

From the Pastor's Pen

"The missionary imperative of the gospel . . . is derived from the nature of the gospel, which is to say, from the nature of God. Even if there were no Great Commission, Christians would feel impelled to share the good news of God's redeeming love and Christ's transforming friendship."

—Joseph Underwood

A thing is what it does. If it flies, it is a bird. If it swims, it is a fish. If it barks, it is a dog. If it lets out a "meow," it is a cat. A thing is what it does. It is the nature of things.

God is love, so He reaches lost humankind with the good news of Christ. He has made followers of Christ participants in His nature, so believers share in His nature. He is love, therefore followers of Christ are love, and they reach out to the lost humanity with the good news of Christ.

We should not need a Great Commission. Reaching out to lost humanity with the good news should arise out of our soul. We should not be able to keep it to ourselves. A new convert decided on the day of her conversion to postpone sharing the good news until she could grow stronger in Christ. The next day she confessed to a missionary, "The good news was too good to keep to myself. I just had to tell others how Jesus saved me!"

Graciously, Jesus provided us a Great Commission. Our hearts drift from His love. We grow self-absorbed and fearful. To get us past these challenges, He commanded us to reach out in love.

Are you grateful for Jesus? Are you happy He saved you? Has He? If so, let what resides in your heart out of your mouth to the lost world. God loves them all.

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He's Alive!

GOD
HERE & NOW
A Sermon Series on the Holy Spirit.

Join us Easter Sunday, April 1st,
as we celebrate the resurrection and learn
how God is still working here and now.

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To guide and assist us in this, we will provide some opportunities. Before April arrives, our Sunday School classes will engage in a mission project in our community. These mission projects are done for the benefit of those outside of Christ and/or Beech Haven, involve person-to-person interaction, are conducted off the church property, and provide an opportunity to distribute the gospel.

In addition, we have a special Wednesday night worship service March 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center with Larry Wynn. We are calling this "Super Wow." Larry is Vice-President of Church Revitalization and Evangelism with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, former long-time pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula, GA, and a great friend of the Great Commission. He will deliver a message in our WoW service that night that will encourage us in God's love.

Finally, we celebrate the love of God in Christ with the Lord's Supper Sunday morning March 25. Let us prepare for this accordingly (Psalm 51, 1 John 1).

I Stand amazed,
David Mills

Worship Ministry Notes

"You shall have no other gods before me."

Exodus 20:3

most of us probably don't have a statue of Baal in our living rooms. Our homes are probably free of Asherah poles or shrines to Artemis. We probably don't even have a picture of Buddha or Vishnu adorning our walls. But if we're honest, we probably *do* still bow to a false god on occasion.

Before I explain, consider that our English word "worship" stems from the Old English word *weorðscipe*, which is essentially a combination of "worth" and "-ship." This suffix "-ship" refers to a quality or condition, or, when used as a verb, it means to create, ordain, or appoint. In simple terms, we worship that which we view as having the highest worth or value.

Now, we may not keep a written list of the things we value the most. But we all have a list. It's evident by how we spend our time and our money, and by what occupies our thoughts. Most often, the things we value most are indeed good things: our family, good health, financial security, a successful career, etc. For most of us, the problem arises not because we value the wrong things, but because we tend to value things in the wrong order. And if *anything* comes before God on our list of what we value most, we're in danger of worshipping a false god.

For instance, when a promising young man came to Jesus, Jesus didn't repeat what He'd said to His disciples just a few chapters before – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Instead, Jesus told him to go sell all his possessions (Mark 10:17-22). He told the rich young ruler to stop worshipping a false god.

Far too often, we call Him "Lord" with our lips but not with our hearts. If we call Him "Lord," then He needs to always be the One we value most. His will and His word should be worth far more to us than all earthly pursuits. Even our precious families should be held with open hands before the King. Yes, we can value them. We can appreciate the worth of good health, solid finances, and a successful career. But those things make lousy gods.

So, let's be willing to examine ourselves - what occupies our thoughts? Our time? Our money? If we realize that we're more consumed with the things around us than the One who's saved us, then something's wrong. Therefore, let us truly seek to "set [our] minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Col. 3:2). As we live, as we work, as we serve, may we always do so with a proper attitude of worship, with the Lord Most High at the top of our very lives.

- Tim



Ladies Bible Study

All Things New by Kelly Minter

An 8 week study on 2 Corinthians

Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. beginning March 6*

Sundays @ 5:45 p.m. beginning March 11

*Childcare available by reservation only. Contact [Jennifer](#) to make reservations.

The city of Corinth was like our cities - full of people and full of problems. In the middle . . . a church struggling to make a difference . . . Challenged by Paul to share the message of reconciliation - the gospel - encouraging them and reminding them the gospel was meant to thrive in circumstances such as these.

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.

Dedicated Hour of Prayer

for Worship Center Renovation

Saturday, March 24

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Please commit to an hour of prayer for the Worship Center Renovation project. Sign up [here](#).

You will receive specific prayer points closer to the date.

Super
WOW

Join us in the Worship Center
on Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 PM
for a BIG night of worship and teaching.


 Beech Haven
 BAPTIST CHURCH

Marriage CONFERENCE

Coming
**April 20
 & 21**
 6-9 pm / 9am -3 pm

Includes:



CONFERENCE MATERIALS
STEAK DINNER
 CHILDCARE FRIDAY
 LUNCH ON SATURDAY

\$60 per couple until March 31
 \$75 until April 8
 Sign up online or in the office



Steve & Carol Brooks
 on the death of her father
Coach Billy Henderson

Virginia Starnes and Steve Starnes
 on the death of their husband
 and father
C.A. Starnes

Yronne Terzia
 on the death of her brother
Gary Dyar

2018 Committee Structure

The 2018 Committee Structure can be found [here](#). New committee members are pending election. A vote will be held at the next Quarterly Church Conference on April 11.

Do you want to pray for special matters from the church?

The **Prayer Team** keeps a list of volunteers who receive occasional prayer requests from the church. Requests vary from church-wide emphases to pastoral needs within the church (shared generally without details to honor confidentiality).

Here are a few recent samples:

- Included in our pastor's message Sunday was essentially Paul's encouragement to "take every thought captive to obey Christ" when it comes to our thoughts and feelings about renovating the worship center. Let's pray for ourselves and fellow members to ensure that our worship of God is not contingent upon the venue but on the character and work of Christ.
- Matt Bartlett has requested the following prayer: Monday and Tuesday night Upward is sharing the Gospel to all the children during each practice. Pray for the coaches to present the Gospel clearly. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and that hearts will be convicted and souls saved.
- Dr. Mills has become aware of a heart-breaking, personal prayer request and asks that the prayer warriors join him in asking God for healing, for comfort and to manage communications regarding this crisis.

Vivian Patten Hogg distributes these requests on behalf of the Prayer Team. If you are not on the list and would like to receive these requests and intercede on behalf of them, simply contact Vivian at vivianpatten@bellsouth.net and she will add you to the group.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
 I am blessed and overwhelmed!
 Thank you for the wonderful celebration you hosted in honor of my 100th birthday. I want to say thank you to Jason & Lynn Booth who made the cake, to Skipper Crews and his Sunday School class for organizing and decorating the party and to Bob & Judy Molleur for helping me to the Fellowship Hall. My church is such a blessing to me and I am grateful for being honored in this way.
 May the Lord Bless You,
 Carol Mosbey

Welcome New Members

Rachel McDaniel
 by Transfer of Letter
 February 25

Sam & Beverly Wood
 by Transfer of Letter
 February 11

Retired/Senior Adult Ministry

Spring Sing

Saturday, March 17

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Beech Haven Fellowship Hall

Featuring **Ole Timey Gospel music** by
Clarke & Sandie Kesler Ministries

with lunch catered by **The Master's Table**

Tickets: \$10 each. Deadline to purchase is Sunday March 11.
Tickets are available in the church office and [here](#).



Senior Adults!

Sarepta Association Spring Lunch

Thursday, April 5

Nicholson Baptist Church

Vocal Program with Bryan Hawkins, Worship Leader at Winterville First Baptist Church

Cost: \$5

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 21. Call the church office at 706.548.2246 or email Pam at publisher@beechaven.net

RMCs & QCDs

If you know what RMDs are then you should also know about QCDs. ***Giving to the church through a QCD vs direct giving can save you money in taxes.*** You're invited to hear retired Certified Financial Planner Len Griffin will [explain all of this](#) in an informal way on March 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 248.

Text Messaging

Beech Haven now has text messaging capabilities for the purposes of sending

- alerts for cancellations due to weather
- reminders of event or registration deadlines
- an urgent prayer request or pastoral reminder.

We won't blow up your phone with text messages - probably two a month.

If your listed cell phone number is in our data base system, you are over the age of 16 and you are a Church and/or Sunday School member or pre-member, you will receive a **text the first week of March from #22383 SKNotify**. You are **automatically opted-in** to receive messages. To **opt-out** of receiving messages, reply with STOP. You will receive a follow-up message saying you have been removed.

If you do not receive a text message the first week of March and would like to receive the church text messages, please contact Pam in the church office at 706.548.2246 or [here](#). You did not receive a text message because your cell number is marked *unlisted* in our data base system or we do not have your cell number.

Thank you for your patience as we set up this new communication strategy.

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

March 7

Philly, Ham or Turkey Subs
Fries, Baked Beans, Cookies

March 14

Baked or BBQ Chicken, Rice
Green Bean Casserole, Pie

March 21

Soups: Potato or Vegetable Beef
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Brownie

March 28

Breakfast: Eggs, pancakes
Bacon and sausage
Grits
Fruit and Juice

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 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

February

Monthly Requirement \$122,583

February Receipts \$97,545

February Christian Concern \$3,390

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.org/give

Time Change

March 11

Don't forget to move your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday, March 10.

Preschool & Children's Ministry



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

March Schedule

March 4 - Regular Club Schedule

March 11 - Double Buck Night

March 18 - Outdoor Game Night

March 25 - Crazy Hat Night

Awana Games

Saturday, March 10

Hebron Baptist Church

Awana Grand Prix

Saturday, April 14

10:00 a.m. in Gym

Build dates:

Fridays, March 23, April 6 and April 13

7:00 p.m. in Gym

Movie!

Open Gym!

Pizza!

Family Fun Night

Saturday, March 17 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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)



Camp Kaleo & Camp Pinnacle

July 9 -13

Kaleo for rising 4th-6th grade boys

Pinnacle for rising 4th-7th grade girls



will you be my teacher?

I am 3 years old

and I need a Sunday School teacher.

You can talk to Mrs. Jennifer [here](#)
and she will show you my classroom.

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 for
information on this opportunity.

Student Ministry



Senior & Parent Graduate Survival Guide

Monday, March 26

6:00 in Fellowship Hall

Supper, Book, and DVD Included

Hear 5 important financial tips that
every graduate and their parents
should know from our own Len Griffin!

RSVP by Sunday, March 11th [here](#).

Guatemala Mission Trip

for high school Juniors and Seniors
and college Freshman

May 24 - June 2

Next Team Meeting:

Sunday, March 18 @ 12 noon

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

Sunday School

9:15 a.m. in Building D

Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m.

March Servants

Sunday, March 4

Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Heather Harris
Linda Drewry, Carol Noton
Kevin & Tammy Thain
Peggy Mauldin, Sarah Kate Mills
Beverly Pierce, Mary McCormack

Children's Worship

Rex or Cheri Edmunds
Jeni Pittard

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Mauldin

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Jeff & Jeni Pittard

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Lanie Lafayette

Sunday, March 11

Extended Session

Coordinators: Kenneth & Stephanie Bowman
Jessica Crews, Christy Chastain
Andrew & Mandy Skinner
David & Charlotte Tolbert
Liz Frye, Hannah Grace Mills

Children's Worship

Trey & Cheri Bliss

Usher Team

Len Griffin
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Alan Parrish

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Anna Wohleking

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Joyce Hartley

Sunday, March 18

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Katherine Allen, Rachel McDaniel

Usher Team

Bill Crowe
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes
Jerry Whiteside

Shuttle Bus Driver

Eric Ingram

Worship Hour Prayer Team

David & Janice Smith

Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure
Mary Deaton

Sunday, March 25

Extended Session

Coordinators: Brian & Ashely Mauldin
Emily Suggs, Leslie Sinyard
Jennifer Plaza-Rios, Rosa Rios
Cindy Mercer
Maegan Acuna, Lauren Suggs

Children's Worship

Ashley Ivey & Squeaky Drewry

Usher Team

John Zellej
Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Davis

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Danny & Kathy Hampton

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens
Nancy Bruce

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March Calendar

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 22, 29

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

Sundays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study
9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21

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, March 8

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

Saturday, March 10

Awana Games; Hebron BC

Time Change - Move clocks ahead

Saturday, March 17

11:30 - 1:30 - Spring Sing/FH
6:00-8:30 p.m. - Family Fun Night/Gym

Tuesday, March 20

6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

Friday, March 23

6:00 p.m. - Grand Prix Build
Nights/Gym

Saturday, March 24

8:00 a.m. - Dedicated Hour of Prayer for
Worship Center Renovation

Monday, March 26

6:00 p.m. - Senior & Parent Graduate
Survival Guide Dinner/Program; FH

Wednesday, March 28

5:00 p.m. - Supper (reservations required)
6:00 p.m. - Super WoW/Worship Center
6:00 p.m. - K-1 Choir only
7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Friday, March 30

Good Friday
Office Closed