



MAGNIFY CHRIST,
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES

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Newsletter of Beech Haven Baptist Church

December 2019

From the Pastor's Pen

"Mary arose in those days and went. . . And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord.'" (Luke 1:39, 46).

Mary knew how to make a difference in her world with the difference God made in her. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary became the mother of Jesus. From that point on she was different, and she has been different ever since. Mary was not satisfied with being different; she wanted to make a difference in others. She first thought of Elizabeth and told her the good news of Jesus' coming. She arose, went, and said something. By these three simple verbs she made a difference. We are still talking about it today!

Arose, went, and said. In the present tense these are *arise, go, and tell*. These three acts will make a difference of the difference that Christ has made in us. When we arise, we determine that where we are is not satisfactory for the need of the hour. Indeed, having little or no influence on others is not satisfactory to our souls and spirit. We want to make a positive impact on others. When we go, we intentionally approach others with good news. When we tell, we express what is in our hearts. Every child of God has something worth saying and something worth hearing.

Our "Merry Christmas, Athens!" mission projects December 5-7 provide us with a powerful opportunity to arise, go, and tell. Our Music and Worship Ministry will cap off this great effort with a special Sunday morning worship service, December 8. We can arise, go, and tell family, friends, and community with this great event. December 24 at 4:00 pm is our Christmas Eve service. God charms this service with His own Christmas spirit. Many families arise, go, and tell in this service. December 29—January 4, many of our college students and some adults will travel to Tacana, Guatemala for a mission trip approximately 10,000 feet above sea level.

They will need your prayers as they arise, go, and tell.

Thank you in advance for a blessed December. I look forward to arising, going, and telling with you.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

MERRY CHRISTMAS,
ATHENS.

**Service Projects through Sunday
School Classes**

Thursday-Saturday, December 5-7

Christmas Worship

Presentation

Sunday, December 8 @
9:00 & 11:15 am

Missions

Thank you so much for your participation in the Missions Banquet! We had great food, an amazing crowd, and learned so much from our missionaries and organizations that were with us! Thank you to the Missions Committee for their work in moving forward with the idea and making our Missions Banquet a reality!

Don't forget that our goal for 3:16 Missions for 2020 is \$75,000. You can learn more about our approach to Missions and Giving by going to www.beechhaven.org/missions/. And, don't forget our immediate goal for our 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$26,000! Every dime of Lottie Moon goes directly to the Mission Field! Thank you ahead of time for your generosity and for being a church that has Missions in its DNA.

GUATEMALA UPDATE

- The roof was successfully completed for the Primary School in La Democracia
 - Alejandro Zaccarias will begin holding Bible Studies/Services in the Primary School on December 8th. Be in prayer for these services.
 - We will return with a team to host Vacation Bible Schools and Sports Camps on December 28 through January 4th.
 - We will have our first church service on the new property we helped purchase on January 1st.
 - We still could use a few more medical professionals and men for the May 2020 trip.
- Let Tommy know if you're interested: tommyf@beechhaven.net
- SendMeNow approved sending Summer Missionaries to Tacana on our behalf during May and June of 2020!



GCFC Update

Your Great Commission Facilities Committee ("GCFC") greatly appreciates the thoughtful surveys you provided on November 10 and since then online. We have, in total, over 150 surveys.

Before deciding on next steps, we are studying all responses, categorizing them and hope to provide you a 'FAQ' summary in the near future.

The "input" window, however, is not closed! The GCFC encourages you to contact us individually with your suggestions and assessments of Jeff Crocker's ideas presented on November 10.



2020 Budget Discussion & Vote

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 p.m. - Rom C248

Discussion

Proposed budget can be found [here](#)

Sunday, December 15

10:25 a.m.

Vote

Thank you, Janet Mason

For 12+ years, Janet has served as Beech Haven's Business Manager. She has faithfully and competently handled financial matters as well as overseen property maintenance. We are grateful for her integrity and dedication to accuracy as she managed the business of the church.

Janet will be leaving Beech Haven, in mid-December, to pursue full-time employment with Georgia Options.

While we will miss her expertise, we will also miss her sense of humor!

Janet, we wish you blessings in your new adventure.



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 2019 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.

December Calendar

Monday, December 2

College Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am - Precept Bible Study

7:00 pm - Men's Ministry Kick-off

Wednesdays, December 4, 11

4:00 pm - Worship on Wednesday

5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
(Reservations required)

6:00 pm - Worship on Wednesday

6:00 pm - WoW4Kids

7:15 pm - Worship Choir

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 pm - Student Christmas Party

Thursday, December 5

9:30 am - International Friends

Thursday-Saturday, December 5 - 7

MCA Service Projects

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am - Worship, MCA Program

10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:15 am - Worship, MCA Program

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 pm - Children's Christmas Party

7:00 pm - Budget Discussion, Room C248

Thursday, December 12

10:00 am - Women on Mission

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am - Worship

10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:15 am - Worship

Tuesday, December 17

6:00 pm - Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, December 18

4:00 pm - Worship on Wednesday

6:00 pm - Worship on Wednesday

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am - Worship/Lord's Supper

10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:15 am - Worship/Lord's Supper

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closes at Noon

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday-Thursday December 25-26

Office Closed

Saturday, December 28 - January 4

College Mission Trip to Guatemala

Sunday, December 29

11:15 - Worship Service

No Evening Programming

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 4

Taco Soup or Potato Soup

Grilled cheese sandwich

Corn chips/crackers

Brownies

December 11

Baked or BBQ Chicken

Green bean casserole

Sweet potato soufflé, Rolls

Christmas cookies

Supper resumes January 8

Supper Reservations

- Complete the Sunday morning Worship Guide Insert, and place it in the offering plate, or
- Call the church office at 706.548.2246 by **noon on Tuesday**, or
- Email cassieb@BeechHaven.net by **noon on Tuesday**.
- Request **Permanent Reservation** status using any of the above methods.
- If you have made reservations and do not cancel, we still need you to pay for your meal. Thanks!

God Blessed

November

Monthly Requirement..... \$127,083

November Receipts \$82,627

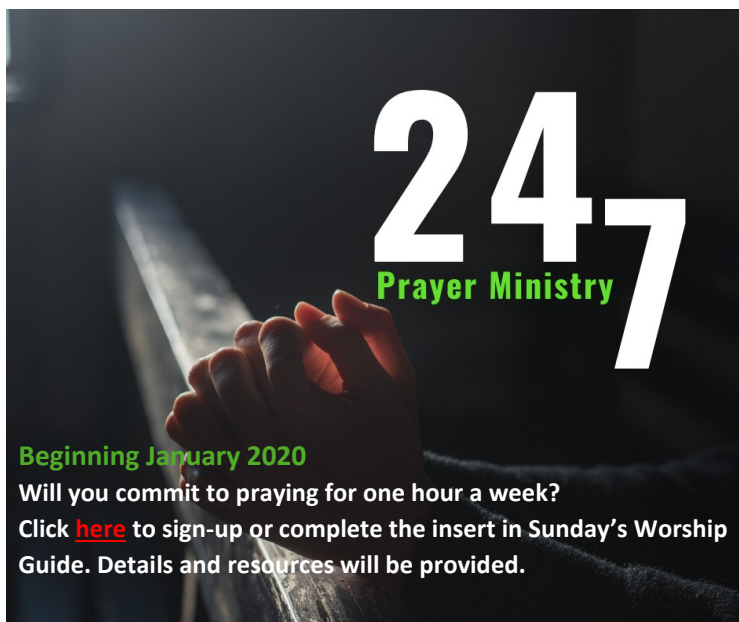
November Christian Concern \$1,300

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.org/give

Give by Text

706-550-9534



Jabez Prays for Athens

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am & 11:15 am

Pastor Mills will speak

5:30 pm

Dr. Mark Sterling (Curtis Baptist in Augusta)

Tommy Fountain, Sr (1025 Church in Monroe)

Pray Like We Need It!

with Pastor Mills

Sundays, January 12, 19, 26

5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Refreshments provided

Preschool & Children's Ministry

Coming in 2020

Camp Pinnacle for 3-12th grade girls

June 1-5

Camp Kaleo for Boys for 3-6th grade

boys

June 15-19

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26

Children's Christmas Party

for 2nd through 5th grade

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 pm

Children's Worship Room



College Ministry

Sunday Morning Small Group

10:15 am - Building D

December 2

Christmas Party

December 5

Pancakes at the BCM

December 5

Merry Christmas, Athens

Service project - distributing goody bags to students studying on campus

December 28 - January 4

Mission Trip to Tacana, Guatemala

Ski Trip

January 17 - 20

Winterplace, WV

Cost: \$355 all inclusive

Email tommyf@beechhaven.net to signup.

Student Ministry

Student Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 pm

Building D

Pulse will resume on January 8, 2020.

Coming in 2020

February 28 - March 1

The MIX

June 1 - 5

Camp Pinnacle Teen Week

June 22 - 26

Vacation Bible School

July 6 - 10

Reach Columbus Mission Camp

July 20 - 21

Middle School Lake Retreat

July 21-23

High School Lake Retreat

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

December Servants

Sunday, December 1

Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Coordinators: Ryan & Jennifer Adolphson
Sarah Adolphson, Sarah Kate Mills
Linda Drewry, Carol Norton

Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Coordinators: Ryan & Jennifer Adolphson
Beverly Pierce, Kate Walker

Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15

Trey & Cheri Bliss

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Mauldin

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Nancy Bruce

Sunday, December 8

Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Coordinators: Ken & Stephanie Bowman
John & Shaun Webb
Natalie and Annabelle Wallace

Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Coordinators: Ken & Stephanie Bowman
Jean Henninger, Christy Chastain
Adam Schwarzenbach

Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Ashely Ivey, Squeaky Drewry

Shuttle Bus Driver

Alan Parrish

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Kay Altschul

Sunday, December 15

Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Coordinators: Eric & Rosi Ingram
Cassie Brown, Susan Hall
Leslie Sinyard

Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Coordinators: Eric & Rosi Ingram
Donna Lackey, Debbie Jones
Stacie Leggett, Adam Monroe

Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Anabelle Wallace, Elias Cabrera

Shuttle Bus Driver

Eric Ingram

Counting Team for Monday

Stan Sikora, Mary Deaton,
MaLinda McLendon

Sunday, December 22

Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Coordinators: Brian & Ashley Mauldin
Mike & Cathy Owen
Cindy Mercer, Charlotte Tolbert

Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Coordinators: Brian & Ashley Mauldin
Jonathan & Amy Tolbert
Maegan Acuna

Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Amy Tolbert, Tracy McKeithan

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Davis

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens, Raynette Noles

Sunday, December 29

No 9:00 am Service

Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Coordinator: Joyce & Bill Bowen
Sandi Franklin
Joann Davis, Sheri Michelle Mills

Children's Worship @ 11:15 am

Megan Bartlett, Ashley Wright

Shuttle Bus Driver

Robert Sinyard

Counting Team for Monday

Stan Sikora, Mary Deaton
MaLinda McLendon

*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



Stewart Mosbey

on the death of his wife

Judy Mosbey

Jeremy and Ethan Register

on the death of their
wife and mother

Aneda Register

John Stephens

on the death of his wife

Carole Stephens

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 22

9:00 & 11:15 am

Worship with special music by

Shelly Johnson

Lord's Supper

10:15 am

Sunday School

No Evening Activities

Tuesday, December 24

Office Closes at Noon

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday-Friday

December 25-27

Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

11:15 am Worship

No Evening Activities

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

9:00 & 11:15 am - Worship

10:15 am - Sunday School

5:30 pm - Jabez Prays for Athens