

From the Pastor's Pen

"Being an extrovert isn't essential to evangelism—obedience and love are."

-Rebecca M. Pippert

Great Commissionary Friends:

One of a pastor's greatest tasks consists of convincing people that God can use them. Sometimes that task consists of "heavy lifting" in that he often deals with people who walk by sight instead of faith. Once the pastor convinces ordinary Christians that God can use them, they serve as a kingdom tactical fighting unit akin to Jonathan's two-man army he formed with himself and his armor bearer. Going after twenty Philistines with this small army made sense to Jonathan, "For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few" (1 Sam 14:6).

You may have an ordinary personality, ordinary looks, and an ordinary life. In a day of the bizarre, that may be quite a relief to many in your world! God can use you to impact the eternities of non-Christians. Neither an extroverted personality, impressive looks, nor ideal life are necessary for God to use you. Rebecca Pippert says that obedience and love are the things necessary to impact others for eternity.

We must, of course, invest our lives in productive work, and this is where some become confused. Some think that technological gadgets will provide the power to win others. Others are sure that social media will yield the power necessary to convert the world. While technology and media can supplement effective strategies, they are poor substitutes for the real thing. God's power with people is found in prayer, personal contact, and verbal presentation of the gospel. The most effective Christians and churches are those who trust God's promises in prayer and follow Jesus' example with people and the gospel.

I abandoned mass media years ago in favor of a prayer list of 15 and contacting and inviting those on it to come to a meeting where someone would share the gospel. When I trusted mass media, our efforts were abysmal and disappointing. When we trusted God's methods, the fruit was abundant, powerful, and real.

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Children Family Minister Candidate Matt Bartlett

Based on the unanimous recommendation of the Children Family Minister Search Committee, and concurrence of the deacon body, the Personnel Committee will bring Matt Bartlett to the church for approval as Children Family Minister in a special called conference on Sunday, April 23 at 10:25 a.m.

Matt's complete biography is available [here](#).

A **Candidate Meet & Greet** will be held on Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



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God's ways never fail. Today, I make prayer, personal contacts, and gospel presentations the substance of the work and use technology and social media as supplements.

Sunday April 23 through Wednesday April 26, 2017 are the dates of our Harvest Crusade with Steve Foster. Steve is a vocational evangelist. He has pastored First Baptist Church Snellville and served in the evangelism office of the Georgia Baptist Convention. One year Steve's calendar was so booked that he had to turn down 65 invitations. In addition, one time a larger church wanted him to speak during a week he had already scheduled with a very, very small church. He would not rearrange the meeting with the small church to accept the invitation of the large church. Steve is effective, prayerful, and godly. You want those on your prayer list of 15 to hear him. We will take up a love offering for Steve, too.

A schedule of our meetings is in this issue of The Beams. We will begin Sunday morning and have services each night at 7:00 p.m. Before each service we will hold a pre-service meeting at 6:00 p.m. with different groups and share the gospel with them. Wednesday night we will have a Family Supper and Family Night in the service. If you have family within 180 miles, invite them. You'll not regret it. Imagine one of them turns to Christ that night.

To help prepare for this week, let us fast and pray. Enclosed is a prayer schedule for the week prior to Steve Foster's ministry among us.

God can use you. He is eager to make a difference through you. If you will trust Him and make yourself available, you will make an impact upon those who do not know Jesus.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Worship & Music Ministry Notes

*"For the wages of sin is death,
But the gift of God is eternal life..."*

Romans 6:23

God is love. Love is central to His character and exemplified in His actions. Indeed, we know what love is by looking at Him. And so we are correct to proclaim to everyone that "God loves you." This message is absolutely vital to our mission as a church.

But love is not His only attribute - He is also perfect in holiness and righteousness. He cannot abide sin or evil any more than a light can abide a shadow - it simply cannot exist in His presence. A problem therefore arises when we tend to focus so much on His love that we neglect His holiness. And to neglect His holiness leads us easily to gloss over our sin.

The Church, then, faces a dual challenge. First, we face a culture that often welcomes God's love but not His holiness. Many are willing to accept His grace but are unwilling to submit to Him as Lord. They want His salvation without really acknowledging Him as Savior. They desire His peace and joy and blessing without recognizing His sovereignty. Second, in an effort to reach such a culture, we run the risk of making God's love a broad doctrine which automatically covers sin. The idea itself is sufficient for forgiveness.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer called this mistaken understanding of God's love "cheap grace." He described it as "the justification of the sin without the justification of the sinner." In other words, it's a man-made idea that God loves us so much that He would simply overlook our sin. Such cheap grace lacks real power because it demands no change in behavior. It's like being forgiven for stealing a cookie without actually taking your hand out of the cookie jar.

The truth is that God's love is amazing because His holiness is equally amazing. When we understand our sin in light of His holiness, we see that our sin is truly deplorable, and on our own, we have absolutely no hope for salvation. Undeniably, we deserve death - physical and eternal.

But, God is love. And while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. His holiness demanded such a punishment, and His grace came at the highest of costs. Therefore, to receive God's love and grace means much more than an intellectual consent to an idea - it means acknowledging Christ as Lord. To receive God's love, in other words, is to submit to a Holy God.

So, let us celebrate and proclaim His incredible love - but let us do so humbly as we worship our holy Lord.

-Tim Cotten



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Beech Haven Goal.....\$15,000
Given to Date.....\$2,455

100% of gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to missionaries and their work throughout North America, allowing them to preach, baptize and make disciples "together for His kingdom."

Wednesday Night Supper

(Reservations Required)
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Cost: Adults - \$4.50
Children (under 10) - \$2.00
Family Maximum - \$16.00

April 5

Beef or Chicken Tacos
Taco Salad, Corn, Black Beans
Cookies

April 12

Baked or BBQ Chicken
Rice, Green Beans, Rolls
Brownies

April 19

Spaghetti
Salad Bar, Garlic Rolls
Sherbet

April 26 ♦ Crusade

Potluck Dinner
Church will provide the meat (fried chicken for adults, chicken strips for children), drink and dessert.
Please bring a side dish to share (enough for your family and four more people).

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 through May, 2017, 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

March
Monthly Requirement..... \$117,916
March Receipts \$97,983
March Christian Concern \$1,109

Online giving available
www.BeechHaven.net/give

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 12
5:50 p.m.

Committee Member Nomination

The Coordinating Committee nominates June Martin to the Stewardship Committee to a term that will end on 12/31/2021.

Online Church Directory

Our online church directory for members is now available on the Beech Haven website: www.BeechHaven.org in the [Contact Us](#) section of the About tab. When you click the link to the Directory, it will ask for a key. The key was listed in the body of the email you received with the link to this edition of The Beams. It is also available through the church office. Enter the key and you now have access to the [Online Directory for Members](#).



Churchwide Summer Mission Trip
June 24 - July 1
Indiantown, Florida

Team Meeting/Training

Sunday, May 7 ♦ 12:30 p.m. ♦ Fellowship Hall

Prayer Team Members Needed – If you are interested in being a part of the Reach Indiantown Prayer Team, please contact Leslie Sinyard. There will be a specific prayer strategy, leading up to and during the Reach Indiantown Mission Trip, and we need people who are willing to PRAY!

BEECH HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Harvest CRUSADE

with

April 23-26

Steve
Foster



Crusade Schedule

Sunday, April 23

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

6:00 p.m. - Pre-Service with College Students

7:00 p.m. - Worship

Monday, April 24

6:00 p.m. - Student Pizza Blast

7:00 p.m. - Worship (College, Coed 20's, Coed 25-35, Coed 36-49, Parents of Children & Youth fill the Worship Center)

Tuesday, April 25

6:00 p.m. - Children's Pizza Blast

7:00 p.m. - Worship (Coed 50-64, Coed 65+, Coed 75+, Working & Retired I & II. Median/Mature Singles, Median Ladies, Median & Mature Ladies fill the Worship Center)

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 p.m. - Family Night Supper - Potluck Dinner

The church will provide the meat (fried chicken for adults, chicken strips for children), dessert and drinks.

Please bring a side dish to share (enough for your family plus four more).

7:00 p.m. - Worship

Fasting and Prayer for the Crusade

April 17 - April 21

8:00 a.m. - Conference Room

Monday, April 17: Staff

Tuesday, April 18: Deacon Teams 5 & 6, Coed 50 - 64, Coed 65+, Coed 75+, Men's Class, Median Ladies, Median and Mature Ladies

Wednesday, April 19: Deacon Teams 7 & 8, Working & Retired I and II, Parents of Children/Youth, Sunday School Workers in Preschool, Children, Youth, Median and Mature Singles

Thursday, April 20: Deacon Teams 1 & 2, College, Coed 20s, Coed 25 - 35

Friday, April 21: Deacon Teams 3 & 4, Coed 36 - 49, Parents of Children and Youth



New Sermon Series
Sundays, April 30 - May 28
10:30 a.m.

We are having another Beech baby!

Tommy & Mallory Fountain are expecting a girl, Abigail Reese, in June.

Drop-in Baby Shower

hosted by the Student and College Ministry

Saturday, April 22

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

BBQ and all the fixin's!

Fellowship Hall

Tommy and Mallory are registered at [Target](#) and [Babies R Us](#).



Sunday, April 9

5:45 p.m.

Meet in the Atrium for instructions
 The group will travel by church bus/van
 to a local neighborhood.

7:15 p.m. - Return to Beech Haven
 This prayer walk will be in place of
 prayer meeting.

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Saturday, April 22

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet in Room 107 for instructions.
 The group will travel by church bus/van
 to a local neighborhood.

Call to Prayer

Tuesdays

Precisely at 8:00 a.m.
 Conference Room

Tuesday Morning Prayer Schedule

- 1st Tuesday of Month: Deacon Team 1/2, College, Coed 20s, Coed 25 - 35
- 2nd Tuesday of Month: Deacon Team 3/4, Coed 36 - 49, 50 - 64
- 3rd Tuesday of Month: Deacon Team 5/6, Coed 65+, Coed 75+, Men, Median Ladies, Median & Mature Ladies
- 4th Tuesday of Month: Deacon Team 7/8, Working Retired I/II, Parents of Children/Youth, SS Workers of Preschool, Children, Youth, Median/Mature Singles
- 5th Tuesday of the Month: Staff

April Calendar

Sunday, April 2, 9, 30

- 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship
- 5:45 p.m. - Awana
- 5:45 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

- 8:00 a.m. - Call to Prayer
 (See page 5 for schedule)
- 9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 25

- 9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19

- 4:00 p.m. - WoW
- 5:00 p.m. - Supper (Reservations required)
- 6:00 p.m. - WoW

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27

- 9:30 a.m. - International Friends

Friday-Sunday, April 7-9
DNOW for Youth

Saturday, April 8

- 1:00 & 2:30 p.m. - Parenting Conference

Sunday, April 9

- 4:00 p.m. - CFM Candidate Meet & Greet

Thursday, April 13

- 10:00 a.m. - Women on Mission

Friday, April 14

- Office Closed - Good Friday

Sunday, April 16 - Easter

- 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship

Tuesday, April 18

- 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

Saturday, April 22

- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Drop in Baby Shower
 for Tommy & Mallory Fountain

Sunday, April 23

Crusade with Steve Foster

- 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:25 a.m. - Vote to call CFM
- 10:30 a.m. - Crusade with Steve Foster
- 6:00 p.m. - Pre-Service/Steve Foster
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship with Steve Foster

Monday - Wednesday, April 24-26
Crusade with Steve Foster

- 6:00 p.m. - Pre-Service
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship

Preschool & Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School

Sunday - Thursday, June 4 - 9

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

with Family Day on Sunday, June 11

Now recruiting workers.

Contact Jennifer at preschool@beechhaven.net

Two Workers Needed in the One & Two Year Old Class!

We have a couple of babies that are ready to graduate to the one year old class. We need two adult volunteers to serve in the classroom before the graduates can move in! To volunteer, please contact Jennifer at preschool@beechhaven.net.

Camp Pinnacle (for girls) and Camp Kaleo (for boys)

July 10 - 14

Updated Awana Schedule

April 2 - Crazy Sock Night

April 9 - Double Buck Night

April 16 - Easter, No Awana

April 23 - Crusade, No Awana

April 30 - Store Night

May 7 - Awards Night ♦ Gym

5:15 p.m. - Pizza Dinner
(Fellowship Hall)

5:45 p.m. - Flag Ceremony in Gym

6:00 p.m. - Sparks verses, song and awards

6:20 p.m. - T&T song, verses, and awards

6:35 p.m. - A word from Dr. Mills

6:50 p.m. - Combined Game Time

College Ministry

Study at the Beech Café

April 27 - May 3

Signup for time slots will start April 17

See Tommy for details

Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study

Mondays @ 8:00 p.m.

April 10, April 17

Home of Tommy Fountain

1380 Ginger Lane

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Building D

Parents & Grandparents!

DNOW Parenting Conference

for parents or grandparents of any age child, infant - high school

Saturday, April 8

Speaker: Rev. Ricky Chelette, Executive Director, Living Hope Ministries

1:00 p.m. - *What All Parents Need to Know About Gender and Sexual Development Among Boys*

2:30 p.m. - *What All Parents Need to Know About Gender and Sexual Development Among Girls*

Building D

Childcare available by registration only.

Please register for the conference and childcare at www.BeechHaven.org/Events

Student Ministry

PULSE
SUNDAYS AT 6PM IN BUILDING D

Sundays, April 30 & May 7

6:00 p.m.

Building D

Office Closed
Friday, April 14
In observance of
Good Friday

April Servants

Sunday, April 2

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Heather Harris
 Sandi Franklin
 Dennis & Kathy McDaniel
 Mallory Fountain, Susan Sheffield
 Sharon McKeithan, Lisa Rhymer

Children's Worship

Squeaky Drewry, Ashley Ivey

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin, Gene Couch

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mark Sizemore

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Mallory Fountain

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
 Lanie Lafayette

Sunday, April 9

Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman
 Debbie Jones, Nikki Menjivar
 Dale & Nancy Wallace
 Mike Campbell, Thomas Campbell
 Jason & Lynn Booth

Children's Worship

Brent & Meredith Dykes

Usher Team

Len Griffin
 Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
 Ted Screws, George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Skipper Crews

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Lisa Rhymer

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
 Joyce Hartley

Sunday, April 16

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Rosie Ingram
 Mike & Peggy Mauldin
 Stacie Leggett
 Jake Johnson, Cameron Sowers
 Mary Deaton

Children's Worship

Tracy McKeithan, Amy Tolbert

Usher Team

Bill Crowe, Don Pickering
 Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes
 Jerry Whiteside

Shuttle Bus Driver

Donnie Pickering

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Tom & Karen Clark

Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure
 Mary Deaton

Sunday, April 23

Extended Session

Coordinators: Ryan & Jennifer Adolphson
 MaLinda McLendon, Cassie Brown
 Mitchell Adolphson, Adam Monroe
 Bill & Mayre Favaloro

Children's Worship

Cameron Sowers

Usher Team

John Zelle
 James Nix, Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Owen

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Seth & Allie Crenshaw

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens

Sunday, April 30

Extended Session

Coordinator: Joyce & Bill Bowen
 Jerry & Sylvia Whiteside
 Sherri Michelle Mills
 Joann Davis, Robin Riggs
 Nancy Hunt

Children's Worship

Usher Team

Len Griffin
 Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
 Ted Screws, George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Robert Sinyard

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Jeanenne Brewton

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
 Joyce Hartley

Retired/Senior Adult Ministry

Legacy Matters

Billy Graham says "Having your house in order is one of the most important things parents can do for their children....and letting them know where you stand with the Lord will be your lasting legacy."

On **Thursday, May 25**, we will have a **Legacy Matters** luncheon. *How is Christ reflected in your most valued relationships and plans?* Come hear **Pastor Emeritus Dr. Stewart Simms** speak about our spiritual legacy and **Sam Warner** of the Georgia Baptist Foundation on biblical principles and practical matters for preparing our *family* legacy.

The luncheon will be at noon (\$5, [RSVP](#) by May 18).

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