

## From the Pastor's Pen

"Your labor is not in vain in the Lord"  
(1 Cor 15:58)

I first heard the gospel from a six-year-old pastor's daughter. Her family picked me up in their Volkswagen van for church at Victory Baptist Church one Sunday night. As soon as I entered the van she said, "I am saved. Are you?" and explained the gospel. The next time I heard it was from a young adult male Sunday School teacher from the Naval base chapel. Then, I heard it again, again, again, and again from members of the same church. One was Shawn Giese, a middle school friend, when I was an eighth grader. Another was Mrs. Barbara Crouse who told us the gospel in ninth grade Sunday School, and wept as she described Jesus' death, a death she reenacted each Sunday because of the killing words her atheist husband stabbed her with as she left home to teach us. Next was deacon and California Highway Patrolman Jerry Knutson who told me the gospel in Sunday School in the 10th grade. Finally, in February 1982 my church called a new pastor when I was a struggling Junior in high school. He preached the gospel every Sunday and said 2 Corinthians 5:17 provided a standard by which we could measure the reality of our conversion. The verse reads, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold, all things have become new." One evening (April 5, 1982), around 9:00 pm, the gospel finally got ahold of me and I turned to Jesus. I was sixteen. It took seven years of witness encounters for me to come.

Each of the people I've mentioned above, from the six-year-old girl to the senior adult Sunday School teacher, contributed to my conversion experience. They each built my trust in Christ until I turned to him in repentance and faith. But I came to Christ only after I heard my pastor preach. I did not come after the witness of the six-year-old pastor's daughter. I did not come after the witness of young adult

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### Sunday, October 6

Backpacks will be available in the Worship Center

- Pick a gender and an age range
- Fill each backpack with a toy, hygiene items, food, clothing and school supplies. A list of suggestions will be in each backpack.

### Sunday, November 3

Return full backpacks to the Worship Center

Backpacks will be distributed by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board to children in Appalachia and SW Georgia

**Beech Haven Goal: 75**



### Retired/Senior Adult Ministry Event

## Fall Fun Fest at the Beech

featuring Humorist Ellen Hester

**Saturday, October 26**

2:00 - 4:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Refreshments, Door Prizes & More!

No charge

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male Sunday School teacher. I did not come after the witness of Shawn or Barbara Crouse. I did not come after the witness of Jerry Knutson.

Can you imagine if after witnessing to me they saw my secular life and said, "Well, that didn't do him any good. What's the use in stretching and risking to share the good news?" What if they reasoned this way and never shared the good news again? What if Barbara Crouse reasoned, "Shawn witnessed to him and he did not turn. If he will not listen to someone his own age, why would he listen to an older woman like me?" What if Jerry Knutson reasoned, "Shawn and Barbara shared with him and he did not turn. If they cannot turn him no one can!" What if they gave up because I demonstrated no fruit?

Let's be clear. While I did not come after their witness, I did come to Jesus because of their witness. Each of them played a significant role in bringing me to Jesus.

Most people will need 6—7 gospel presentations before they turn to Christ. Most people will need 6—7 invitations before they come to Beech Haven.

How about you offer yourself to God and say, "God, I am willing to be the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth witness. I will offer the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth invitation. I'll be the sixth and seventh anytime, Lord, but even if I am not, I will be the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth, so that the sixth or seventh is effective!" Do not be discouraged. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord!

Perhaps you worked hard to get your friends here on Friend Day, September 22, and your friends did not come. It may take a few more invitations to get them here. You exposed your friends to the gospel, too, but they did not turn to Christ. Perhaps it will take a few more exposures to the gospel, and then they will come. When you share or invite someone, you are setting up someone else to be effective in the future. Keep up the good work. You are making a difference.

I Stand Amazed,  
David Mills

### Upcoming Guatemala Trips

#### November 9th – 16th, 2019 (trip is now closed)

Pray for Mike Mauldin, Brian Mauldin, Mitchell Adolphson, Matt Bartlett, and Dennis McDaniel as they put a new roof on La Democracia Primary School in Tacana.

#### December 28th, 2019 – January 4th, 2020 (trip is now closed)

Mandatory October Meeting: Everyone going on the December trip is required to attend the meeting October 20th immediately following the 11:15am service. Lunch is provided.

#### May 23rd – 30th, 2020 (sign up through October 13<sup>th</sup>)

Medical and Education Mission Trip

We need ALL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, teachers, administrators, social workers, and some individuals that can perform "day camps" with students. Contact Tommy Fountain at [tommyf@beechhaven.net](mailto:tommyf@beechhaven.net) TODAY to sign up for this trip. We need a \$200 deposit by October 13th.

Mandatory November Meeting: Everyone going on the May 2020 trip is required to attend the meeting November 10 immediately following the 11:15am service. Lunch is provided.

### COMING SOON: A NEW WAY TO FUND MISSIONS

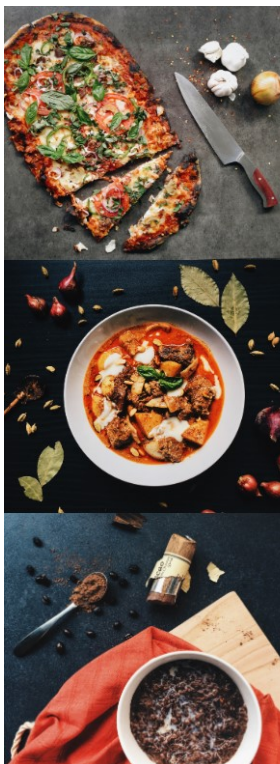
Join us on **November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a **Missions Banquet**, as we kick off our **Lottie Moon Offering** with a testimony from an IMB Missionary, have tabling from Missions Organizations we support, give an update on Guatemala, and roll out our **3:16 Special Missions Offering** for 2020. The **3:16 Missions Offering** will be a streamlined way for you to budget and give monthly to all of our special missions offerings; including Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, State Missions, Beech Haven Missions Fund, and Beech Haven Global Partnerships (i.e. Guatemala); with one check or online.

**Be sure to checkout [www.beechhaven.org/missions/](http://www.beechhaven.org/missions/) for our new Missions tab on our website!**

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER BREAKFAST



**FRIDAYS @ 6 AM**  
McDonald's on Broad Street



MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

## Ladies Night Out

Dinner at a local restaurant @ 6 pm followed by dessert & devotion in a home

## 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

### October 2

Mexican Chicken Casserole  
Beef soft tacos, Black beans, Corn, Chips/Queso, Orange Sherbet

### October 9

Philly, Ham or Turkey Subs  
Fries, Onion Rings, BBQ Beans  
Salad, Pie

### October 16

Eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits  
Fruit and juice

### October 23

Spaghetti, Toss and Spinach Salad  
Garlic Rolls, Brownies

### October 30

Pork roast, Macaroni & Cheese  
Green beans, Rolls and Cake

### 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](mailto: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

#### September

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

September Receipts .....\$126,143

September Christian Concern .....\$2,336

Online giving available

[www.BeechHaven.org/give](http://www.BeechHaven.org/give)



## Preschool & Children's Ministry

### WoW4Kids

is our Wednesday night ministry for kids. We will worship Jesus through singing, prayer time, Bible time and have fun as well. K-1 Class is offered and 2nd-5th grade is offered.

**M-28 Kids** is our Sunday night discipleship ministry for Kindergarten through 5th Grade. M-28 Kids is focused on Matthew 28 and the Great Commission. We want our kids to go and make disciples in Athens and the surrounding areas, at school, and in their neighborhoods. Each week we will play games, learn about missions, and memorize scripture during our Bible time!



### Coming Summer 2020

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 22-26 (New Week!)

**Camp Pinnacle/Camp Kaleo**  
June 15-19



### Extended Session Workers Needed!

9:00 am and 11:15 am

contact Jennifer Adolphson @ 706-254-2009 or [here](#)

## Student Ministry

### Sunday Night Discipleship

5:30 pm - Building D

### Youth One Voice

4:30 pm

Led by Nancy Bruce

### Student Worship!



### Football @ The Fountains UGA vs TN

Saturday, October 5

6:00 - 9:00 pm

for students 6-12 grade

### Great Pumpkin Hunt

Saturday, October 26

4:00 pm - Meet at the church  
for students 6-12 grade

## College Ministry

### Sunday Morning Small Group

10:15 am - Building D



### HomeGroups

An opportunity to connect with local families, who will have you over once a month for food, prayer and fellowship!

Signup at [tfountain@beechhaven.net](mailto:tfountain@beechhaven.net)

### HomeGroup Luncheon

Sunday, October 6

Immediately after 11:15 Worship

Fellowship Hall

Meet your host family!

### The Great Exchange

Thursday, October 17

10 am- 2pm Tate Plaza, UGA

All are welcome to come help facilitate spiritual surveys that lead to an opportunity to share the Gospel

### College Worship Night

Sunday, October 20 @ 8:00 pm

Building D

### Guatemala Mission Trip, December '19

Mandatory meeting is **October 20**

immediately after the 11:15 service  
with lunch provided

### Guatemala Mission Trip, May 2020

Deadline to sign up is **October 13**

### Ski Trip

January 17 - 20

Winterplace, WV

Cost: \$355 all inclusive

\$100 deposit required to signup by  
October 31

## October Servants

### Sunday, October 6

#### Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Linda Drewry, Melissa Lord  
Anna Ash, Mallory Fountain

#### Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Dennis & Kathy McDaniel  
Hannah Grace Mills

#### Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15

Trey & Cheri Bliss

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mark Sizemore

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Nancy Bruce

### Sunday, October 13

#### Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Dale & Nancy Wallace  
Madison Sizemore, Megan Hardy

#### Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Mike & Peggy Mauldin

#### Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Ashley Ivey, Squeaky Drewry

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Whitaker

#### Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux  
Kay Altschul

### Sunday, October 20

#### Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Cassie Brown, Sherrie Schwarzenbach  
Josh & Elana Worth

#### Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Abbie Jones, Clay Cabrera

#### Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Annabelle Wallace, Elias Cabrera

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Donnie Pickering

#### Counting Team for Monday

Stan Sikora, Mary Deaton,  
MaLinda McLendon

### Sunday, October 27

#### Extended Session @ 9:00 am

Susan Sheffield, Laura Walker  
Payton Bartlett, Lori Bloom

#### Extended Session @ 11:15 am

Adam & Ivey Wynn

#### Children's Worship @ 9 & 11:15 am

Tracy McKeithan, Amy Tolbert

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Owen

#### Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens, Raynette Noles

## October Calendar

### Tuesday, October 1

9:00 am - Precept Bible Study

9:30 am - Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

### Wednesday, October 2

4:00 & 6:00 pm - Lord's Supper

### Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

9:30 am - International Friends

### Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, 27

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

5:30 pm - Youth Discipleship

6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, October 10

10:00 am - Women on Mission

### Tuesday, October 15

6:00 pm - Ladies Night Out

## Invitation

*Stacie Leggett/Adam Monroe*

*Wedding Shower*

*Sunday, October 27*

*2:00-4:00 pm*

*(Drop-in)*

*at the home of*

*Nancy Wallace*

*14 Ashbrook Drive*

*Athens, 30605*

*Stacy and Adam are  
registered at Target and  
Bed, Bath & Beyond*

