

From the Pastor's Pen

"[David] served his own generation by the will of God"
Acts 13:36

In this last Spring graduation season some college graduates asked, "Why didn't we get Robert Smith to speak at our commencement?" Smith is the founder and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, an investment firm by which he has made \$5 billion. Smith addressed the graduates of the class of 2019 of Morehouse College and told them, "On behalf of the eight generations of my family that have been in this country, we're going put a little fuel in your bus. My family is making a grant to eliminate your student loans." The nearly 400 graduates owed about \$40 million in student loans, making Smith's gift the largest in school history. Smith's gift made an impact because he gave it.

Great churches, healthy churches, growing churches focus on the next generation. This focus is guarded, modeled, and demanded by the adult generations, especially the older generations. How sweet it is to find this focus among the adult saints of God.

In one church I served, an 80-year-old deacon, a retired supervisor of a local mill, visited me at home one day. He had walked with our church for decades and gave himself to all age groups in our church, but one group captured his heart especially. During his visit at my home, he asked me "Preacher, do you know the most important people in our church?" I replied, "Marvin, tell me what you think." He said, "The most important people in our church are those children in the preschool and children's area." Marvin reflected this in his service to our church and was adored by children and parents.

To bless those who are with us now and those who will come after us we must give. We can give our **witness and testimony** of what Jesus means to us. They need to hear of our trust and

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Church Dream Session & Dinner on the Grounds

Hosted by the Great Commission Facilities Committee

Sunday, November 10 @ 12:15 pm

- Church Presentation with Architect Jeff Crocker
- Committee members available for questions
- Church members input via Feedback Form:
 - What excites you about these concepts?
 - What challenges do you see?
 - What questions do you have?

Meat and drinks provided by the church. **Please bring a side dish or a salad and a dessert to share** (enough to feed your family and four more). Food can be delivered to the Gym on Sunday morning).



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love for Jesus from all adult generations. While the institutional church we call Beech Haven is important, we do what we do for more than an institution. We do what we do for Jesus. We know Him. We trust Him. We love Him. Let's say so by sharing our witness and testimony.

We can give of our **resources** generously. November and December are exciting times here at Beech Haven. As the end of the year approaches, I'm reminded we have many members who give to the budget and support missions with a flurry of giving the last two months of the year. Tommy Fountain and our Missions and Stewardship Committees are leading us in a new way of giving to missions. They will explain this in our missions banquet Sunday evening November 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP [here](#).

We can give our **flexibility**. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:5 "Let your gentleness/forbearance/mildness/ moderation/ consideration be known to all." This word is a word that includes all the nuances used here. Perhaps the best word is "flexibility." Let others see your flexibility. Do not become flustered with change. Be flexible and not brittle.

Harper Lee was flexible, even towards the end of her 9th decade. Her *To Kill a Mockingbird* has sold more than 30 million copies and readers purchase about 1 million copies each year. On July 8, 2014 it became available for the first time in digital format, something the 88-year-old Lee resisted until 2014. She finally relented and said, "This is 'Mockingbird' for a new generation," and a new generation has caught on to the digital update of this classic work. Amazon.com lists the digital version as #3 in "Classic Coming of Age Fiction." Lee preserved the 60-year-old message of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by adapting to the needs of a new, young generation. Her flexibility has blessed the young.

A gift is not a gift until we give it. What joy it is to give. If we give our witness, testimony, resources, and flexibility, we will serve this generation and the next in fine fashion.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Great Commission Facilities Committee

Communication Timeline

2019

Late October - Early November

Sunday School Class Presentations

- During Sunday School, Committee members attend and participate in gathering feedback from class members.

November 10

Dream Session & Dinner on the Grounds @ 12:15 pm

November - December

SS Class Feedback in Dr. Mills' home

- On weeknights (and perhaps Sunday evenings) SS Classes have a potluck meal in the home of David and Sherri Michelle. Committee members participate in a presentation and recording feedback.

2020

Winter

Final Recommendation (Reveal) & Discussion
Vote

Winter/Spring

Capital Campaign



- Tabling - volunteers from missions and ministries supported by Beech Haven will have a display with information about the ministry. You will have time to visit each of the tables.
- Dinner (Thanksgiving meal)
- Testimony from an IMB missionary
- Introduction of our new missions giving strategy

Please RSVP so we can prepare enough food!
publisher@beechhaven.net or 7063548.2246



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Filled backpacks are due
on Sunday, November 3!**

Who's in??

Men's Ministry Kickoff
Tuesday, December 3
7:00 - 8:30 pm/Fellowship Hall
Dinner served!

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

**24/7 Prayer Ministry
coming in 2020**

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

November 6

Chili and Baked Potatoes, Chips
Crackers, Salad, Apple Cobbler

November 13

Country Fried Steak, English Peas
Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits, Gravy

November 20

Poppy seed Chicken, Rice
Green Beans, Rolls, Jell-O

November 27

No Dinner

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

October

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

October Receipts \$115,657

October Christian Concern \$1,410

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.org/give

Give by Text
706-550-9534

First Impressions

Good morning Welcome I'm Glad You Are Here Thank you for coming
Can I help you find a class? How are you today?

Simple phrases. Spoken in a welcoming tone. Relieve the anxiety of a visitor.

Each Sunday morning, people serve as greeters at entrances to the Beech Haven facility: greeting people as they enter, providing directions to classes and the worship center, directing families to the preschool/children's check-in stations, answering general questions.

While Sunday School classes provide greeters on a rotating basis, there is a team of greeters that serve on a specific Sunday each month. Volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on the team.

If you are able to serve, please contact John Webb @ 706-765-7595 or johnowebb@yahoo.com or Shaun Webb @ 706-765-7538 or swebb1969@gmail.com

Beech Haven On Mission

check out the new Missions [page](#) on our website!

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

The Beech Guys Night

Saturday, November 16

11:00 am - 4:30 pm in Gym

for all 6th-12 grade guys

Chick-fil A lunch provided

Sunday Night Discipleship

5:30 pm - Building D

Youth One Voice

4:30 pm

Led by Nancy Bruce

Student Worship!

PULSE

Wednesdays @ 6 PM
in Building "D"

Student Ministry

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

College Ministry

Sunday Morning Small Group

10:15 am - Building D

College Night of Worship

Sunday, November 10

8:00 pm - Bldg 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

Ski Trip

January 17 - 20

Winterplace, WV

Cost: \$355 all inclusive

Email tommyf@beechhaven.net to signup.

November Servants

Sunday, November 3

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

Megan Bartlett, Ashley Wright

Shuttle Bus Driver

Norm Kilgore

GROW Team

Greg Pittman, Eric Harris
Bill & Cynthia Dickerson
Doug & Faye Owens, Jake Johnson
Michael & Liz Fyre

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Nancy Bruce

Sunday, November 10

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

Rachel McDaniel, Abbie Jones

Shuttle Bus Driver

Steve Crumbley

GROW Team

Mark Sizemore, Sherrie Campbell
Tom & Karen Clark, Irene Smith
John Webb, Dave Tolbert
Trey & Cheri Bliss

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Kay Altschul

Sunday, November 17

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

Clay Cabrera, Sarah Chaloult

Shuttle Bus Driver

Allan Adams

Counting Team for Monday

Stan Sikora, Mary Deaton,
MaLinda McLendon

Sunday, November 24

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

Liz Tyler, Micah Cabrera

Shuttle Bus Driver

Squeaky Drewry

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens, Raynette Noles

November Calendar

Saturday, November 2

Time Change - turn clocks *back* one hour

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am - Worship
4:15 pm - GROW
4:30 pm - YouthOne Voice
5:30 pm - Discipleship Classes
5:30 pm - M-28Kids/Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

9:00 am - Precept Bible Study
9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study

Saturday, November 9 - 16

Guatemala Roof Construction Trip

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20

5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
(Reservations required)
6:00 pm - Worship on Wednesday
6:00 pm - Pulse (Student Worship)
6:00 pm - WoW4Kids
7:15 pm - Worship Choir

Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21

9:30 am - International Friends

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am - Worship
12:15 pm - Dinner on the Grounds
4:15 pm - GROW
4:30 pm - YouthOne Voice
5:30 pm - Discipleship Classes
5:30 pm - M-28Kids/ Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting

Thursday, November 14

10:00 am - Women on Mission

Saturday, November 16

11:00 am - 4:30 pm - MS/HS Guys Event

Sunday, November 17

9:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am - Worship
6:00 pm - Missions Banquet

Tuesday, November 19

6:00 pm - Ladies Night Out

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am - Worship
10:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am - Worship
No Evening Activities

Wednesday, November 27

Office Closes at Noon/No Evening Activities

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29

Office Closed for Thanksgiving