force in God's hand.

It is with this confidence that we enter our 2018 Christmas season. This includes, of course, "Merry Christmas, Athens!" December 2 and 9. More information on this is in this edition of the BEAMS. We will provide our Christmas Eve service Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. I love this service and look forward to it all year.

In December many in our community will give God another chance. They'll visit Beech Haven looking for Him. Let us be especially cognizant of them and not get distracted. Each guest needs us to practice the 3-10-20 rules. I have been so proud of how you have responded to this effort. Good work!

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Sunday, December 2 @ 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Music Program led by our Music and Worship Ministry. Our Retired/Senior Adult Ministry has reached out to un-churched senior adults in Athens, especially some of the assisted living facilities.

Sunday, December 9

- Lunch & training immediately after worship.
- Sunday School classes depart for **Mission Projects** by 1:00 p.m.
- Christmas Music Program led by Music and Worship Ministry, YouthOne Voice and Children's Choirs @ 6:00 p.m.
Georgia Square Mall

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 23 and December 30

9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship
No Evening Activities

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Monday-Wednesday, December 24-26

Monday- Tuesday, December 31 - January 1
Office Closed

From the Pastor's Pen

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The first three Sundays of January will provide us marvelous ministry opportunities, especially in the pulpit. The first Sunday in January (Jan 6) I will deliver something of a state of the church address. By that time my family and I will have served Beech Haven for five full years, and I have some things on my heart I want to share with you. On January 13 we will welcome the new Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Thomas Hammond, to the pulpit. I love Thomas and am thrilled with his new role. I will begin preaching through Genesis on Sunday and Wednesday nights on January 20.

Thank you a million for your effective labors for the kingdom. Let's continue to labor and pray that Jesus will be gloried, the people unified, the world evangelized, and hell horrified (John 17). God will be with us.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Worship Ministry Notes

*"The Lord called me before I was born.
He named me while I was in my mother's womb."
Isaiah 49:1*

Your story did not begin on the day your born, nor nine months before. In fact, it began long before you were ever imagined by your great, great, great grandparents. Your story, like mine, began deep in the heart of God before Creation began (Eph. 1:4). Before Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, your failures were known by God. And before you took a breath, you were sinful (Ps. 51:5). But, you're not alone.

Perhaps the greatest lie owned by our culture today is not "there is no God." Instead, it's "there is no sin." We've made truth relative, and thus have removed the consequences for rebelling against it. It's no wonder that we now live in a society filled with people who see no need for God, or are so quick to replace Him with a host of lesser substitutes.

Thankfully, however, there was another ancient story prepared before creation; a story full of sacrifice and suffering, but also a story of amazing love and redemption. For some incredible reason which we may never fully comprehend, God planned all along to enter into His creation, knowing full-well the terrible cost.

At Christmas, we celebrate not only the birth of the historical Jesus, the Jewish carpenter who was later murdered by the Romans. We also celebrate this junction between the eternal and the mortal - the point where God entered into the story like never before. And like any good story, the climax is not the beginning, as miraculous as it was. Instead, we recognize that the birth of Jesus points us directly to the cross and the empty tomb - for it is there that His story impacts our own.

Every year, I feel the burden to remind our world that Christmas means little unless it leads to Easter. The festivities, the parties, the traditions, the joy of the season - all of it pales in comparison to the celebration of a Savior who walks on water and conquers sin and death! The fullest reason for the season, the greatest gift which could ever be given, is salvation through faith in Jesus. He is the promised Messiah, the Christ, God in the flesh who, even though He knew our sinfulness, still came to die in our place. And Christmas is, or at least should be, all about Him.

So, let's enjoy the season, but may we live to exalt Him in our worship and in our witness so that others might recognize not only their sin, but the incredible grace found in Emmanuel, God with us.

- Tim

WoW: Special Guest Speaker



Bill Ricketts, International Mission Board Trustee and retired Pastor of Prince Avenue Baptist Church

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 pm

He will speak on international missions, the new IMB president

(Dr. Paul Chitwood, Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

No 4:00 pm WoW



Churchwide Caroling
Wednesday, December 19
Meet in Atrium at 6:00 p.m.

Year-end Contributions

Your tithes and offerings make all the ministries at Beech Haven possible. Thank you for giving. To claim a charitable contribution for 2018 taxes, contributions must be: **delivered** to the church office on or before December 31 or **mailed** to the church office with a postmark of December 31 or earlier or **Online contributions** and **Text Giving** (to **706-550-9534**) given before midnight December 31.

Gifts of **Stocks or Securities** can be received by the church. Please call Janet Mason in the church office to arrange.

Please consider your **Beech Haven Endowment Fund** in your **Estate Plans** or when you receive a windfall. Talk with John Walker for more information.



Through December

100% of your gifts support our Southern Baptist Missionaries serving internationally.

Beech Haven Goal.....	\$28,000
Given to date	\$3,455

Wednesday Night Supper

(**Reservations Required** by Noon on Tuesday - 706.548.2246)

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Cost: Adults - \$4.50

Children (under 10) - \$2.00

Family Maximum - \$16.00

December 5

Baked/BBQ Chicken, Rice
Green Beans, Rolls
Cupcakes

December 12

Pork Roast, Sweet Potato Soufflé
Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Pie

December 19

No Supper

December 26

No Activities

God Blessed

November

Monthly Requirement	\$122,583
November Receipts	\$95,946
November Christian Concern	\$1,805

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.org/give

2019 Budget Vote

Sunday, December 2
10:25 a.m.

Quarterly Conference

Wednesday, January 9

- Election of New Committee Members and Officers (list to be distributed in January BEAMS).
- A motion to authorize from this point forward the approval of Messengers to Association, GBMB and SBC meetings any member of BHBC who is in good standing who desires to attend.

Great Commission Facilities Committee Priorities

On November 11, 2018, the GCFC voted on the following priorities:

Evangelistic Priority

Maximize the Christ-centered message of Beech Haven Baptist Church and encourage people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and languages to enter.

Missionary Priority

Use the Beech Haven campus and any new facilities to create a constant mission outreach and education experience.

Worship Priority

Provide a worship experience encouraging faith in and union with Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Priority

Assess all classroom and technological assets on the Beech Haven campus for future needs.

Fellowship Priority

Create new gathering spaces for meaningful member-guest-staff interactions.

Facilities Priority

Address deferred maintenance, security and access issues campus-wide.

Stewardship Priority

Assess the costs to achieve the above priorities and develop church financial resources to implement a long-term facility plan consistent with the will of the Holy Spirit.

December Calendar

Sunday, December 2

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship
4:00 pm - Merry Christmas, Athens!
Musical performance, Worship Center

Tuesdays, December 4 and 11

9:00 am - Precept Bible Study

Wednesday, December 5

5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
(Reservations Required)
6:00 pm - WoW (Worship Center)
6:00 pm - Children's Choir
6:00 pm - Pulse in Building D
(Student Worship)
7:00 pm - Worship Choir

Thursday, December 6

9:30 am - International Friends
7:00 pm - College Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship
11:45 am - Churchwide lunch and training for Merry Christmas, Athens!
1:00 pm - Local Mission Projects
6:00 pm - Merry Christmas, Athens!
Musical performance at the Mall

Wednesday, December 12

4:00 pm - WoW (Room 107)
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
(Reservations Required)
6:00 pm - WoW (Worship Center)
6:00 pm - Children's Choir
6:00 pm - Youth Christmas Party, Gym

Thursday, December 13

10:00 am - Women On Mission Meeting

Saturday, December 15

9:00 am - First Upward Game Day

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 pm - Churchwide Caroling

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Monday-Wednesday, December 24-26

Office Closed

Sunday, December 30

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship
No Evening Activities

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Generosity: Tithe Challenge Month

The Stewardship Committee is calling for people to trust God further with their finances by giving 10% or more of their income for the month of March.

Spring 2019 Discipleship Classes

Sundays @ 5:30 (unless otherwise noted)

Study	Teacher	Schedule
Is Genesis History?	David Mills	January 6 only
Crazy Religion: Denominations, World Religions and Cults	Jonathan Tolbert	January 13 - April 21
Prayer God Answers: How to Pray Scripture and Its Promises	Joe Benfield	January 13 - March 3
<i>Disciplines of a Godly Man</i>	Brandon Wilcher	January 13 - April 21
<i>Disciplines of a Godly Woman</i>	Sherri Michelle Mills	January 13 - April 21
<i>Swipe Right: Raising Pure Kids in a Sex Crazy World</i>	Matt Bartlett	January 13 - March 3
<i>Just Open the Door: A Study of Biblical Hospitality</i> by Jen Schmidt	Jessica Crews Leslie Sinyard	January 13 - March 3 (Sundays) January 22 - March 5 (Tuesdays)
Teaching Principles & Methods (\$70) Register here .	Bible Institute: Steve Bingham	January 6 - April 28
<i>Detours</i> by Tony Evans	Ladies Bible Study	March 17 - April 21 (Sundays) March 19—April 23 (Tuesdays)

*Some classes will not meet on MLK weekend or Spring Break weekend. Consult class leader.

Preschool & Children's Ministry



Practices:

December 3 and 4
December 10 and 11

First Game: Saturday, December 15

As the Upward season begins, we ask you to join us in covering every aspect of the ministry in prayer. A [prayer calendar](#) can be found here and hard copies are available in the church office.

Awana Sundays

for 3 year olds through Grade 6

5:30 - 7:15/Gym

Awana resumes on January 6

Student Ministry

Student Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 pm
Gym

Student Worship!

PULSE

Wednesdays @ 6 PM
in Building D

Sunday Morning Classes

9:15 am
Building E Attic

6th Grade Coed
7th & 8th Grade Boys
7th & 8th Grade Girls
9th-10th Grade Girls
11th-12th Grade Girls
9th-12th Grade Boys

College Ministry

Christmas Party

Thursday, December 6
7:00 pm
Fountain Home

Ski Trip

Winterplace, WV
January 18-21, 2019
Cost: \$385
Final payment due January 16

Weekly Groups at Ginger Lane

Thursdays
Resumes in January

Sunday School

9:15 am
Building D

December Servants

Sunday, December 2

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Heather Harris
Linda Drewry, Sandi Franklin
Dennis & Kathy McDaniel
Mallory Fountain, Susan Sheffield

Children's Worship

Rachel McDaniel, Cameron Sowers

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Mauldin

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Nancy Bruce

Sunday, December 9

Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman
Debbie Jones, Natalie Wallace
Jake Johnson, Cameron Sowers
Joshua & Elana Worth
Jason & Lynn Booth

Children's Worship

Clay Cabrera, Sarah Chaloult

Usher Team

Len Griffin
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Eric Ingram

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Joyce Hartley

Sunday, December 16

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Rosie Ingram
Mike & Peggy Mauldin
Mitchell Adolphson, Adam Monroe
Mary Deaton, Kaity Pittard

Children's Worship

Liz Tyler, Jeni Pittard

Usher Team

Bill Crowe
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes

Shuttle Bus Driver

Alan Parrish

Counting Team for Monday

Stan Sikora, Mary Deaton,
MaLinda McLendon

Sunday, December 23

Extended Session

Coordinators: Ryan & Jennifer Adolphson
Sarah Grace Adolphson, Cassie Brown
Adam & Ivey Wynn
Bill & Mayre Favaloro

Children's Worship

Trey & Cheri Bliss

Usher Team

John Zelley
Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Davis

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
Raynette Noles

Sunday, December 30

Extended Session

Coordinator: Joyce & Bill Bowen
Dale & Nancy Wallace
Sherri Michelle Mills, Heather Pittman
Robin Riggs, Pam Johnson

Children's Worship

Ashley Ivey, Squeaky Drewry

Usher Team

Bill Crowe, Don Pickering
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes

Shuttle Bus Driver

Robert Sinyard

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
Raynette Noles

*Whatever you do,
work heartily,
as for the Lord
and not for men,
knowing that from the
Lord you will receive
the inheritance as
your reward. You are
serving the Lord
Christ.*

Colossians 3:23-24

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