


From the Pastor's Pen

Sodom had no Bible, and with this Leonard Ravenhill entitles his startling book on revival. Ravenhill explained that the United States, and by extension other nations, possess spiritual advantages Sodom never did. Sodom had no churches, but America has more than 320,000. Sodom had no copies of Scripture, but in America eighty-seven percent of households own at least one copy and forty-one percent own four or more. Sodom had no ministers, but in America, we have millions including pastors, music ministers, student ministers, and children's ministers. Sodom had no Bible colleges, Christian universities, or seminaries, but America has more than 250. Sodom had no prayer meetings, and America has fewer than it did merely ten years ago. Ravenhill concludes, "Sodom perished in spite of all these disadvantages. America today is living only by the mercy of God. The only reason we are not smoking in the fire-wrath of a holy God is mercy!" (28).

Ravenhill bases his alarm over America's condition on Jesus warning "To whom much is given, much is required" (Luke 12:36). God did not give us all these resources so that we might ignore them and live according to fleshly lust and worldly values. He gave us these resources that we might hear Him and heed His commands.

Hearing God by His word and heeding Him in obedience constitute the warp and woof of faithful devotion to Jesus. Jesus asked, "Why call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say" (Luke 6:46). Beech Haven values hearing and heeding the word of God. For this reason, August is an important month to our church family. On Wednesday, August 2 our church family will ordain a new minister and six new deacons. On Saturday, August 5 we will host a Sunday School training conference with some excellent leaders. On Sunday, August 13, Dr. Ken Keathley will lead us in our apologetics conference on C.S. Lewis' approach to apologetics "The Weight of Glory." On Wednesday, August 16 our church family will say "thank you" to Sunday School workers and kick-off a new year of evening ministries in "Elvis Finally Returns to Sunday School."

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Ordination Service

Wednesday, August 2
6:00 p.m. in Worship Center
Matt Bartlett, Jason Booth, Richard Gray, Brian Mauldin,
Matt Rhymer, Andy Thomas, John Webb

Sunday School Training

Saturday, August 5

for all Sunday School Workers

Beech Haven Fellowship Hall & Classrooms

Free to Beech Haven Sunday School workers

8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Schedule details and Leaders can be found [here](#).



FALL KICKOFF

Wednesday, August 16

5:00 p.m. Supper (reservations required)
6:00 p.m. Entertainment: "Elvis Finally Returns to Sunday School"
& Sunday School Recognitions

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More about these important events in this edition of the BEAMS and our website.

It is our sacred obligation to provide and strengthen ministries that help us hear and heed God's word. I look forward to seeing the fruit that issues from these in August.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Worship Ministry Notes

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs..."

Colossians 3:16

The encounter was brief, but meaningful. It was the spring of 1996, and all of Atlanta was buzzing in anticipation of the approaching Summer Olympics. Everyone was also still celebrating the Braves World Series title from the previous October. I was entering my final semester of high school, when one fateful day, the Braves' star rookie, third baseman Chipper Jones came to talk to me. He had a new championship ring on his hand and had just placed second as Rookie-of-the-year, yet he stopped his busy schedule to come talk to me.

I'll never forget his words: "So... I'd like a number two combo... with a Dr. Pepper." I replied, "Sure... would you like to make that a large Dr. Pepper?" "No thanks..."

Yes, I was working at Chick-fil-A at the time, and Chipper came through the drive-thru. In all honesty, I didn't even see his face - just a hand sticking out of a very expensive Porsche. A co-worker behind me filled me in afterwards.

And, that's pretty much it. That's just about the most famous person I've ever "met." I've never talked to a president, I've never had lunch with a senator, I've never even met Georgia's football coach. No famous person knows me at all.

But - the King of the Universe knows me by name. He hears my prayers and He responds. He even speaks to me through His incredible Word and through His Spirit. I may not know any famous people, but I am known by a famous God.

Consider for a moment the weight of that knowledge. The One who created all that exists, who spoke to Abram and gave precepts to Moses, who establishes kings and governments, and who provided Himself as an atoning sacrifice - that One knows us and speaks to us.

Our job, then, is to listen and obey. This requires knowing His word - understanding His promises allowing the stories of scripture to come alive in us today. And it requires being sensitive to His still-small-voice as it urges us towards holiness and faith.

My prayer is that we all might hide His word in our hearts. May it be the deep and refreshing well from which we draw all of our thoughts and words, and may it serve constantly to remind us that our God knows us and speaks to us.

Retired & Senior Adult Ministry News

Summer Swing at the Beech!

A Senior Adult Outreach Event

Saturday, August 12

12:00 noon ♦ Beech Haven Fellowship Hall

Featuring music by **Classic City Swing Band** ([listen here](#))

with lunch catered by **Marti's at Midday**

Tickets: \$10 each

Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, August 6

Tickets available in the church office or beechhaven.org/events

Save the Date!

October Day Trip to Ellijay

Friday, October 13

Burt's Pumpkin Farm & Hillcrest Orchards

Cost: Lunch and any purchases at Farms

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Depart Beech Haven

11:00 a.m. - Arrive at Burt's Pumpkin Farm

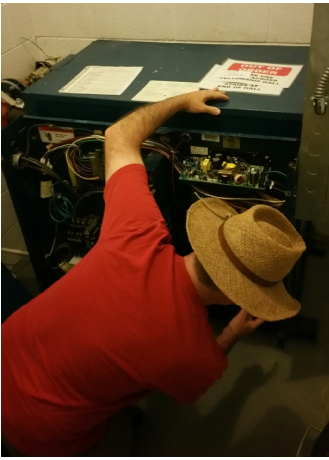
Noon - Depart Burt's Pumpkin Farm

12:30 p.m. - Lunch at Hillcrest Orchards

2:30 p.m. - Depart for Beech Haven

4:30 p.m. - Arrive at Beech Haven

Sign-up details coming!



Replacing the Elevator

On Sunday, July 16, the church voted to extend the ACT22 Project to upgrade the elevator in Building B which regularly needs fixing! (The picture to the left is Bill Dickerson repairing the elevator after just arriving back from the Indiantown Mission Trip)!

The upgrade will:

- improve its look and speed
- replace 30 year old electronics
- reduce the likelihood of someone getting stuck on the elevator
- ensure access for Senior Adults and those with strollers.

The upgrade will cost \$65,000. Fulfilling ACT22 pledges and new gifts will get us to the \$43,000 more we need for this goal.

C. S. Lewis & the Weight of Glory
AN APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 13th
10:30 AM, 5:00 & 6:00 PM

With Special Guest
Ken Keathley
Senior Professor of Theology,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

With Sympathy

Jeff & Jeni Pittard
on the death of his father
Kenneth Johnson Pittard, Jr.

TRUTH O'clock in AMERICA

A new sermon series beginning Aug. 20th.

Right Thinking About Morality, Sexuality and Identity.

Welcome New Members

Brandon & Shelly Wilcher

July 2, 2017

By Statement

Lamysl "Sam" Parrish

July 16, 2017

By Transfer of Membership

Jonathan Tolbert

Jonah, Blakely, Jacob

July 30, 2017

By Transfer of Membership

Amy Tolbert

July 30, 2017

By Baptism

New Books

Available in the Beech Haven Library

Find your next book [here](#).

God Blessed

July

Monthly Requirement.....\$117,916

July Receipts\$129,141

July Christian Concern\$2,700

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.net/give



Financial Peace University

Great for adults of all ages

Sundays, September 10 - November 12

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Coordinated by Nancy Bruce and Sherrie Campbell

Cost for materials (includes shipping): \$103. Register and purchase materials [here](#).

The Legacy Journey

Great for those thinking beyond the basics of personal finance

Sundays, September 17 - November 5

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Coordinated by Len Griffin and John Walker

Cost for materials (includes shipping): \$120. Register and purchase materials [here](#).



Preview Night

Sunday, August 20

6:00 p.m. in Room 107

Interested but have questions? This is a chance to learn more about Financial Peace and The Legacy Journey.

Student Ministry

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Promotion Sunday

August 6

New 6th Grade Coed Class

taught by Brian & Ashely Mauldin

Pulse

Student Worship Service

Sundays, beginning August 20

6:00 p.m.

Building D

Ladies at the Beech

Fall Bible Studies

The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer

Tuesdays, beginning September 5

9:30 a.m.

Sundays, beginning September 10

5:30 p.m.

A Precept Study

1 Peter

Tuesdays, beginning September 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Childcare available by reservation only.

preschool@beechhaven.net

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

August 16

Tacos, Mexican Chicken Casserole

Corn, Black Beans, Queso & Chips

Sherbet

August 23

Breakfast: Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon

Sausage, Grits

August 30

Hamburger Bar

French Fries, Onion Rings

BBQ Beans, Ice Cream Sandwiches

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!

Meg Doster to Retire

Meg has announced her retirement effective September 1—but the crying has already begun for those that work closely with her! She will be greatly missed. Since 2006, the church has benefitted from her work and ministry as a Membership Support Staff member and as our Pastor's point of contact with the church and community.

While Meg competently handles the items that come across her desk, she is best known for her warm and gracious personality. She is a joy to be with and has represented the church well. The church and its mission has been better accomplished because she was a part of our team. Please express to Meg your appreciation for all her good work!

We will recognize Meg, in the service on Sunday, August 27.

Preschool & Children's Ministry



For 2-year-olds-through Grade 5
Sundays, beginning August 20
5:30 p.m.
with Snack Supper at 5:00 p.m.
(for a small donation)

Splash Night Outreach

for preschool through Grade 5 (preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Wednesday, August 9

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Invite your friends, neighbors and classmates to have a blast, get wet and hear the Gospel.

Children's Choir

Begins Wednesday, August 23

6:00 p.m.

K-Grade 1

Grade 2 - 5

College Ministry

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m. in Building D

Upcoming Activities:

August 6-9: **The Beech Moves The Dawg's In** (come help us move in new students - see Tommy to sign up for a time slot)

August 13: **Apologetics Seminar** - 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

August 15: **UGA BCM Open House** - 7:00 p.m.

August 16: **FALL KICKOFF** (Wednesday night suppers begin with entertainment and recognitions). WoW is every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Building D with Supper at 5:00 p.m. and is only \$1 for college students (reservations needed)

August 17: **Groups at Ginger Lane** begins for Fall Semester. 8:00 pm every Thursday

August 20: **Tacos with Tommy**: Free Lunch for all college students after church

August 21: **Chocolate Chips from the Beech**. Come help us bake and deliver cookies to all our guests from the previous two weeks. Details TBA

August 25 - 27: **The Beech Lake Retreat**. \$30. Lake Hartwell. Leave after class on Friday afternoon. Low Country Boil on Saturday night. Return for church on Sunday morning.

September 2: **APP State Tailgate**. Join us for BBQ and all the fixin's at the front of the BCM on South Lumpkin. Game time is 6:00 p.m. We'll start serving food at 12:00 noon.

September 10: **Discover Beech Haven Luncheon**. Come enjoy a nice meal and learn everything you need to know about The Beech! Email tommy@beechhaven.net for details.

September 17: **Deadline to sign up for HOMEGROUPS**

September 24: **HomeGroup Meet and Greet Luncheon** - meet your HomeGroup with a free lunch immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



The College Ministry is looking for families to volunteer to be Home Group hosts. Each Home Group will be comprised of 4 to 5 college students who are assigned to a family. The college students will meet once a month at their family's home to have supper together and a time of

prayer. Email tommyf@beechhaven.net if you are interested in hosting a Home Group.

August Servants

Sunday, August 6

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

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Craig

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Nancy Hunt

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
 Lanie Lafayette

Sunday, August 13

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

Steve Crumbley

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Chuck Ivey

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
 Joyce Hartley

Sunday, August 20

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

Allan Adams

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Daniel Dooley

Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure
 Mary Deaton

Sunday, August 27

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 Zelley
 James Nix, Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Squeaky Drewry

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Christene Jenkins

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
 Nancy Bruce

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 Jennifer Adolphson Preschool Coordinator preschool@beechhaven.net
 Stewart Simms Pastor Emeritus ssimms@beechhaven.net

August Calendar

Wednesday, August 2

4:00 p.m. - No WoW Service
 6:00 p.m. - Ordination Service for
 deacons and Matt Bartlett

Saturday, August 5

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Associational Sunday School Training

Sunday, August 6

Sunday School Promotion
 Preschool through Youth

Sunday, August 6

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

4:00 p.m. - WoW
 6:00 p.m. - WoW
 6:00 p.m. - Splash Night

Thursday, August 10

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

Saturday, August 12

12:00 noon - Summer Swing

Sunday, August 13

Apologetics Conference
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 1030 a.m. - Worship with Ken Keathley
 5:00 p.m. - Session with Ken Keathley
 6:00 p.m. - Session with Ken Keathley

Tuesday, August 15

6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, August 16

Fall Kickoff
 5:00 p.m. - Dinner
 6:00 p.m. - Entertainment & Recognitions

Thursday, August 17, 24, 31

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

Sunday, August 20

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 5:30 p.m. - AWANA
 5:30 p.m. - FPU, Preview
 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, August 23 & 30

4:00 p.m. - WoW
 5:00 p.m. - Family Night Supper
 (reservations required)
 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

Friday - Sunday, August 25 - 27

College Lake Retreat