



**MAGNIFY CHRIST,
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES**

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From the Pastor's Pen

Family of Great Commissionaries:

The late Angel Martinez has become one of my favorite evangelists and preachers to read. He passed away about 20 years ago but made an enormous impact on local churches. He was the first to be invited to preach the 1949 Los Angeles area-wide crusade. He declined, commenting that his ministry was with the local church. The second man they invited you know of-Billy Graham. Angel Martinez was so humble he stepped aside, and the world has been different ever since.

In one message he stated "one thing that astounds me about the love of our Savior is it's omniscience. He knows everything about us, and he loves us. He knows the past. We have a tendency to forget the past, especially the things that we do not like about ourselves. Jesus knows our past and he loves us still. Not only that, he knows the future. The future is unknown to us, but he is conversant with your every sin, every failure, every evil thought, and every sinful act that we are going to commit from point now until point death, and he still loves us. Human loves are built on ignorance. We love others because we do not know too much about them, and they do not know too much about us. But Jesus knows the past and the future, and, knowing all of that, he still opens wide his arms and invites us to come to him and be saved" (Unused Perfume, 57).

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Great Commission Facilities Committee Formation

Per Article IX, Section 3 of the church constitution, the Deacon Body recommends to the **church in conference on Sunday, June 24th at 10:25 a.m.** the formation of the **Great Commission Facilities Committee** with the following charge:

"Beech Haven is a Great Commission church. We desire to reach unsaved people in our area with the gospel, in part, by using our location, worship center, and other facilities. Subsequently, the **Great Commission Facilities Committee**, whose constituents are listed below and is constituted by the approval of this motion, is charged to study these issues prayerfully and bring recommendations to the church for approval. With church approval, the committee is charged to coordinate the implementation of these recommendations."

Proposed Committee Members

Carol Schimmel	Ryan Adolphson	Michael Frye
Brian Mauldin	Bob Molleur	Jordan Crumbley
Eric Harris	Ken Bowman	Leslie Sinyard
Nancy Bruce	June Martin	Richard Gray - Chairman
Ex Officio Staff Liaison - John Walker		

Non-voting Advisors

Deacon Chairman - Tom Rogers
Operations & Physical Facilities Chairman - Tom Clark
Stewardship Committee Chairman - Andy Thomas

There will be a **church-wide discussion** on formation of the committee and charge on **Wednesday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.** in Building D.

I saw love demonstrated my first night in Ixchiguan, Guatemala. The missionary I stayed with invited a couple of men to join six others of us for dinner. These men have been thrown out of their homes for alcohol problems (Sebastian and Alfonso, two Tajamalco Mam, see picture below). Broken and lonely they joined us, nervous about being surrounded by preachers and missionaries.

During dinner, Pastor Rudolpho Mendez of Indiantown, Florida and I shared God's love with these men. We told them of John 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. We told them they are in the world, so God's love is for them! We shared about the great exchange at Calvary of our sins to Jesus and Jesus' righteousness to us who trust Him, then we encouraged them to call out to God like he loves them and always will. They did, and you should have heard the sinner's prayer that gushed out of them. A revival broke out amongst us with eight men around the table trembling and rejoicing over the love of God.

Overcoming alcohol addiction is a lifelong effort. Sebastian and Alfonso will struggle. Both men will probably struggle with relapses, temptation, discouragement, and loneliness. They will have to learn a new way of handling their sorrows and fears. But as they struggle, they will never struggle apart from God's love.

God's love for our world needs to define how we view the Sebastians and Alfonsos of the world. His love should define how we view God and how we view church ministry. For this reason, the love of God will define how we shape our budget and give to missions. The love of God will define our calendar. The love of God will define what we do with our worship center, facilities, and property.

On Sunday June 24, in a called church conference, I ask our Great Commissionary church to, upon recommendation of our deacons, to compose a committee that will study, design, and oversee the implementation of a plan to use our property, facilities, and location to attract and reach our whole community with God's love. (See page 1 for more information).

How can our property, facilities, and location "shout" out to our community? "God loves you! Come here to Beech Haven and worship Him and learn more about Him." Studying, designing, recommending, and overseeing a plan to answer that question will be this committee's task. At several points we will seek your input, the input of specialists, and mostly the input of God's Spirit.

All this because God loves the world, and this causes me to say . . .

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills



Sebastian

Alfonso

Pastor Rudolfo

Super WOW

Wednesday, June 27 @ 6:00 pm in Building D
with Scott Camp

Worship Ministry Notes

"...be transformed by the renewing of your minds..."

Romans 12:2

On our way home from the UK a few weeks ago, I did my best to force myself to get accustomed back into Eastern Standard Time quickly. It took some effort to stay awake the first day back, but the jetlag did not last too long. Others, however, let their sleep patterns match UK time for days, even weeks, after returning. My parents, for instance, said that they regularly woke up wanting breakfast at 2 AM, which is 7 AM in the UK, and they were ready for bed by 5 pm (10 PM back in London).

Most of us thrive on routine. We get up about the same time and go to bed about the same time every day. Throw that schedule off by five hours, and problems can easily arise. However, a regular routine presents its own challenges, especially in our efforts to fan into flame our passion for following Christ.

You see, while our enemy is often effective at tempting us to fail in stunning ways, he is also quite effective at lulling us into a routine that dulls our sensitivity to the Spirit; a routine that quietly places more trust on our self than on our Savior. Often, this occurs unintentionally – as we forget to pray, or allow ourselves to become too busy to spend time reading the Word. We must therefore be on our guard not only against the “big” temptations, but also against the slow tug that pulls us away from total dependency upon the Lord.

Every day, it is crucial, then, that we not only spend time intaking God’s word, but that we seek to “be transformed by the renewing of [our] minds,” as Paul says in Romans 12:2. Put another way, this means seeing life through Christ’s eyes. It involves recognizing our sinfulness (and confessing our sins), accepting His grace, and yielding to His control. Just one verse before, Paul describes it as being “a living sacrifice.” And this sacrifice is then described as your “true worship.”

Until we see Christ face to face, there will not be a day when such a transformation is not needed. Even the most godly among us ought to regularly examine our hearts and minds and realign them with Christ. Thankfully, because of the abundant and amazing grace He provides, we’re never too far away to draw near to God. Whether we’ve sinned dramatically, or slowly allowed our heart to grow quietly cold, our Savior can re-create us. He can transform us back into His likeness.

And when we’re transformed, when we see life as He desires, we can’t help but respond in worship, in discipleship, and in evangelism. May we therefore always be eager to renew our mind to match that of our Lord.

- Tim



It's Here!

VBS/Day Camp

Monday-Friday

June 4-8

with Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 10

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

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Open hearts of the children attending
- ◆ Focused attention and behavior of the children
- ◆ Enthusiastic and well-prepared leaders
- ◆ Stamina and health of workers



Share the Word. Together. is an initiative of LifeWay Christian Stores and President Thom S. Rainer to mobilize local churches to take the Word of God into their communities. Nothing has the power to change lives like God's Word, so LifeWay wants to make it simple for church members to share it with the people around them.

Beech Haven will participate in this initiative from **June 25 - June 30**. Members are encouraged to stop by the LifeWay Christian Store at Epps Bridge during that week to pick up a free copy of a CSB personal gift Bible. Church members then

give the Bible to an unchurched friend, coworker, or neighbor.

The goal for this free Bible giveaway is to start gospel conversations and spark invitations to a weekend worship service or Bible study.

New Books in the Church Library

<http://books.beechhaven.net>

New summer reading material is now available. Use the link above to read about books by Joel Rosenberg, Francine Rivers, Charles Morris, Emerson Eggerichs, David Jeremiah and Jim Cymbala.

Library Hours:

Sundays: 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. & 11:30 - 12:00 noon; 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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
Summer 2018	Formation of Renovation Committee by the church
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.

Prayer & Fasting for Worship Center Renovation

May - December 2018

The Prayer Team is recruiting 30 people to pray and fast on the same day each month from May through December for our Worship Center Renovation. A few days are uncovered. If you would like to participate, please contact Pam [here](#).

Guidelines for prayer and fasting can be found [here](#).



Dickie & Robin Riggs
on the death of his father
Charlie Riggs



Walter & Joy Nelson
on the death of their son
Kyle Nelson

God Blessed

May

Monthly Requirement\$122,583

May Receipts\$97,840

May Christian Concern\$855

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.org/give

Preschool & Children's Ministry

Preschool Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

3 year old class (beginning immediately)

1 year old class (beginning in August)

Please [contact Jennifer](#) to volunteer.

Mark Your Calendar
Sunday School Promotion
Sunday, August 5

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](#).



Kids on Mission

Children's Summer Programming
for children Kindergarten - Grade 5 (just completed)

Wednesdays

June 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18, 25

6:00 p.m.

Children's Worship Room

Pastor Matt will lead the study/activities on
local, regional and international missions.

Student Ministry

Summer Bible Studies

for Middle School students

for High School students

June 21

July 5, 12, 19

August 2

[Contact Tommy](#) for locations and times

Lake Retreats

July 23 - 24

Middle School

July 24 - 26

High School

High School Whitewater Rafting

July 30

Middle School Fun Day

July 31

College Ministry

Summer Bible Study

@Ginger Lane

8:00 p.m.

June 19

July 3

Sunday School

9:15 a.m. in Building D

College Lake Retreat

August 17-19

Groups at Ginger Lane

resume in the Fall

An Invitation

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Bryant

have the pleasure of
announcing the marriage
of their daughter

Alyssa Morgan

to

Jonathan Elijah Reneberg

*Please join us for a **reception**
in their honor
on Saturday,
the twenty-first of July
two thousand eighteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

Beech Haven Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

On Mission in Guatemala!



Building a security wall with concrete block work at an after school program location.
Adding murals to the walls of the center.



Working with 75 indigenous students (shared the story of Jesus' birth and miracles, fed them pizza, did crafts, and played games). Intern Clay sharing the Gospel.

Pastor David and Pastor Rudolfo preached to this group of 45+ people.

June Servants

Sunday, June 3

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Tracy McKeithan, Amy Tolbert

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Mauldin

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Nancy Bruce

Sunday, June 10

Extended Session

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

No Children's Worship

Children will share VBS music in Worship

Usher Team

Len Griffin
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Alan Parrish

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Joyce Hartley

Sunday, June 17

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Lisa Rhymer, Cameron Sowers

Usher Team

Bill Crowe
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes
Jerry Whiteside

Shuttle Bus Driver

Eric Ingram

Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure
Mary Deaton, MaLinda McLendon

Sunday, June 24

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Clay Cabrera, Sarah Chaloult

Usher Team

John Zelley
Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Davis

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
Raynette Noles

June Calendar

Friday-Saturday, June 1 & 2

12:00 noon - Prayer Mtg for Guatemala
Mission Team

Sunday, June 3, 17, 24

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship

6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting

Monday-Friday, June 4-8

9am-3pm - VBS/Day Camp

Sunday, June 10

9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am - Worship

12:00 noon - VBS Fun Day with lunch and
inflatables in the gym

Monday-Friday, June 11-15

Youth Summer Xtreme Camp

Tuesday-Wednesday, June 12-13

Southern Baptist Annual Meeting
Dallas, Texas

Thursday, June 14

10:00 am - Women on Mission Meeting

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

Tuesday, June 19

Ladies Night Out

6:00 pm - *Chili's* Restaurant

Dessert & devotion at home of Leslie Sinyard

June 23 - 30

Indiantown VBS Mission Trip

June 25 - 30

Sharing the Word with LifeWay Store @
Epps Bridge

Wednesday, June 27

6:00 pm - SUPER WOW with Scott Camp
Building D

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