

## From the Pastor's Pen

### The Missionary Heart

Cares more than some think is wise.  
Risks more than some think is safe.  
Dreams more than some think is practical.  
Expects more than some think is possible.

—Karen Watson

Southern Baptist missionary Karen Watson wrote these words to her church before leaving for Iraq as a missionary in 2003. She wanted the pastor to read the letter in the event she did not return. On March 15, 2004, terrorists in Mosul, Iraq murdered her and other Southern Baptist missionaries. Karen's letter plunges the point home that the obedient life stretches beyond where others are willing to go.

I heard of the three men drinking coffee in a restaurant, two immigrants from troubled nations, and one a native born American. The first two explained why they left their countries for the United States. One, from Beirut, Lebanon, said "Terrorists set off a bomb in my apartment complex killing my family and friends." Another man from Rwanda spoke, saying "Men from the Hutu tribe hacked my family to death and hacked my right arm off." The native-born American said, "You think that is tragic? Well, let me tell you what happened to me. Yesterday, someone offended me on social media." How underwhelming.

Sunday afternoon some of our members visited prospects in the community. One 92-year-old woman gave a clear and definitive testimony of her conversion to Christ at age ten in a revival meeting. One woman turned to Christ a few years ago as a pastor shared with her over the phone. Michael Frye and I prayed for her that God would give her a job within 72 hours, and in less than 24 hours she had one! He and I witnessed to another man a few doors down about God's love and

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**for Worship Center Renovation**  
**Monday, April 9**  
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eagerness to save. Michael shared his powerful and compelling testimony. This man expects to profess faith in Christ soon. Another team did not find their prospects home, so they went to a home next door only to find that they were the third Beech Haven team in ten months to visit. They appreciated the attention.

If you are sharing Christ with others, thank you! If not, let me exhort you—the silence has got to come to an end. It is time for all who know Jesus to share Him.

In our Super WOW on March 28, 2018, Larry Wynn of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board challenged us to pray a simple prayer for 30 days— “Lord, break my heart for people who need you.” How about starting there? When you speak to God about people, it won't be long before you speak to people about Christ.

What is the worst that could happen to you? How likely is it that someone will retaliate with bomb at your home or a machete on your shoulder? I think there is a 0% chance that will happen. In fact, our research shows that if you share Jesus 100 times, only five would resent it, and most of them are too polite to tell you. You are going to make a difference in nearly all of them with your witness.

Let's care more than some think is wise, risk more than some think is safe, dream more than some think is practical, and expect more than some think is possible. The world needs us to, and they need us to now.

I Stand Amazed,

David Mills

## Worship Ministry Notes

*“I was dead, but look –  
I am alive forever and ever...”*

*Revelation 1:18*

**R**ecently, I was talking with two local musicians, one a believer, the other Muslim. The Muslim asked the believer about the kind of songs he writes and sings. The believer answered that his songs were mostly about the joy and hope found in Christ. The Muslim shook his head and replied, “No, no, no, man... You've got to make them feel the *pain*.” By this he meant that the music would be more popular if it communicates the shared suffering of life.

To be fair, he has a point. Entire genres of music have evolved around this sharing of pain. In times of suffering, we do indeed gain some small measure of comfort through music and through the knowledge that we're not alone in our struggles. And considering that the Muslim's eternal hope rests on whether his good deeds outweigh his bad (something that even Muhammed didn't know for certain), his comment is understandable.

But thanks be to God! We have a better reason to sing! Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After the son returned, the other brother had a difficult time understanding why the father celebrated to such an elaborate extent. So, the father explained, “but we *had* to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again!” (Luke 15:32, emphasis mine). If this figurative resurrection could compel such celebration, how much more should the literal resurrection of the Messiah inspire?!

Until He returns, we will always have struggles, and our music sometimes takes the form of laments and mournful prayers. But for the follower of the Risen Christ, nothing inspires our songs like the resurrection. In fact, for those of us who were dead in our sins but have been made alive in Christ, who have seen our souls reborn and witnessed the Spirit transforming us in to His likeness, for those of us who have the blessed and certain hope of eternal life in heaven, and for those of us who are known by the Living God - we can't help but sing! Hallelujah!

Therefore, with joyful and jubilant voices let us continuously lift up a song of praise to our risen Lord - not only at Easter, and not only on Sunday, but throughout each and every day (at least in our hearts...). And let us never overlook an opportunity to share the incredible joy of the resurrection with those who do not yet have our hope.

- Tim

## Worship Center Renovation Timeline

Dr. Mills has announced his desire for renovating the Worship Center and has discussed it with the Deacons, the four standing committees, and the Prayer Team. Here is a broad timeline for that project:

Spring 2018	Church-wide Prayer
Summer 2018	Vision Stoking & Casting
Fall 2018	Church Input & Feedback on Vision
Winter 2018—Summer 2019	Initial Drafting & Church Feedback
Fall 2019	Finalization of Plans
Winter 2020	Church Votes on Plans
Spring 2020	Financial Campaign/Renovation

These plans may accelerate or slow down but each step will be taken. In the next few months, look for information and opportunities to [join the church in praying](#) for God's direction collectively and individually about how a renovation can further our mission to make the people of the Athens area into missionaries.

### Door Prizes for Marriage Conference

- A one night stay at the [Ashford Manor Bed & Breakfast](#) in Watkinsville.
- \$50 gift certificate to *Outback*
- Gift cards for a free appetizer at *Outback*

### Give to Beech Haven's Endowment fund

Beech Haven has an endowment fund administered through the Georgia Baptist Foundation. The purpose of the fund is, like other endowment funds, to create income to be used by the church. **Your gifts to the endowment—by a regular gift or through your estate—will 're-give itself' five times within a hundred years thereby perpetuating your commitment to the spread of gospel message.** Please consider this fund in your planned giving.

### God Blessed

March	
Monthly Requirement .....	\$122,583
March Receipts .....	\$131,565
March Christian Concern .....	\$1,649

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

### 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 4

Spaghetti with Meatballs  
 Tossed or Spinach Salad  
 Garlic Rolls, Sherbet

#### April 11

Pork Roast, Macaroni and cheese  
 Purple hull peas, Rolls  
 Peach cobbler with ice cream

#### April 18

Hamburger Bar, Curly Fries  
 BBQ Beans, Salad, Cookies

#### April 25

Poppy seed chicken, Green Beans  
 Rice with veggies, Rolls  
 Banana Pudding

### 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!

## Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 11

6:00 p.m. - Building D

Vote on the 2018 Committee Structure (found [here](#)).

## Sunday School Class Prayer Rotation

April 2018

Sundays

Please meet in the workroom precisely from 10:20 - 10:25 a.m.

April 1 - Median/Mature Ladies; 11th/12th Grade Girls

April 8 - College; Median Ladies

April 15 - Coed 36-49; Men; 7th/8th Grade Boys

April 22 - Working/Retired I; 7th/8th Grade Girls

April 29 - Working/Retired II; 9th/10th Grade Girls

## Sunday School Training

for all current and potential Sunday School Workers

**Sunday, May 6**

Immediately after Worship

Lunch and childcare provided

RSVP [here](#)

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Chuck Kelley**

Dr. Kelley is the President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

## April Calendar

### Sunday, April 1

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - Worship

No Evening Activities

### Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study

9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

4:00 p.m. - WoW

5:00 p.m. - Supper (reservations required)

6:00 p.m. - WoW

6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

### Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

### Thursday, April 5

11:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Spring Lunch

@Nicholson Baptist Church

### Fridays, April 6 & 13

7:00 p.m. - Grand Prix Build

Nights/Fellowship Hall

### Sundays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - Worship

4:00 p.m. - YouthOne Voice

5:30 p.m. - AWANA

5:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - Pulse

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Monday, April 9

24 Hour Prayer Vigil for Worship Center Renovation

### Wednesday, April 11

6:00 p.m. - Church Conference

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Saturday, April 14

9:00 a.m. - Awana Grand Prix, FH

### Tuesday, April 17

6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

7:00 p.m. - Guatemala Mission Team

Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### Friday-Saturday, April 20-21

Marriage Conference



PRAYER MEETING

Sundays

6:00 p.m.

Room C248



With Sympathy

Yronne Terzia

on the death of her son

Rick Terzia

## Preschool & Children's Ministry



for 3 year olds through Grade 6  
Sundays @ 5:30 p.m.

### April

April 1 - Easter, No Club  
April 8 - Freckles Night  
April 15 - Twins Night  
April 22 - Double Buck Night  
April 29 - Store Night

### Awana Grand Prix

**Saturday, April 14**  
9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Build dates:  
Fridays April 6 and April 13  
7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Awards Night

**Sunday, May 6**  
5:30 p.m. in the Gym



### Vacation Bible School/Day Camp

June 4-8 with Family Day June 10  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
for K - Grade 8 (just completed)

### Summer Camps

#### Surge Music Camp

for third grade and up  
More information [here](#)

#### Camp Kaleo

for rising 4th-6th grade boys  
July 9 -13  
Application forms available [here](#).

#### Camp Pinnacle

for rising 4th-7th grade girls  
July 9 - 13  
Registration information [here](#).



**We are 3 years old & we need a  
Sunday School teacher.**

**Are you willing to help?**

[contact Mrs. Jennifer](#)

### 5th Sundays only come 4 times a year!

We need adult workers to serve in  
Extended Session on 5th Sundays.

Are you available four times a  
year during the **worship hour**?

Please contact Jennifer at  
[preschool@beechhaven.net](mailto:preschool@beechhaven.net) for  
information on this opportunity.

## Student Ministry

### Senior Recognition Banquet

Tuesday, May 8 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Place to be determined.

Graduating seniors' meals are free.  
Family meals will need to be covered  
by the family. More details to come.

### Senior Recognition Sunday

May 20  
10:30 a.m.  
Students will not be wearing caps and  
gowns this year.

### Guatemala Mission Trip

for high school Juniors and Seniors  
and college Freshman  
May 24 - June 2

**Next Team Meeting:**  
April 17 @ 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Summer Dates

#### Surge Music Camp

June 18 - 23

#### Lake Retreats

July 23 - 24  
Middle School  
July 24 - 26  
High School

## College Ministry

### Guatemala Mission Trip

for high school Juniors and Seniors  
and college Freshman  
May 24 - June 2

**Next Team Meeting:**  
April 17 @ 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Sunday School

9:15 a.m. in Building D

### Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study  
Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m.

## April Servants

### Sunday, April 1

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Brent & Meredith Dykes

#### Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mark Sizemore

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Nancy Bruce

### Sunday, April 8

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman  
Debbie Jones, Nikki Menjivar  
Dale & Nancy Wallace  
Joshua & Elana Worth  
Jason & Lynn Booth

#### Children's Worship

Tracy McKeithan and Amy Tolbert

#### Usher Team

Len Griffin

Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott  
George Windate

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Skipper Crews

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Brent & Melanie Geeslin

#### Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux  
Joyce Hartley

*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

### Sunday, April 15

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Zach Williams and Maddie Myers

#### Usher Team

Bill Crowe

Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes  
Jerry Whiteside

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Donnie Pickering

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Nikki Menjivar

#### Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure  
Mary Deaton, MaLinda McLendon

### Sunday, April 22

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Ryan & Jennifer Adolphson  
Sarah Grace Adolphson, Cassie Brown  
Adam & Ivey Wynn  
Mitchell Adolphson, Adam Monroe  
Bill & Mayre Favaloro

#### Children's Worship

Lisa Rhymer and Cameron Sowers

#### Usher Team

John Zellej  
Dickie Riggs

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Owen

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

#### Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens  
Raynette Noles

### Sunday, April 29

#### Extended Session

Coordinator: Joyce & Bill Bowen  
Sherri Michelle Mills  
Robin Riggs, JoAnn Davis  
Nancy Hunt

#### Children's Worship

Clay Cabrera and Sarah Chaloult

#### Usher Team

Bill Crowe, Don Pickering  
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Robert Sinyard

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Seth & Allie Crenshaw

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Nancy Bruce

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