

From the Pastor's Pen

Church Family:

John Piper has popularized the notion that God's purpose for missions consists of gathering worshippers for the glory of God. The way he articulates it is to say "Missions exists because worship does not." In other words, God's motive for sending the church into the world is to gather people in Christ's name to worship God. While Piper overstates this point, nearly to the exclusion of all other biblical motives for missions, we may say that one of God's motives in sending us into the world is to win others to Christ so they will worship and glorify God. Paul elaborates on this point with Old Testament quotations in Romans 15:7—12. For example, he wrote "Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise Him" (Rom 15:11). Scripture articulates other motives for missions—God's love (2 Cor 5:14) and Christ's Lordship (Matt 28:18)—but if kept in biblical balance, Piper makes a helpful point. Worship provides a powerful incentive for missions. This is a good word for a Great Commissionary church. From this flow two truths about the relationship between missions and worship. First, the Great Commission provides a powerful prompter for worship. God loves the world and sends the church to the world to win the world to Christ. This is why we know Christ. Someone responded obediently to God's command to go, delivered to us the gospel, and now we know Him! Who could not worship a God like that? It would take a cold, hard heart to refuse to worship a God like this. We will be hot-hearted for Him because of His grace in mission.

Second, we are justified when we take missions into consideration in worship planning. In other words, we consider the outside world when selecting music, instruments, and orders of worship. While we do not use worship to appeal to the world to attend worship—we appeal only to God, for we want Him to attend our worship—we are obligated to give our world worship by which it can offer authentic worship. This explains in large part why worship has changed through the years in music

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Special Guest Speaker & Dinner on the Grounds Sunday, November 20

10:30 a.m. - Dr. Stewart Simms

11:45 a.m. - Churchwide Dinner on the Grounds

The church will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or a dessert - enough to feed your family and one more. Food may be dropped off in Building D at 8:30 a.m. and before worship.

Senior Adult Luncheon Friday, November 18

12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

Cost \$5

Catered by *Brett's*

Reservation deadline is Monday, November 14.

Call the church office at 706.548.2246 or email Pam at publisher@beechhaven.net



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selection, instrumentation, and orders. Change is necessary because neither the church nor the world live in a static, changeless state. All live dynamic, changing lives.

For this reason, soon we will experience some new items in our worship. One Sunday soon the Missions Committee will debut a monitor onto which we will upload almost simultaneous sermon text in English and Spanish. This monitor will appear in a prominent place in the worship center where our hearing impaired and Spanish language friends can read the message as I deliver it. We hope to add other monitors to include other languages. Monitors will probably prove to be a pleasant distraction for several Sundays, but soon we will adjust to their presence.

This Sunday our student worship band will lead worship. They will debut a new sound system and drum set, both which we have needed for some time. This band is a benediction to our souls. They are more than "cute kids" though they are that. They are good. They are sincere. They display some of the best features of the kingdom and our church. They are the fruit of the investment of their parents, church, and their God. Some may be tempted to say "They are the future of the church!" While that is true, it is also true that they are the present life of the church.

Great Commissionaries tie worship to the Great Commission. The Great Commission sets the broad context for worship. I am grateful this is a settled issue at Beech Haven and it needs no rehashing. While I have not articulated a comprehensive philosophy and theology of worship here, it is enough to say that our philosophy and theology of worship are set and we have moved beyond discussions some churches have had on these matters. While I will not involve myself in any discussions on these matters in the future, it is always appropriate to direct to Tim questions and suggestions. We will remember, however, that we are not interested in excluding the Great Commission or God's world in worship planning. Are you not glad God did not exclude us?

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Worship & Music Ministry Notes

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The large harvest moon was particularly bright the other night, and my dog Luke politely asked to go out to bark at it. Not speaking 'dog', however, I thought he just needed to relieve himself, so I let him out. When his intentions became clear a few minutes later (much to the chagrin of our sleeping neighbors), I went out and whistled for him to come back inside.

In the moonlight, I could see the war raging inside my 100lb Labrador's head: "My master has called... and I ought to obey... but the moon is bright and I want to bark at it..." I called again, and much to my delight, Luke started heading back inside. He was obeying, sort-of.

His pace was excruciatingly slow, as if with each step he were evaluating the polling data - 51% for "Obey," 49% for "Keep Barking." Ok, another step...

In the ten minutes it took him to meander back to the house, it dawned on me that we behave the exact same way far too often. God speaks to us and calls us to obey in some area - we know that He loves us and that His will is best, but we have a hard time turning our backs to the desire to bark at the moon. So we obey partly, or slowly, or with the wrong heart. Such "obedience," however, isn't.

One area which causes most believers particular difficulty is the call to confession. At its core, confession is simply agreeing with God about something. It's agreeing that He is correct in His view of things. We may have no problem confessing that Jesus is Lord (Phil. 2:11), but when the exact same word is used to encourage us to confess our sins (1 John 1:9 above, or James 5:16), our obedience is often lacking. Such confession requires the unpleasant task of agreeing with God about our failures. Confession admits guilt, and therefore can be quite humbling, uncomfortable, and even painful. But unless we acknowledge it, God will not remove it.

Confession, then, is obviously required by anyone seeking salvation. But the great saints fail sometimes and fall short of the glory of God. Any unconfessed sin thus serves as a barrier between us and our loving Father. Confession, then, is a necessary part of worship, for it is impossible to offer to God acceptable worship if such a barrier still stands. God cares not how well we sing to Him if our hearts are still harboring sin. He is not impressed with our attendance in Sunday School, or even our knowledge of the Bible if we're allowing some sin remain.

Every time we gather to worship, then, let us begin by confessing our sins. Can't think of any? Then consider praying David's bold prayer from Psalm 139:23-24:

Search me, God, and know my heart; Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

When our master calls, may we always obey joyfully, confessing our sin and eagerly seeking His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Tim Cotten

Children & Family Minister Search

Viable candidates are still being identified. We are hopeful that the process will conclude in the spring. Please continue to pray for the process of identifying God's person to lead our Children and Family Ministry.

Bill Thomas,
Chairman CFM Search Committee



MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF 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

2017 Budget Discussion & Vote

Sunday, December 4
5:30 p.m. - Room 247
Discussion

Sunday, December 11
10:25 a.m.
Vote

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Online Registration

for Kindergarten through Grade 5
Registration deadline is November 12

- \$100 for the 1st child
- \$90 for the 2nd child
- \$80 for the 3rd child
- \$70 for 4th child and more

Evaluations are November 7, 8 and 10
Practices begin November 28.
First Game is January 7
Awards Celebration is February 26
Coaches and referees are needed. Applications can be found [here](#).

New Drums & Sound System

As we continue to strive to "play skillfully, and shout for joy" (Psalm 33:3), we regularly have the opportunity to update our instruments. This is especially true with electronic-based instruments, as new versions hold vastly improved sound and programming options. Soon, you'll notice that the Operations & Facilities Committee has updated our drums and sound system. The new drum set, though it will look and feel like a traditional acoustic drumset, is still fully electric and controlled by the sound board. Along with an upcoming audio system upgrade, including the addition of sound-absorbing panels in the rear of the worship center, the new drums will provide much-needed clarity and quality of sound. The old set, meanwhile, will be utilized in Building 'D,' where it will provide better sound control in that smaller space.

Tim Cotten

December @ Beech Haven

Friday, Dec. 2nd - **Family Christmas Party** * 6:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 3rd - **Youth Christmas Party** * 5:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 4th - **"Light of the World"**
Worship Service * 6:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 8th - **Church-wide Caroling**
* 6:00 PM



Wednesday, Dec. 14th -
Children's Choir Musical * 6:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 24th - **Christmas Eve Service** * 4:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 25th - **Christmas Day Service** * 12:00 PM

Did You Know?

Christian Concern Fund

The Christian Concern fund is a designated fund used to meet benevolence needs, both among our church family and the community at large. By far, the greatest needs which Beech Haven is called on to meet, and which have been met, are for members of the Beech Haven family—such as, medical expenses, rent or mortgage payments or utilities for those out of work or between jobs, and income supplements for those temporarily unable to work due to illness or surgery.

Beech Haven helps community members with utility bills by appointment only. Individuals call the financial assistance phone line (706.548.7084) on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to make an appointment for Tuesday afternoon. Steve Skelton, Roger Burrell, June Martin and Cyndi Weatherly each serve as interviewers/counselors one week per month. They assist individuals with the application, review the bill, discuss the client's current situation, and spend time praying with the client.

The Christian Concern fund is not a budgeted item in the general church budget; therefore, the only funds available are from designated offerings to the fund. Offerings may be given to Christian Concern at any time, although a special opportunity to receive Christian Concern offerings is provided each time the Lord Supper is observed. Prayerfully consider making an extra generous gift to the Christian Concern fund.

Decisions in October 2016

Harrison Reviere
October 23, 2016
by Baptism

Brittany Brock
October 23, 2016
by Baptism



Beech Haven extends deepest sympathies to

Carol Catoe
on the death of her father
Al Chambers

Dennis Scarborough
on the death of his brother-in-law
Bobbie Coile

Stewardship Corner

Charitable Giving Strategies

"Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father," James 1:17.

Gift of publicly traded stock or securities. The benefits of giving appreciated stock or securities to the church could best be explained by way of example: Let's assume that someone acquires stock in ABC Corporation for \$10,000 and has held that stock for a number of years. The stock has appreciated in value and is now worth \$50,000. One could sell the ABC stock for \$50,000.00 and would have a taxable capital gain of \$40,000 (\$50,000 - \$10,000). Applying the applicable federal and state capital gains tax, the shareholder would pay approximately \$10,000 in federal and state capital gains tax. This leaves a net amount of \$40,000 which could be given to the church.

The result is that the church receives \$40,000, the donor receives a \$40,000 charitable deduction, and the federal and state governments receive \$10,000. Conversely, if the donor gave the ABC stock to the church and the church sold the stock, the church would not be taxed on the sale of the stock. The result is the church will receive \$50,000, and the donor would receive a \$50,000 charitable deduction and no taxes would be owed.

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

November 1

Poppy seed chicken,
Green beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls,
Ice Cream or Sherbet

November 9

Vegetable Beef Soup or
Potato Soup
Grilled cheese, Jell-O
Cookies

November 16

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls
Applesauce, Cake

November 23

No Supper or Activities

November 30

Chili, Baked potato, Salad
Chips, Apple cobbler

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.org 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!

God Blessed

October

Monthly Requirement \$117,916

October Receipts \$126,233

October Christian Concern \$2,643

Online giving available

www.BeechHaven.net/give

Preschool & Children's Ministry

Children's Worship Discussion

Wednesday, November 9
Building D, Immediately after WoW
Pastor Mills and Jonathan Tolbert will present a new model for Children's Worship. There will be a time for questions and your feedback.

Mark Your Calendar!

Family Christmas Party

Friday, December 2
Food, fun, fellowship and a Gospel presentation.
Look for sign-up sheets at check-in stations in mid-November.
This is an outreach event - plan now to invite unchurched family and friends.

Children's Choir Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 14
6:00 p.m.
Worship Center

Children's Choir

Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m.
Kindergarten - Grade 1
Grade 2 - Grade 5
(The Grade 2-5 Choir does not meet on the last Wednesday of the month.
Children attend WoW with their families).

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading - Areas of Service Available - Where will you serve?

Prayer Partners - commitment to pray each week for our season to change lives.

Evaluation Nights - Can you give one hour on the nights of November 7, 8 and 10 between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.? We need greeters and assistance with check-in, uniform sizing and recording evaluation scores.

Halftime Activity Leader - The halftime of each game provides a key opportunity to engage spectators with a lesson about Christ and His love for us through a fun and interactive experience. You can help point spectators to Christ through leading one of these activities or sharing a brief devotion. Materials and suggestions are provided.

Game Day Workers - Games are on Saturdays in January and February and we need a number of volunteers to make the day run smoothly. Game Day Workers help with the scoreboard, the players' tunnel and the Upward Café.

Game Day Lunch for Volunteers - We have a number of volunteers that spend 8 or more hours at the gym on Game Days. We do not take a break for lunch. We would like to ask Sunday School classes to sponsor 1 Game Day lunch for the volunteers during the season. This is a great way to minister to the volunteers.

Referees - Do you have a passion for the sport and have a working knowledge of the rules of the game? If so, use this gift to make an impact in the lives of young athletes as an Upward Basketball Referee. Be the one who can make the necessary calls, uphold the integrity of the game, and help athletes improve their understanding of the sport. Training is provided.

Coaches - Make a difference in the lives of young athletes by being a head or assistant coach for basketball or cheerleading. Training and coaching material is provided. Fill out a coach's application at <http://bit.ly/CoachReferee>

To volunteer, contact Donna Huber at donna_huber@yahoo.com

Student Ministry

Navigating the Teen Years Luncheon

(focusing on social media and dating)

Sunday, November 6th

Immediately after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

There are a handful of remaining spots open, but the very last day for reserving a spot is Wednesday, November 2nd.

Contact Tommy at tfountain@beechhaven.net

Student Ministry Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3rd
Details TBA

College Ministry

Tailgate Auburn vs UGA

In front of the BCM

Saturday, November 12th

College Ministry Christmas Party

Monday, December 5th

8:00pm @ The Fountain's

Study at the Beech Café

Tuesday December 6th through

Monday, December 12th

Back of Building D

See Tommy or Clay to sign up for a time to study for finals.

November Servants

Sunday, November 6

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Squeaky Drewry, Ashley Ivey

Usher Team

Mike Mauldin, Gene Couch

Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Craig

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Raynette Noles

Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran
Lanie Lafayette

Sunday, November 13

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Brent & Meredith Dykes

Usher Team

Len Griffin, Daniel Lackey
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott
Ted Screws, George Windate

Shuttle Bus Driver

Steve Crumbley

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Heather Pittman

Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux
Joyce Hartley

Sunday, November 20

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Tracy McKeithan, Amy Tolbert

Usher Team

Bill Crowe, Don Pickering
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes
Jerry Whiteside

Shuttle Bus Driver

Rob Woolery (Lanier Bus)

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Matt Rhymer

Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure
Mary Deaton

Sunday, November 27

Extended Session

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

Children's Worship

Children attend worship
with their family

Usher Team

John Zelley
James Nix, Dickie Riggs

Shuttle Bus Driver

Squeaky Drewry

Worship Hour Prayer Team

Sherrie Schwarzenbach

Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens

November Calendar

Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8:00 a.m. - Call to Prayer, Conf Rm
(see schedule on page 3)
9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study
9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - 11/1 only

Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30

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

Saturday, November 5

TIME CHANGE (move clock back)

Sunday, November 6, 13, 27

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
5:45 p.m. - Financial Peace University
(Last Sunday is November 13)
5:45 p.m. - Awana
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. - Youth Pulse

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday November 7, 8, 10

5:30 p.m. - Upward Evaluations

Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

Thursday, November 10

10:00 a.m. - Women on Mission

Sunday, November 13

8:15 a.m. - SS Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 p.m. - Ladies Night Out

Thursday, November 18

12:00 p.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon

Sunday, November 20

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
11:30 a.m. - Dinner on the Grounds

Wednesday, November 23

No Programming

Thursday-Friday, November 24-25

Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Ministry Staff

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Jonathan Tolbert Interim Family & Children's Minister children@beechhaven.net
Jennifer Adolphson..... Interim Director of Preschool preschool@beechhaven.net

Plan Now for Christmas Day

No Sunday School

12:00 noon

Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
Childcare provided for babies through
Kindergarten