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From the Pastor's Pen

It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much power for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions.

-John R. Mott

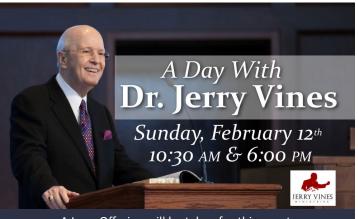
Beech Haven Church Family:

God has a way of accomplishing big things through small people. Abraham considered himself as good as dead (Rom 4:19), but became a father at 100. His son Isaac did little to distinguish himself, but he raised and blessed a son that begot the nation of Israel. Moses was destined to embarrass himself as an underachiever because he used his own methods in his own timing, but you know what he did, and so does the world. Brothers looked at David of Bethlehem as too small for battle, but Goliath surely articulates a contrary opinion. A young boy relinquished his loaves of discount bread and pickled sardines, and with them Jesus satisfied a multitude. Every small Christian is really big in God's sight.

Whether God accomplishes something through us depends more on God than it does us. As long as we maintain a pure heart before Him, nothing can deter His operation through our lives. With a pure heart, we partake of the Holy Spirit's power. When purity is absent, and when unconfessed sin is present, we grieve the Holy Spirit and quench His fire. If we will get honest and pliable before God, however, even those who have drifted for long years of their lives can know a new day of usefulness to God.

In this time of our church year, we need to walk in the Holy Spirit. We have Dr. Jerry Vines' Day at Beech Haven Sunday morning 10:30 and 6:00 pm February 12. I pray God will use that to set us aflame for Christ and our friends. This day will propel us towards Sunday, March 26 when we participate in IYO, or "INVITE YOUR ONE." More about that effort appears in this edition of the BEAMS. On Sunday April 23 through Wednesday April 26 we will host Tim Williams for a Harvest Crusade. Many lost people will benefit greatly by these days. If only we can get our hearts aright and aflame, the victory will be ours.

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A Love Offering will be taken for this event.



Simply invite one unchurched person to come to church with you on March 26.

We want you to tell us who you are inviting. Beginning February 19, cards will be available for you use to share your one!

Identify your one, pray, then invite.

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God can use you to make a difference in other's lives, and other's lives depend on you making a difference. Ministerial staff cannot do it all, nor can they do the major part. The world views ministers as salesmen, but they view members as satisfied customers! Your life and words are a personal endorsement for Jesus Christ! McDonald's has a vision for getting cheap burgers into everyone's mouths. Apple wants iPhone in everyone's palm. How about us? We want Christ in every heart and life. For that to happen, we must believe God can use us. I believe in you. I want you to join me in faith, too.

I Stand Amazed, David Mills

Worship & Music Ministry Notes

A century or two ago, long before Google and Wikipedia made information as readily available as South Georgia gnats, theological training was confined largely to church buildings and tent revivals. If a person wanted to learn more about God, especially if their "learnin" was a tad incomplete, they had to hop on a horse and head to find a preacher or Bible scholar. Though it's hard to imagine, Bibles were not even downloadable back then.

In this era, the music of the church played a slightly different role than it does today. Given that music makes lyrics much more memorable, the music of the church served as a key tool to teach theology, or the study of God. Long after the words of the preacher were forgotten, even the most uneducated church-goer could still sing the words of his favorite hymn.

As a result, hymn writers wisely packed as much theology into their hymns as possible. One hymn alone might cover a dozen different doctrines, ranging from the inerrancy of Scripture to eschatology (the study of the end times). For instance, one of my favorite hymns is Horatio Spafford's "It Is Well with My Soul." Written in 1873 following the death of his four daughters, Spafford begins the first verse with words of comfort and peace in the midst of heartache. But by the second verse, Spafford has moved on to ideas of Christ's blood as a means of redemption. The third verse clarifies this theme by discussing the removal of our sin through the cross of Christ. And by verse four, he's fully fixed upon heaven and is ready for the Lord to take him home.

Now, we have no way of knowing for sure if Spafford included such a wide theological range specifically so that more theology could be packed into the hymn. More likely, his approach mirrored the common hymn writing methods of the day. But the effect is the same. And a quick glance at the hymnal reveals dozens of hymns ending with a final stanza written about heaven.

Fast forward to an age overcome with information (both true and not-so-true), and the need for such theological training through music diminishes. Today, solid theological training is no further than a few clicks away, and today's hymn writers therefore often exchange the old hymn shotgun for a rifle. In other words, instead of hitting a wide range of theological topics, they choose to focus in at one doctrine and go deep. For instance, David Crowder's new song "My Victory" focuses nearly exclusively on the work of Jesus at the cross (Google it to get the lyrics...).

Even if our times have changed, however, modern worshipers can draw near to God through the broad theological brush of hymns like "It Is Well." But likewise can they draw near to Him as they ponder the depth of His sacrifice through songs like "My Victory?" Too often, I fear we focus more on the method than the recipient of our worship. My prayer, then, is that we might "continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise" (Hebrews 13:15) no matter what type of Psalm, hymn, or spiritual song is used.

Tim Cotten



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 Women, 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

REACH Indiantown Churchwide Summer Mission Trip

June 24 - July 1 Indiantown, Florida Beech Haven is partnering with Indiantown Baptist Church and Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Indiantown to reach the community through VBS, Soccer Camp, Car Care/Helping Hands, Prayer Walking /Door to Door Evangelism and a Tent Revival.

Stewardship Corner

Charitable Giving Strategies

Gift of remainder interest in residence. You can convey a remainder interest in your home to the church but continue to utilize your home for the remainder of your lifetime. This can be done by executing a current deed that transfers ownership of your home to the church upon your death. When the deed is recorded you may be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the remainder interest. In other words, you would take the fair market value of the home and subtract the value of your right to utilize the property for the rest of your life based upon actuarial tables.

Sponsored by Ladies Ministry



Senior Ladies **Valentine Tea**

Saturday, February 11 11:00 a.m.

Beech Haven Fellowship Hall

RSVP by February 5 to the church office 706.548.2246 or <u>publisher@beechhaven.net</u>

We will be happy to pick you up and take you home! Let us know if you need a ride when you RSVP.

Senior Adult Luncheon Sunday, February 19 Noon Soup lunch \$2

John will present ideas for vision and structure for a Retired/Senior Adult Ministry.

Day Trip for Retired/Senior Adults

The Billy Graham Library Monday, March 6 8:00 a.m. - Meet at Beech Haven Lunch at The Billy Graham Library Tour Library, Childhood home and Garden



Cost: \$15 paid in advance, plus lunch

Deadline to register is Monday, February 13. Call the church office or email Pam at <u>publisher@beechhaven.net</u>

Questions? Contact Linda Berry at 706.543.7559 or <u>1royaloak@bellsouth.net</u> <u>http://billygrahamlibrary.org/</u>



Beech Haven extends deepest sympathies to

Eric & Heather Harris on the death of her father Melvin Myers

Curtis & Georganne Murdock on the death of his father Delmar Murdock

Carol Bowdoin on the death of her husband Dan Bowdoin

Welcome New Members January 8, 2017

Ryan English by Transfer of Letter

Lisa Gosnell by Transfer of Letter

James Hardman by Transfer of Letter

Stan & Carol Sikora by Transfer of Letter

January 29, 2017

Paul & Ann Jernigan by Transfer of Letter

Austin Jernigan by Transfer of Letter

God Blessed

| January | |
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| Monthly Requirement | . \$117,916 |
| January Receipts | \$91,152 |
| January Christian Concern | \$836 |

Online giving available www.BeechHaven.net/give



Upward Games Saturdays through February 25 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Gym The church family is encourage to attend any game! Upward Awards Celebration Sunday, February 26 3:00 p.m. - Beech Haven Worship Center





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

February 1*

Vegetable or potato soup Crackers Grilled cheese sandwich Cookies

February 8*

Baked or BBQ Chicken Green Beans, Rice, Rolls Strawberry Cake

February 15*

Philly or Ham Sub Sandwiches Fries, BBQ Beans Brownies

February 22

Tacos, Mexican Chicken Casserole Corn, Black Beans, Queso & Chips Cake

*The menus for the first, second and third weeks of February will be repeated on the first, second and third weeks of March. The fourth week of each month will have a new menu. We will continue to post the menus each month here and in the Worship Guide.

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 <u>cassieb@BeechHaven.net</u> 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!

Preschool & Children's Ministry

Donations of Toys and Clothes

Thank you for considering the needs of the Beech Haven preschool ministry when you have toys and children's clothes to donate. Before leaving toys and clothes in Sunday School rooms or Jennifer's office, please contact Jennifer at preschool@beehhaven.net or 706.254.2009. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School Sunday - Thursday, June 4 - 9 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. with Family Day on Sunday, June 11

Camp Pinnacle (for girls) and Camp Kaleo (for boys) July 10 - 14



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.

Student Ministry

Girls Night Out Friday, February 10 Beech Cafe 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Guys Night Out Friday, February 10 Campbell Home 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Student Ministry Sunday School Teachers' Night of Encouragement

Saturday, February 11 Home of Ed & Carol Schimmel

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Friday-Sunday, April 7-9 Theme: Identity

Guest Speakers:

Mike Dorough (Pastor of Riverbend Baptist Church, Gainesville Georgia and former Student Pastor of Second Baptist, Warner Robbins, Georgia for 19 years) will speak to students on Friday and Saturday.

Ricky Chelette (Executive Director of Living Hope Ministries in Arlington, Texas) will speak to parents on Saturday and preach on Sunday.

Registration begins on Sunday, February 5. Cost: \$40

College Ministry

War Stories

February 23 7:00 p.m. Beech Café Come hear LtC Bud Kinney share stories of War and Faith! All guys in college and in the 20something class are welcome to come.

Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study Mondays @ 8:00 p.m. Home of Tommy Fountain 1380 Ginger Lane

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Building D



February Servants

Sunday, February 5

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 Jerry Craig

Worship Hour Prayer Team Royce Vaughn

Counting Team for Monday Sherry Reed, Marie Moran Lanie Lafayette

Sunday, February 19

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 Rob Woolery

Worship Hour Prayer Team Jerry Whitside

Counting Team for Monday Jane Poole, Emily McClure Mary Deaton

Sunday, February 12

Extended Session Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman Debbie Jones, Nikki Menjivar Dale & Nancy Wallace Mike Campbell and 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 Nancy Wallace

Counting Team for Monday Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux Joyce Hartley

Sunday, February 26

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 George Windate

Counting Team for Monday Doug & Faye Owens

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February Calendar

Wednesday, February 1 4:00 p.m. - WoW 5:00 p.m. - Supper 6:00 p.m. - WoW 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 9:30 a.m. - International Friends

Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 8:00 a.m. - Upward Games

Saturday, February 4 Youth Winter Jam

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

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 8:00 a.m. - Call to Prayer (See page 2 for schedule)

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 28 9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, February 9 10:00 a.m. - Women on Mission

Friday, February 10 6:00 p.m. - Youth Girls Night Out 6:00 p.m. - Youth Guys Night Out

Saturday, February 11 11:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Ladies Tea

Sunday, February 12 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship with Jerry Vines 5:45 p.m. - Awana 6:00 p.m. - Jerry Vines

Sundays, February 19 & 26 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Worship 5:45 p.m. - Awana 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Youth Pulse

Tuesday, February 21 6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

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