



MAGNIFY CHRIST,  
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Happy 2018 to You, Athens, and the World!

In college, I used to read the Foreign Mission Board's (now International Mission Board) magazine *Commission*. The president at the time penned a column for each edition he entitled "The World in View." At times, he would explain that God expected the Christian life and church ministry to extend beyond personal or local concerns to the world. A mature follower of Christ, he explained, applies Scripture to self, church, and world, prayed for self, church, and the world, and dedicated dollars to self, church, and world. Christians should give attention to personal and local concerns, but they should use personal and local efforts as a platform from which to mobilize for global outreach. In all things, the Lord of all the nations expects us to keep the world in view.

This is what makes me grateful for you. You reached out to say, "Merry Christmas, Athens!" in large numbers. You surpassed our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal. You've given more than \$140,000 to the Cooperative Program in 2017. You labored to deliver the gospel to Indiantown, Florida and brought 44 to Christ that week. You've witnessed door to door. You've made friends with non-Christians and the unchurched. You have kept the world in view. You have defined preschool, children, student, college, adult, and Retired/Senior Adult ministries in terms of building people who act on the mission of Christ.

You've done this in response to our adoption of our vision statement: Beech Haven Baptist Church will magnify Jesus Christ as Lord by building all the peoples of the Athens region into Great Commissionaries as defined by Jesus in Matthew 28:18–20. In 2015 and 2016, we spent considerable time unpacking this new term, Great Commissionaries, and have mentioned it often and in nearly all worship services. To review, a Great Commissionary is someone who loves, supports, and practices the Great Commission. We have accomplished our mission when more people in our region, including us, love, support, and practice the Great Commission!

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## REVELATION: When Every Knee Bows

January 17 - March 28

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

## Ladies Bible Studies

**Counter Culture** by David Platt

Sundays, beginning January 7 @ 5:30 pm

Tuesdays, beginning January 23 @ 9:30 am

In *Counter Culture*, author David Platt shows Christians how to actively take a stand on such issues as poverty, sex trafficking, marriage, abortion, racism, and religious liberty—and challenges us to become passionate, unwavering voices for Christ. Drawing on compelling personal accounts from around the world, Platt presents an unapologetic yet winsome call for Christians to faithfully follow Christ into the cultural battlefield in ways that will prove both costly and rewarding.

**A Precept Study**

**2 Peter**

Tuesdays, beginning January 9 @ 9:00 a.m.

## Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 p.m.

## Office Closed

Monday, January 15

In Observance of Martin Luther King Day

## From the Pastor's Pen

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In 2018, we aspire to continue this with some important events and emphasis.

**April 20-21:** Love and Respect Marriage Conference, because strong marriages build strong homes, churches, and mission ministries.

**May 6:** Sunday School Training with Dr. Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

**May 24 - June 2:** Guatemala Mission Trip

**June 4 - 10:** Vacation Bible School Day Camp, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**October 21 - 24:** Ronnie Hill Harvest Time

**November 2- 4:** MNow with Dr. Emir Caner, President of Truett-McConnell University

**December:** "Merry Christmas, Athens!"

If I did not know Christ and it mattered to me, I sure would want a church like Beech Haven in the world. Thank you for your labors and support. Let's join together in 2018 to keep "The World in View."

I Stand Amazed,  
David Mills

## Worship Ministry Notes

*"You are the light of the world."*

*Matthew 5:14-16*

**E**very passing year, the gulf between Christ and culture seems to grow significantly wider. More and more people are ignorant, intolerant, or, worst of all, indifferent to scriptural truth. And in a world so easily bruised by the slightest offence, differences of opinion are not merely met with disrespect, but often with surprising hostility. Yes, with every passing year, Christ-followers find our own backyards not to be a haven for saints, but a growing mission field overflowing with sinners who act like sinners.

But, we should not be surprised. This is not our home. And while God does grant peace and joy to His children here, every blessing here pales in comparison to what lies ahead. So, this is a place of work – a place of service – a place where our primary calling is to help others to see the Light that has already changed our lives.

And so, as we begin a new year, my prayer is that we might "let [our] light shine before others, that they may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). May we "follow God's example... as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:1). Let us be quick to show love to the unlovely and be eager to demonstrate kindness to the unkind. Let us speak absolute truth (in love) to those who absolutely believe it doesn't exist. Let us be willing to overlook an offense and always ready to make the most of every opportunity. Let us never forsake time on our knees or time with hands and voices raised. With Christ shining through us, let us truly be the light of the world.

- Tim

# Retired/Senior Adult Ministry Spring Retreat

Wednesday - Friday, April 25 - 27, 2018  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa

Featuring a talent show, door prizes, worship, workshops, game night, dessert socials, support of a local service project, and special entertainment each evening!

- Jerrell Beatty - Retreat Pastor
- Bob Smith - Music Evangelist & Co-Host
- Jeff Cleghorn - Music Evangelist & Co-Host
- Tim Lovelace - Comedian (Wednesday evening entertainment)
- The Mylon Hayes Family - Concert (Thursday evening entertainment)

Cost: \$155 per person (based on 2 guests per room)  
Price includes two nights lodging, six meals, all entertainment

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 17**

- Non-refundable deposit of \$50 (per person) is due on January 17.
- Balance is due on April 1.
- Sign-up with Pam in the office.

**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

**January 10**  
Vegetable Beef Soup/Potato Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Applesauce, Brownies

**January 17**  
Baked or BBQ Chicken. Rice  
Green beans, Jell-O  
Rolls, Cake

**January 24**  
Philly Cheese, Ham or Turkey Subs  
BBQ Beans, Fries, Salad  
Cookies

**January 31**  
Breakfast  
Cheese Omelet, Grits  
Bacon, Sausage  
Fruit, Biscuit

**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!

**God Blessed**

**December**  
Monthly Requirement .....\$117,916  
December Receipts .....\$365,001  
December Christian Concern .....\$5,985

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

**Lottie Moon Offering**  
Given to date .....\$26,901



**Jubalheirs  
In Concert**

Presented by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board Worship & Music Ministry  
**Friday, January 26 ♦ Beech Haven Worship Center**  
7:00 p.m. with pre-service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Parent/Child Dedication**

Sunday, January 21 @ 10:30 a.m.  
To participate, contact Adam Wynn at [awynn@beechhaven.net](mailto:awynn@beechhaven.net)



Please consider setting up **recurring giving** through our systematic, secure online giving process at [BeechHaven.org/give](http://BeechHaven.org/give)

**Thank You**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the delicious goodies that you provided the ministerial and support staff over the holidays. We have enjoyed the treats and have been blessed by your generosity.  
Happy New Year!  
The Ministerial and Support Staff

## Preschool & Children's Ministry



### It's Game Time!

Saturdays, January 6 - February 24

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Gym

Kindergarten boys and girls and First through Grade 6 boys from Beech Haven and the local community playing basketball. Kindergarten through Grade 6 girls cheering. Beech Haven members are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Opportunities to Serve

Scorers table, refereeing, picture day, cleanup, Café.

If available, contact Squeaky Drewry at 706-296-0782 or

haydendrewry@bellsouth.net



for 3 year olds through Grade 6

Sundays

5:30 p.m.

### January Schedule

January 7 - Family Photo Night -

Bring a photo of your family

January 14 - Noodle Night -

Bring Ramen noodles for Project Safe

January 21 - Double Buck Night

January 28 - Silly String Night -

Bring a friend and get to silly string the commander

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Summer Dates

#### Vacation Bible School

June 4-8 with Family Day June 10



#### Camp Kaleo & Camp Pinnacle

July 9-13

Kaleo for rising 4th-6th grade boys

Pinnacle for rising 4th-7th grade girls

## Student Ministry

### The Mix

(Athens Area DNow)

February 23-25

We will have our own host homes, still do a mission project on Saturday afternoon, but we will also worship with 2,000 other students from across the Athens area.

Guest Speaker: Dan Lian, Teaching Pastor at Newspring Church

Cost: \$50. Due by January 14

[Pay here.](#)

[Register here.](#)

Registration is not complete until the registration form is submitted and payment is made.

### Summer Xtreme Beach Retreat

June 11-15

\$335 per person

Edgewater Beach Resort

**Registration is closed.**

If you have paid your deposit and not registered, [Register here.](#)

If you have registered and not paid your \$50 deposit, [Pay here.](#)

### Guatemala Mission Trip

for high school Juniors and Seniors and college Freshman

May 24 - June 2

### Information Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 p.m.

Building D

### Summer Dates

#### Surge Music Camp

June 18 - 23

#### Lake Retreats

July 23 - 24

Middle School

July 24 - 26

High School

**PULSE**

SUNDAYS AT 6PM IN BUILDING D



## College Ministry

### Guatemala Mission Trip

for high school Juniors and Seniors and college Freshman

May 24 - June 2

### Information Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 p.m.

Building D

### Ski Trip

MLK Weekend (January 12 - 15)

Cost: \$355

We still need a couple more sponsors. If you are interested, contact Tommy.

### Sunday School

9:15 a.m. in Building D

### Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m.

Resumes in January



## January Servants

### Sunday, January 7

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Heather Harris  
Carol Norton  
Kevin & Tammy Thain  
Melissa Lord, Peggy Maudlin  
Beverly Pierce, Mary Caroline McCormack

#### Children's Worship

Cheri or Rex Edmunds, Jeni Pittard

#### Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mark Sizemore

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Allen Adams

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Lanie Lafayette

### Sunday, January 14

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman  
Skipper & Jessica Crews  
David & Charlotte Tolbert  
Michael & Elizabeth Frye  
Nikki Menjivar, Hannah Mills

#### Children's Worship

Trey & Cheri Bliss

#### Usher Team

Len Griffin  
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott  
George Windate

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Skipper Crews

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Donna Lackey

#### Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux  
Joyce Hartley

### Sunday, January 21

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Rosie Ingram  
Cathy Owen, Donna Lackey  
Heather Pittman, Cynthia Boswell  
Dan & Jordan Crumbley

#### Children's Worship

Katherine Allen, Rachel McDaniel

#### Usher Team

Bill Crowe  
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes  
Jerry Whiteside

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Donnie Pickering

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Judy Molleur

#### Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure  
Mary Deaton

### Sunday, January 28

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Brian & Ashley Mauldin  
MaLinda McLendon, Leslie Sinyard  
Lauren Suggs  
Cindy Mercer, Maegan Acuna

#### Children's Worship

Ashley Ivey, Squeaky Drewry

#### Usher Team

John Zolley  
Dickie Riggs

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Owen

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Amy Tolbert

#### Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens  
Nancy Bruce

## January Calendar

### Monday, January 1

Office Closed

### Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

January 2, 4; 8, 9, 11; 15, 16, 18;  
22, 23, 25; 29 & 30

Upward Practices

### Wednesday, January 3

No Activities

### Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

### Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27

Upward Basketball Games

### Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, 28

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

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - AWANA

5:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - Pulse

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 20

9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study

### Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31

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

### Thursday, January 11

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

### Monday, January 15

Office closed

### Tuesday, January 16

6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

### Sunday, January 21

10:30 a.m. - Baby Dedication

### Tuesdays, January 23, 30

9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

### Friday, January 26

6:30 p.m. - Jubalheirs Concert

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