

From the Pastor's Pen

"Whatever He says to you, do it."
—Mary to servants (John 2:5)

In 2005, researchers exposed a significant deficiency in the theological beliefs of American teenagers. They entitled it "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism" (MTD). This study and term appeared in *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* by sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton. The researchers defined the MTD in teenagers as the following:

1. God wants people to be fair, good, and nice;
2. The primary goal in life is to be happy and to feel good about yourself;
3. About the only time to call on God is when I need to solve a problem;
4. Good people go to heaven when they die.

Good, nice, feel good, affirm self, solve problems, good people go to heaven. Who could possibly object to a God like that? Who wouldn't like that kind of God? The appeal of such a vision of God is compelling and most could understand how so many bought into these notions. Upon further examination, concerns arise with MTD. To begin with, MTD is a subtle alternative and attack upon the gospel of Christ. It has no reference to Jesus Christ. In this scheme, a moral atheist goes to heaven. God expects us to be more than fair, good, and nice. He expects faith and obedience.

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Organ Concert

with Amelia Cotten

(Masters in Church Music with a Concentration in Organ)

Thursday, August 23

6:00 p.m.

Featuring Great Hymns of Faith & Classical Compositions

with congregational singing

A reception will follow the concert.

Free tickets available in the church office and at BeechHaven.org/Events

Event sponsored by Retired/Senior Adult Ministry



The primary goal in life is not happiness (and please do not tell your kids that it is) and self-affirmation but completion of the will of God. God must hear from us not only in times of need but in times of praise and worship. Only blood bought believers in Christ go to heaven when they die.

Additionally, American teenagers were not the first to embrace and spread such notions. Smith and Denton could have studied American adults and found the same MTD. Since 2005, many Baptist student and college ministries have attempted to immerse teenagers into serious engagement with Scripture and the mission of Christ, and in some ways, they set the pace for churches. Therefore, I am so excited about our own student and college ministry and the leadership of Tommy Fountain. A deacon recently said to me "We are in a unique position. We are a student led church." I appreciate the contributions of all our members, but I think there is a lot of truth to that observation.

Finally, God gives us a framework of thinking that competes with, and even smashes, many prevalent religious notions in our world. That framework consists of Christ's gospel and mission. Because God is Judge, sin is the greatest tragedy. Because God is love, Calvary is the greatest gift. Because God will save, repentance and faith is the greatest opportunity. Because Jesus is alive and Lord, telling the world of Him is our greatest task.

We do not hold meetings without purpose at Beech Haven. Each of our meetings serves a vital kingdom purpose. There is a sense of urgency in them all. This is true for our (1) Sunday school workers meeting Sunday morning, August 5, (2) the start of our new Discipleship Training courses on Wednesday evening, August 1 and Sunday evening, August 5, (3) Sunday school worker's training Monday evening August 27 with Allan Taylor, (4) our Super WOW with Scott Smith Wednesday evening October 17, and (5) our fall Harvest Crusade with Ronnie Hill, October 21—24.

Imagine if God got ahold of each of us in these coming weeks. What progress could we make with the gospel of Christ? What kind of havoc could we wreck with the competing notions of the world? What we could accomplish together is as broad, deep, and wide and the promises of God.

I Stand Amazed,

David Mills

Sunday School Training

for all Sunday School workers

Monday, August 27

6:30 pm - Fellowship Hall



Allan Taylor, Director of Sunday School & Church Education Ministry at Lifeway, will present **Sunday School as a Strategy: Seeing Your Sunday School as a way to accomplish the Great Commission.**

The workshop description states: *Many see Sunday School as just another church program. Many see Sunday School as a Sunday morning event to attend at the church. But did it ever occur to you that Sunday School could actually be a strategy to accomplish the Great Commission? This conference will help you see Sunday School as it can be, as it should be, as you want it to be!*

Allan will present two 45 minute sessions with a 15 minute break.

Fall Programming

Sundays beginning August 5

- 5:30 p.m. - Awana
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Discipleship Classes (see class offerings below)
- 4:30 p.m. - YouthOne Band
- 5:30 p.m. - YouthOne Voice
- 6:30 p.m. - Student Discipleship

Wednesdays beginning August 8

- 4:00 p.m. - WoW in Room 107-111 (Resumes on August 1)
- 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:00 p.m. - WoW in the Worship Center (new location on August 1)
- 6:00 p.m. - Student Pulse in Building D (resumes on August 8)
- 6:00 p.m. - Children's Music
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Choir

Fall Classes

Sundays @ 5:30

Click [here](#) for more information and to register

Study	Schedule
Baptist Faith & Message	August 5 - November 25
Ready to Launch	August 5 - September 9
Tell Someone	August 5 - September 9
Sermon on the Mount Ladies Bible Study	September 9 - November 11
Love & Respect	September 16-November 25
Financial Peace University	September 16 - November 18
Bible Institute OT Survey	August 5 - November 25
Bible Institute Bible Study Methods	August 5 - November 25
Welcoming Church	August 5 - September 16
Prayer Meeting	Ongoing

Fall Classes

Wednesdays @ 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Living Above the Turkeys: A Study of the Book of Titus	August 1 - 15
A World Breaking Your Heart: The Tragedy of Lostness	August 22 - October 17

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 8

Pancake Palooza (flavored syrups,
toppings and whip cream)
Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits
Juice, Milk and Coffee

August 15

Poppy seed chicken casserole
Rice, Green Beans, Strawberry Cake

August 22

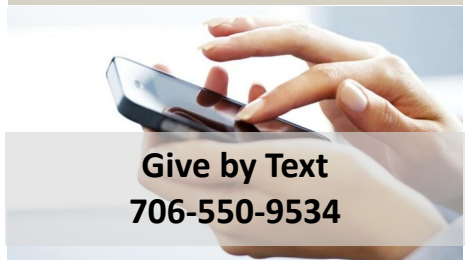
Hamburger Bar
Fries, BBQ Beans, Salad, Brownies

August 29

Pork Roast, Macaroni & Cheese
Purple Hull Peas, Rolls, Ice Cream

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 awynn@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!



Give by Text
706-550-9534

God Blessed

July
Monthly Requirement\$122,583
July Receipts\$120,394
July Christian Concern\$2,166

Online giving available
www.BeechHaven.org/give

Worship Ministry Notes

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." – Jesus (Matt. 16:24)

Every morning, aside from my quiet time with the Lord, there's one thing that I do which impacts every part of my entire day. If needed, I could skip breakfast, I could forgo flossing, and I could throw on a hat without washing my hair. But if I miss this one thing, my entire day will be filled with frustration and will likely be quite unproductive.

What is this profound thing? It's the act of putting in my contacts (or putting on my glasses). My eyes aren't as bad as some, but without correction I see at 20 feet what sharp-eyed people can see at 300 feet. In other words, I have around 20/300 vision. So, without my contacts or glasses, I can't drive, use a computer, or even read without getting my face awkwardly close. My world shrinks to about a foot or so in front of my head; everything else is blurry. Granted, many people have learned to thrive in spite of poor vision. But I'm accustomed to being able to see. Remove that sense, and though I could probably learn to adapt, it would be incredibly frustrating at first.

But, as I mentioned, there's one other discipline which impacts my day like nothing else. And this one affects us all. Every morning, I strive to draw near to Christ in humble worship and adoration. Figuratively, I take up His cross. And in the process, He corrects my spiritual vision. He allows me to see far more than I would notice on my own. He grants spiritual fruit and guides with gentle correction. And He enables me to be far more productive than I could possibly be otherwise. And I've become accustomed to seeing life through His lens.

What is interesting about these disciplines is that they never get old. Sure, there are times I'd rather not go through the trouble of putting in my contacts. But, as it turns out, I really like being able to see clearly. So, the trouble is slight. And yes, there are times when it's inconvenient to pause life in order to spend focused time alone with God. But without His leadership, that life is hardly the same.

In our worship each week, we intentionally focus upon the same theme time and time again: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet within that subject we find an inexhaustible well of unending joy, for the depth of His grace inspires far more songs than this brief life permits us to sing. May we therefore never tire of putting on His cross or proclaiming it to the world. May we always come humbly before Him, able to see life through the filter of His grace, His word, and His Spirit. And may we constantly strive to help others see and respond to Christ in a life-changing way.

- Tim



Financial Peace University

Great for adults of all ages
Sundays, September 16 - November 18
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Room 107
Coordinated by Mike Campbell

Cost for materials (includes shipping): \$109. Register and purchase materials [here](#).

Preview

Sunday, August 19

Immediately after worship in Room 107

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



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.

Ladies at the Beech Fall Bible Studies

Sermon on the Mount

by Jen Wilkins

What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven? Matthew's gospel opens with three chapters containing Jesus' longest recorded message - a sermon given to His disciples early in His ministry to articulate what the life of a Christ-follower would look like.

Tuesdays, beginning September 4

9:30 a.m.

Sundays, beginning September 9

5:30 p.m.

A Precept Study

Daniel, Part 1

Tuesdays, beginning September 4
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Childcare available by reservation only.
preschool@beechhaven.net

Preschool & Children's Ministry

Sunday School
Promotion Day
Sunday, August 5



Awana Kickoff!

Sunday, August 5

5:00 - 5:30 pm/Fellowship Hall

Free family meal and parent meeting

(important information about the club year will be presented)

5:30 - 7:15/Gym

New club year begins!

Children's Choirs

Begin Wednesday, August 8

6:00 p.m.

K-Grade 1

Grade 2 - 5

Student Ministry



NEW NIGHT for Student Worship!

Wednesdays @ 6:00



For younger-voiced students (grades 6-10)

Sundays @ 5:30 - Choir Room

Led by Nancy Bruce

This vocal ensemble will help students learn how to best use their main God-given instrument. The ensemble will participate in leading worship a few times a year

(including "Merry Christmas, Athens").

After Youth1Voice, students will have a short devotion

College Ministry

College Lake Retreat

August 17-19

Signup with Tommy [here](#)

Tacos with Tommy

Sunday, August 26 @ 11:30 a.m.

Signup with Tommy [here](#)

Weekly Groups at Ginger Lane

Thursdays, beginning August 23
8:00 pm

Tailgate on the BCM Lawn

Saturday, September 1

HomeGroups

An opportunity to **connect** with local families, who will have you over once a month for **food, prayer and fellowship!**
Sign-ups begin in August.

Sunday School

9:15 am

Building D

August Servants

Sunday, August 5

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Megan Bartlett, Maddie Myers

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Craig

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Nancy Bruce

Sunday, August 12

Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman
Debbie Jones, Natalie Wallace
Jake Johnson, Cameron Sowers
Joshua & Elana Worth
Jason & Lynn Booth

Children's Worship

Lisa Rhymer, Cameron Sowers

Usher Team

Len Griffin
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Steve Crumbley

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Joyce Hartley

Sunday, August 19

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Rosie Ingram
Mike & Peggy Mauldin
Mitchell Adolphson, Adam Monroe
Mary Deaton, Kaity Pittard

Children's Worship

Clay Cabrera, Sarah Chaloult

Usher Team

Bill Crowe
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes

Shuttle Bus Driver

Allan Adams

Counting Team for Monday

Emily McClure, Stan Sikora
Mary Deaton, MaLinda McLendon

Sunday, August 26

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Rex or Cheri Edmunds, Jeni Pittard

Usher Team

John Zellej
Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Squeaky Drewry

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
Raynette Noles

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August Calendar

Wednesday, August 1

4:00 pm - Wow (Room 107)
6:00 pm - WoW (Worship Center)
6:00 pm - Kids on Mission
7:00 pm - Worship Choir

Sunday, August 5

Sunday School Promotion

8:00 am - Sunday School Workers Mtg
9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship
5:00 pm - Awana Family Supper/Parent Meeting
5:30 pm - Awana Club begins
5:30 pm - YouthOne Voice
5:30 pm - Discipleship Classes

Wednesdays, August 8, 15, 22, 29

4:00 pm - WoW (Room 107)
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper (Reservations Required)
6:00 pm - WoW (Worship Center)
6:00 pm - Children's Choir
6:00 pm - Pulse in Bldg D (Student Worship)
7:00 pm - Worship Choir

Thursday, August 9

9:30 am - International Friends Volunteer Meeting
10:00 am - Women On Mission Meeting

Saturday, August 11

Awana Workers Training in Dacula

Sundays, August 12, 19, 26

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am - Worship
5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
5:30 pm - Awana Club begins
5:30 pm - YouthOne Voice
5:30 pm - Discipleship Classes

Thursdays, August 16, 23, 30

9:30 am - International Friends

Friday-Sunday, August 17-19

College Lake Retreat

Thursday, August 23

6:00 pm - Organ Concert

Sunday, August 26

11:30 am - Tacos with Tommy (College Lunch)
11:30 am - Deacons Meeting

Monday, August 27

6:30 pm - Sarepta SS Training with Allan Taylor; Fellowship Hall