

## From the Pastor's Pen

"Go into all the world."  
-Jesus (Mark 16:15)

Church Family:

As an American people, we should give more attention to Thanksgiving. Like many of you, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. We appreciate its slower pace and absence of commercial appeal. Many of us fear the retail world intends to eliminate Thanksgiving by commencing the Christmas shopping season earlier and earlier each year. It is a strange thing that those with the most to give thanks for use their blessings to avoid it. Strange, indeed.

Despite our great love for Thanksgiving, I must shift our focus this month onto the Christmas season. I do not mean to diminish Thanksgiving, but our Christmas season at Beech Haven will focus on "Merry Christmas, Athens!" (MCA) and because of its long list of details we need to give our attention to it this month. MCA consists of a series of events designed to mobilize our people to reach out to our community during November and December. These events include a church wide "Missions Now" or "MNow" (like "Disciple Now" or "DNow") November 10—12, a Christmas music presentation December 3 at 4:00 p.m. that, in particular, our Retired/Senior Adult Ministry will use to reach out to un-churched senior adults in Athens, especially some of the assisted living facilities, Sunday School class mission projects December 10, and a Christmas music presentation at the Georgia Square Mall December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Staff will do some preparation and ground work for mission projects, arrange some supplies, and make assignments. What we need from our congregation is this:

**Prayer.** Everything meaningful and lasting in the kingdom arises from prayer. MCA effort will not rise above our prayers.

**Attention.** We will communicate with you through the BEAMS, worship guide, email, and other means, and we need all church members to give special attention

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## MissionsNow

Missions Weekend for Students and Church-at-large with Guest Speaker, Keith Eitel

**Student Focus:** Friday-Sunday, November 10-12

Friday: 10:30 p.m.

Meet at church for pizza, fellowship and Worship

Saturday: AM: Session 1/Lunch/Afternoon Mission Projects/  
Session 2/Worship

**Student and Churchwide Focus:**

Sunday, November 12

9:15 a.m. - Regular Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship with Keith Eitel

*(Missions in the Persecuted Church)*

12:00 noon - Churchwide Lunch (RSVP [Here](#) Cost: Donation)

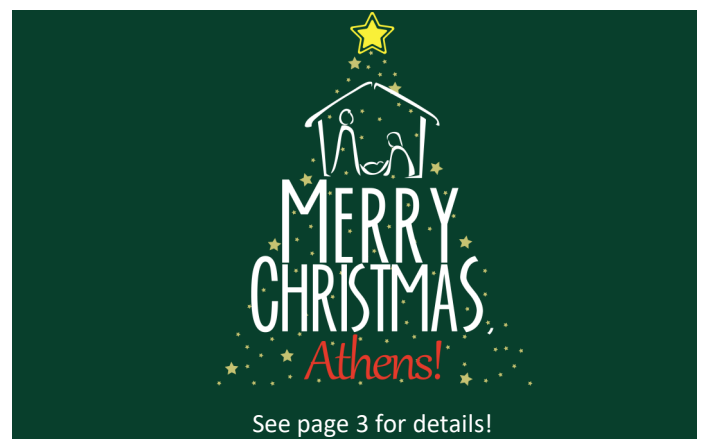
1:30 p.m. - Session with Keith Eitel

*(Missions Mobilization, Part 1)*

2:30 p.m. - Session with Keith Eitel

*(Missions Mobilization, Part 2)*

Childcare provided for afternoon sessions. Register [here](#).



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to all details. We communicated MCA to Sunday School teachers September 15 and deacons in each of their meetings since September. They in turn have communicated with the church family. Let's keep it up.

**RSVP.** RSVP for our MNow lunch November 12 with Adam Wynn ([awynn@beechhaven.org](mailto:awynn@beechhaven.org)). We will hear from Keith Eitel immediately after on missions.

**Flexibility.** This is our first effort at anything like "Merry Christmas, Athens!" Circumstances will require we make last minute decisions. There are hundreds of moving pieces that travel at different speeds. We will make mistakes. Remember "blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape."

**Simplicity.** Keep the mission projects simple. Have you made, distributed, or consumed cookies? Have you ever given away a quarter? Have you cleaned a restroom? Then you are already an expert at mission projects. These mission projects are simple acts of service towards those outside our church family that put us into person-to-person contact with others.

**Involvement.** This effort necessitates the involvement of every Sunday School class.

**Transportation.** Each person and class will provide his or her own transportation.

**Choices.** Please provide to us your top 3 choices for mission projects by Sunday, November 12.

Our community needs "Merry Christmas, Athens!" A recent survey of Athens-Clarke County shows that 65% of citizens hold churches and ministers in suspicion or contempt. MCA will show them we are not scary, but rather ordinary neighbors and friends. Few citizens of ACC have meaningful encounters with serious Christians or the gospel. MCA will make this possible. Further, 84% of Clarke and Oconee County residents do not attend worship on any given day.

Our church family needs "Merry Christmas, Athens!" So many of us are too busy to connect with people. MCA will put our people into person-to-person contact with others. Many of these we would not contact otherwise. Cable news portrays people outside the faith and churches as frightening people. MCA will enable us to see that few, if any, of these are "fire-breathing, Christian-eating aliens!" Finally, while most church resources and time go to Christian needs, MCA will direct our attention outward to a world God loves, "for God so loved the world."

Let's give our best to "Merry Christmas, Athens!" God loves our world. Our community and church need this effort. Great things are just around the corner from those who participate.

I Stand Amazed,

David Mills

### Retired/Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Lunch

Thursday, December 7

at the home of Ed & Carol Schimmel

Catered by *Marti's at Midday*

Cost: \$10

Registration deadline is 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 4

[publisher@beechhaven.net](mailto:publisher@beechhaven.net) or 706-548-2246.

### Time Change!

Don't forgot to set you clocks **back** one hour on Saturday evening, November 4.

### Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, November 22

Office Closes at Noon

No Evening Activities

Thursday - Friday, November 23-24

Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

Regular programming



### Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, November 14

6:00 p.m. @ *Rafferty's*

Dessert & devotion at the home of Toni Sizemore

## Merry Christmas, Athens!

- **November 10 - 12:** Churchwide Missions Now (MNow) with Dr. Keith Eitel. Students MNow schedule will be similar to their DNow experiences (stay in homes, small group missions study lead by college students, large group led by Dr. Keith Eitel and Saturday afternoon mission project). Adults MNow schedule includes Sunday morning worship and 2 addresses by Keith Eitel (12:30 and 1:30 p.m.).
- **Sunday, December 3:** a **Christmas Music Program at 4 p.m.** led by our Music and Worship Ministry. In particular, our Retired/Senior Adult Ministry will reach out to un-churched senior adults in Athens, especially some of the assisted living facilities.
- **Sunday, December 10:** We envision each of our Sunday School Classes taking the afternoon to go into the community in the Cleveland Road Elementary School attendance zone with a **mission project** (see below). We will eat lunch after church in the Fellowship Hall, train everyone as needed at 12:30, exit and arrive to our mission project station by 1:30, serve for a couple or a few hours (depending on the assignment).
- **Sunday, December 10:** At 6:00 p.m. our **Music and Worship and Children's Choirs ministry** will present our Christmas Program at the Georgia Square Mall.
- **Wednesday, December 13:** Our children's ministry will present their **children's Christmas musical program**.

The "heavy lifting" on your part will be the Sunday afternoon mission project on December 10. Essentially, we want to ask your class to conduct a mission project together. Here are some questions regarding a mission project I expect we will need to answer:

1. **Who?** Your Sunday School class.
2. **What?** What do you mean by a mission project? A mission project is a practical act of service that . . .
  1. puts us into face-to-face contact with those outside the faith of our church;
  2. is conducted for the benefit of those outside the faith and/or the church;
  3. is conducted off the property of the church;
  4. provides an opportunity for the group to share the gospel.

Here are some ideas:

- Free gift wrapping in the mall
- Delivering cookies and holiday treats to police substations, fire stations and store employees
- Bathroom Brigades by which we gather teams to volunteer to clean the bathrooms of businesses
- Dropping quarters in washing and drying machines at laundromats
- Windshield washing door-to-door or car-to-car (with permission of owner)
- Distribute batteries for smoke detectors
- Outdoor window washing
- Yard clean-up/leaf raking
- Blood pressure/health screening
- Coffee/hot chocolate/soda give away at bus stop or anywhere there is foot traffic
- Balloon give away
- Shoe shining service
- Your ideas that meet the above criteria

3. **Where?** In the Cleveland Road Elementary School Attendance Zone (essentially west of the perimeter to the county lines with Barrow and Oconee). Due to the nature of some projects, we may need to serve outside the attendance zone. We chose this attendance zone because we have members who are employed at the elementary school there, it has a police substation and a fire station nearby, it has a business community and some of our members live there.

4. **When?** Sunday, December 10. Schedule:

- **12:00** - lunch at church
- **12:30** - begin training
- **1:15** - depart for mission project
- **1:30** - commence mission project
- **5:00** - gather at Georgia Square Mall to distribute invitations to all shoppers and employees to attend Christmas program in mall atrium
- **6:00** - Christmas Program presented by Music & Worship Ministry

5. **How?** How do we share the gospel? We expect people to ask "why are you doing this?" to which we will reply "We are trying to show God's love in a practical way." Knowing our group, that is all it will take to open the door for the gospel. We will provide training suited to mission projects on this very point on Sunday, December 10.

## Worship Ministry Notes

*“Sing about the glory of His name!  
Tell the world how glorious He is!”*

*Psalm 66:2 (NLT)*

To often, we think of worship and evangelism as distinctly separate activities. There are times where we gather to worship, and there are other times when we specifically go evangelize. Yet throughout scripture, we see a distinct pairing of the two. After all, when someone truly encounters God, they tend to both worship Him and go spread the news.

It's no wonder, then, that scripture is full verses like Psalm 66:2 above, or Psalm 57:9 - "I will praise You, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations." Praise and witness go hand-in-hand. In fact, I would even go so far to say that our praise is evangelistic.

In talking about how God is glorified as Gentiles come to faith (Rom.15:9), Paul quotes Psalm 18:49, "Therefore I will give thanks to you among the nations, Lord; I will sing praises about your name." The very act of reaching the nations involves praising God in their midst and encouraging them to praise Him.

Prolific hymnists Keith and Kristyn Getty put it this way:

"When we sing, we witness to the people in our church who are yet to believe—to the unsaved spouse, the cynical teen, the intrigued friend. We witness to the outsider stepping through the door of a church... The sight and sound of a congregation singing praise to God together is a radical witness in a culture that rejects God and embraces individualism. Our songs are the public manifesto of what we believe".

There are, however, two major conditions to the effectiveness of our evangelistic praise. First, our praise must contain the gospel of Christ. Not every song needs to outline the "Romans Road," but our musical worship should focus often and specifically upon Christ, His cross, and His resurrection. Second, our worship must be sincere and full of His Spirit. No amount of truth found in a song like "Victory in Jesus" will be believed if it is sung half-heartedly. "Amazing Grace" is only an effective witness when we truly are amazed.

Now, we still need to be involved in specific evangelistic efforts. But let us recognize that our praise is itself a powerful witness. Let us therefore praise Him in Spirit and in truth, and make His praise glorious!

- Tim

### Welcome New Members

#### Buddy Ballentine

October 1, 2017  
By Statement

#### Becca McCort

October 1, 2017  
By Transfer of Letter

#### Patrick, Christy & Grant Chastain

October 15  
By Transfer of Letter

#### Nick Ballentine

October 22, 2017  
By Statement

#### Andrew & Amanda Skinner

October 29, 2017  
by Transfer of Letter

### 2018 Budget Discussion & Vote

Sunday, November 26

5:00 p.m. - Room 247  
Discussion

Sunday, December 3

10:25 a.m.  
Vote

### ACT22 Update

#### Giving Status

\$985,494 Given to Date  
\$84,208 Outstanding Pledges

Thank you for honoring your pledge, giving more than your pledge, and giving even without a pledge!

**Give to the ACT22  
Project**

### 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

Subs: Philly, Ham or Turkey

Curly Fries

Spinach Salad

Jell-O

Cake

### November 8

Spaghetti, Salad

Garlic Rolls, Brownies

### November 15

Poppy seed chicken

Rice, Green Beans, Rolls

Cookies

### November 22

No Supper

### November 29

Chicken Strips, BBQ Beans

Salad Bar, Cupcakes

### 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

#### October

Monthly Requirement .....\$117,916

October Receipts .....\$130,154

October Christian Concern .....\$2,754

Online giving available

[www.BeechHaven.net/give](http://www.BeechHaven.net/give)

## Preschool & Children's Ministry

### Register [Here](#)

Boys Basketball & Girls Cheerleading for Grades 1-6  
Coed Basketball for Kindergarten

### Upward Coaches Meeting

Sunday, November 5  
12:00 noon (lunch provided)  
All coaches are needed!



### Upward Evaluations

Monday, November 6 for Kindergarten - Grade 2  
anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 7 for Grade 3 & 4  
anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 9 for Grades 5 & 6  
(boys are need the entire two hours, 5:30-7:30, for evaluation and scrimmage)

### Upward Practices Begin the week of November 27



### 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.

### Preschool & Children's Evacuation Drill

Sunday, November 5  
During Sunday School  
We will practice a fire drill for 10 minutes and discuss safety.

### Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, December 3 @ 10:30 a.m.  
To participate, plan to attend a meeting with Pastor David on Wednesday,  
November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

### Awana News!

#### November 5

Dress up as your favorite Bible person

#### November 12

No Awana due to MNow weekend

### Got Magazines?

Please donate your old magazines.  
Children will cut up the magazines for projects.  
You may leave magazines in the office or in  
the Preschool/Children's Welcome Area.

## Student Ministry

### MNOW (DNow with Missions Focus)

Friday-Sunday, November 10-12

Guest Speaker: Keith Eitel

Cost: \$50

Sign-up [here](#) by Wednesday, November 1

**Friday:** 10:00 pm - Meet at church for pizza, fellowship & Worship

**Saturday:** 10:00 am - Session/1:00 - 5:00 pm - **Mission Projects/PM** Worship

**Sunday:** 9:15 am - Sunday School/10:30 am - Worship/Churchwide Lunch/  
1:30 pm and 2:30 pm - Churchwide Sessions on Missions Mobilization

### Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9  
Details TBA

### Pulse

Student Worship Service  
Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Building D

### Summer Xtreme Beach Retreat

June 11-15

\$335 per person

includes 4 nights & 7 meals at Edgewater Beach Resort, entrance to the  
conference and Bible Study booklet.

\$100 deposit due by December 1

## College Ministry

### Ski Trip

MLK Weekend (January 12 - 15)

Cost: \$355

Deposit of \$100 due THIS WEEK

Balance due January 8

### Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 5  
7:00 p.m.

### Study at the Beech

December 6 - 12  
See Tommy to sign-up for a time slot

### Sunday School

9:15 a.m. in Building D

### Groups at Ginger Lane

Weekly Bible Study  
Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m.

## November Servants

### Sunday, November 5

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Lisa Rhymer, Cameron Sowers

#### Usher Team

Mike Mauldin

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Craig

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Linda Allen

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Lanie Lafayette

### Sunday, November 12

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Rex or Cheri Edmunds, Jeni Pittard

#### Usher Team

Len Griffin  
Tom McCormack, Franklin Scott  
George Windate

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Steve Crumbley

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Tracy McKeithan

#### Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux  
Joyce Hartley

### Sunday, November 19

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Trey & Cheri Bliss

#### Usher Team

Bill Crowe  
Robert Sinyard, Steve Starnes  
Jerry Whiteside

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Allen Adams

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Bob Molleur

#### Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure  
Mary Deaton

### Sunday, November 26

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Katherine Allen, Rachel McDaniel

#### Usher Team

John Zelley  
Dickie Riggs

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Squeaky Drewry

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Raynette Noles

#### Counting Team for Monday

Doug & Faye Owens  
Nancy Bruce

## November Calendar

### Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29

4:00 p.m. - WoW

5:00 p.m. - Family Night Supper  
(reservations required)

6:00 p.m. - WoW

6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

7:00 p.m. - Choir

### Thursday, November 2

Sarepta Association Senior Lunch

### Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

### Sunday, November 5

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

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - AWANA

5:30 p.m. - Financial Peace University

5:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - Pulse

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

### November 6, 7, 9

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Upward Evaluations

### Tuesday, November 7

9:00 a.m. - Precept Bible Study

9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study

### Thursday, November 9

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

### Friday-Sunday, November 10-12

MNOW for Students with Keith Eitel

### Sunday, November 12

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Lunch (please RSVP by November 6)

12:30 & 1:30 p.m.

Missions Conference with Keith Eitel

### Sunday, November 19

SS Workers Meeting

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

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:30 p.m. - AWANA

6:00 p.m. - Pulse

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, November 22

Office Closes at Noon

No Evening Activities

### Thursday-Friday, November 23-24

Office Closed

### Sunday, November 26

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

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:00 p.m. - Budget Discussion

5:30 p.m. - AWANA

6:00 p.m. - Pulse

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 27, 28, 30

Upward Practices

### Ministry Staff

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