



MAGNIFY CHRIST,  
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES

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## From the Pastor's Pen

Great Commissionary Family:

Many of us were taught in our youth and young adulthood to keep the world in view. Wise missionary-minded Christians instructed us to pray, budget, live, and witness by thinking more of the world than ourselves. When I do this, and I wish I did it more, my soul endures a collision. On one hand, my soul relishes in the hope that together we can reach the world. On an average day, Southern Baptists alone will win and baptize more than 1,000 new converts. Other biblically defined Christians will do a large work, too. This inspires my hope that we can win the world to Jesus and His love. On the other hand, my soul dreads the reality that we aren't doing nearly enough. Though Southern Baptists and others win and baptize thousands each day, UNICEF estimates that 353,000 babies come into the world each day, too. Some estimate that more than 150,000 die each day. In recent years, Southern Baptists have pulled back on evangelism and have experienced predictable results—fewer people coming to Christ and more people facing eternity without a Savior. International Mission Board baptisms have declined from the 300,000 range to around 100,000. For the first time since 1947, Southern Baptist baptisms are below 300,000.

I should thank God and you profusely, however, because we experienced a significant increase in our baptisms for the September 2015—August 2016 church year. I will not get into all the numbers here, but it is enough to say thank you for supporting evangelism, praying for evangelism, and engaging in evangelism. While I want us to do more and accomplish more for the Lord in the next church year, I must take this moment to thank God and His people for loving lost people enough to expose them to the gospel.

Howard Ramsey of the North American Mission Board before he retired said, "The number of people who come to Jesus is in direct proportion to the number of people we tell about Jesus." Fishermen rely on something similar. The more they cast their baits and lures, and the longer they fish,

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Begins Sunday, September 11

5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

Room 107

Facilitated by Len Griffin ([grsgriff@gmail.com](mailto:grsgriff@gmail.com))

Limited to 11 units (a single adult or a couple is considered a unit)

Cost: \$93 per unit

To register, please contact Pam at [publisher@beechhaven.net](mailto:publisher@beechhaven.net) (Payment must be made at registration).

Financial Peace University is a biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way.

More information is available [here](#).

## Pathway into God's Presence

### Fall Bible Study

Wednesdays through November 16

4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

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**Pathway into God's Presence: Exodus 33-34, 40**

In this study you will learn ...

1. how to walk with God in a personal way as Moses did.
2. how to interact with God as a Real Person.
3. how to know God's mind about your decisions.
4. how God's presence satisfies the soul more than anything else in the world.

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the more fish they catch. This is why it is urgent for each person in our church family to learn to share the good news of Christ and invite friends to worship, Sunday School, and events.

Because God loves everyone in our region, Beech Haven provides training and event opportunities to improve our outreach skills. Sunday September 11 after worship from 12:30—3:00 we have IMPACT Training for Sunday School workers and Deacons. This training will prepare us for our one-day IMPACT Crusade with Jon Reed Sunday October 23 at 9:15 a.m. (regular Sunday School), 10:30, and 6:00 p.m. More about these events appears or will appear in subsequent publications.

God loves the whole world. The extent of God's love determines the scope of our reach. Let's give ourselves to God's love for our region and world. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

David Mills

## IMPACT Training with Jon Reed

for all Sunday School Workers and Deacons  
Sunday, September 11

Immediate following Worship - 3:00 p.m.

Preparation for our Impact Crusade on October 23

## IMPACT Crusade with Jon Reed

Sunday, October 23

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. - Worship

### Sympathy

**Carl Thrift and Menda Hall**

on the death of their wife and sister

**Ruth Thrift**

**Joyce Bradley**

on the death of her sister

**Jean Jones**

## Worship & Music Ministry Notes

*Words make you think. Music makes you feel. A song makes you feel a thought.*

E. Y. "Yip" Harburg

Oscar-winning film composer whose credits include "The Wizard of Oz"

God designed humans to be musical beings. Throughout the millenniums, every culture on earth has included one form of music or another. Perhaps the purest expression of emotion, music accomplishes that which words cannot. It speaks the language of the heart and communicates the deepest longings of the soul.

It is no wonder, then, that God desires music to be lifted up to Him in worship and praise. Indeed, He orders His followers to make music for Him. Twenty six times in Psalms alone do we find the command to "sing." Why is singing so crucial to our connection with God? Because old "Yip" was correct in his statement above. "Words make you think. Music makes you feel. A song makes you feel a thought."

Singing connects the mind with the heart. It is where understanding meets emotion. In our response to all that God is and to what He's done (i.e., our worship), singing involves every part of our being – our hearts, minds, and bodies. No cognitive thought of praise is complete without an emotional connection. Likewise, no emotional feeling could be considered legitimate worship if it were devoid of understanding. And none of it would be possible without the body...

Singing also connects worshipers to each other. The chorus of voices all singing the same word at the same time on the same pitch (more or less...) is a marvelous picture of unity. Whether we're proclaiming the classic line "then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee, how great Thou art," or the newest lyrics of praise, we are united in declaring the greatness of our God. We are united in both the feeling and thought of worship.

So, why is it that some people do not sing in a worship gathering? Sometimes, the issue stems from self-consciousness. "I can't sing" is a common yet poor excuse. True, some truly cannot sing (due to illness or accident). But rarely do I hear that excuse from such people. In fact, I know of one man with damaged vocal cords who now whistles during congregational songs at church. He can no longer physically sing, yet his soul still longs to lift up a song of praise. God does not care how well you sing. Indeed, the only command in scripture regarding musical skill was made to those who play instruments (Psalm 33:3). If you can talk, you can sing.

Other people were taught to be stoic. Emotion, to them, is weakness. Yet this teaching is at odds with scripture. Again, we're commanded to sing repeatedly. Still other people refrain from singing because of some reluctance or distraction. Perhaps the song is too old. Or too new. Or it's too cold, or too hot, or maybe there's some unconfessed sin serving as a barrier to the worship of God. No matter the reason, we would do well to remember this: God is always worthy of our song.

My prayer each week is that we might be a church who sings praises with all our hearts, minds, and bodies. May we come humbly, confessing our sin, recognizing our need for His grace, and loudly proclaiming the greatness and majesty of our Lord. And may we fulfill the commands of scripture to sing praises to our King!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Tim Cotten

## Ladies Bible Studies

### *The Gospel of Mark: Making Your Mark on the World*

Tuesdays

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

### *The Gospel of Mark: Making Your Mark on the World*

Sundays, beginning September 11

5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

### Genesis: A Precept Study

Tuesdays, beginning September 6

9:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 107-111

Childcare available for all studies. Please make childcare reservations by contacting Jennifer Adolphson at [preschool@beechhaven.net](mailto:preschool@beechhaven.net)



## CALL TO PRAYER

Tuesdays @ 8:00 a.m.

**We need to pray.** More now than ever, we need to plead with God to intervene. Unlike previous days, nearly every day presses upon us urgent matters requiring divine assistance.

### 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

## Thank You

Dear Beech Haven,

On behalf of the Children's Ministry at Redeemer Orem [Utah], I just want to thank you so much for the donation of materials to our little church plant and toward the children of this area who are hearing the Gospel through our Children's Ministry! We are so excited to use the material. Be assured they will be put to good use! Thank you for being so generous and thoughtful - we are so blessed by your gift. I hope to send a picture of my family and of the kids in our ministry very soon, so you can put faces with names!

Thank you again,

Sandi Rutledge

Phillippians 1:3-6

Note: Kevin & Sandi Rutledge were the church plant missionaries speaking at Camp Pinnacle this past summer. When asked by our Beech Haven families, if they could use our leftover VBS materials, they responded with a resounding Yes!



- **Beech Haven will provide the backpacks, Bibles, and tracts.**
- Select a gender and age (2-4, 5-9, 10-14).
- Bring as many new supplies as possible to the designated "Supply Drops" by Oct. 30. (Containers will be located in the atrium and near the Fellowship Hall).
- Plan to participate in our "Packing Party" on **Sunday, October 30**, immediately after Worship. (A simple lunch will be available for a donation).

## Home Groups

pray · care · share

The College Ministry is looking for families to volunteer to be Home Group hosts. Each Home Group will be comprised of 4 to 5 college students who are assigned to a family. The college students will meet once a month at their family's

home to have supper together and a time of prayer. Email [tommyf@beechhaven.net](mailto:tommyf@beechhaven.net) if you are interested in hosting a Home Group. College Students also need to email [tommyf@beechhaven.net](mailto:tommyf@beechhaven.net) to sign up to participate. **The final day to sign up is Sunday, September 18. There will be a meet and greet with a light meal on Sunday, October 2** immediately after the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall.



On Sunday, August 28, Beech Haven dedicated the completed ACT22 Project to the work of *magnifying Christ as Lord by building the peoples of the Athens Region into Great Commissioners*. Through the generosity of the church family, the hard work of the Operations & Facilities and Stewardship Committees, the staff and the flexibility of the entire body, the church has renovated 22 classrooms, created a secured children’s area, and made great gains in space and energy efficiency. God even threw in a new truss system for Building B! Want to know more? An Updated Manual describing God’s story of faithfulness is available in the office.

**Financial Report**

\$814,000 Given to date  
 \$221,000 Pledged  
  
 \$960,000 Spent  
 \$148,000 Line of Credit Balance

**Give to the ACT22 Project**

**Sunday Evening Adult Discipleship Opportunities**

**Prayer Meeting**

6:00 - 7:00 P.m.  
 Room C248

**Sunday School@6:00 p.m.**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Room C247

Taught by Chuck Ivey and Sherri Michelle Mills  
 Topic: *Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom*

**Ladies Bible Study**

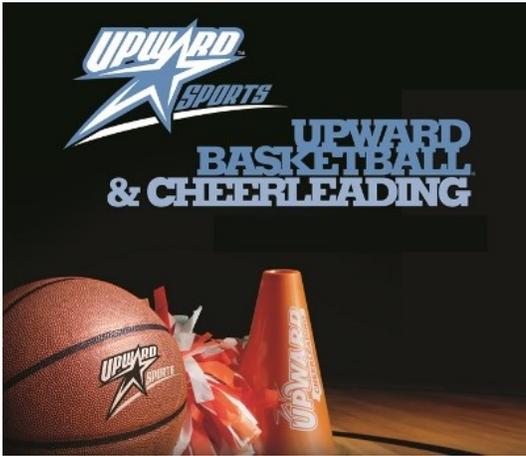
*The Gospel of Mark: Making Your Mark on the World*  
 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.  
 Begins September 11

You are Invited  
 to a  
**Bridal Shower**  
 Honoring  
**Leah Dickerson & Ray Smith**  
 Hosted by the Parents of Children & Youth  
 Sunday School Class  
**Saturday, September 17**  
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Leah and Ray are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond  
 and Target

**Upward Basketball & Cheerleading**

**Online Registration is Now Open!**

for Kindergarten through Grade 5  
 Early registration price is available through October 28  
 \$90 for the 1st child  
 \$80 for the 2nd child  
 \$70 for the 3rd child  
 \$60 for 4th child and more  
 All prices increase by \$10 after October 28.  
 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](#).



## Preschool & Children's Ministry

### Opportunities to Serve

#### Sunday School Teachers Needed

Two teachers for the 1's/2's Sunday School Class  
One teacher for the 4 year old Sunday School Class  
One teacher for the 3rd Grade Sunday School Class

#### Extended Session Workers

Positions available!

Serving in Extended Session is a commitment of only six Sunday's a year!  
Contact Jennifer at [preschool@beechhaven.net](mailto:preschool@beechhaven.net) to volunteer.

**Volunteers:** the new Extended Session calendar is out! Check your email.

#### 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).

## September Calendar

### Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30 a.m. - International Friends

### Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m. - Football at the Fountains for Students

### Sunday, September 4

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

No Evening Activities

### Monday, September 5

Office Closed

### Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27

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

### Thursday, September 8

10:00 a.m. - Women on Mission

### Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28

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

### Sunday, September 11

11:30 a.m. - IMPACT Training for SS Workers and Deacons

### Sundays, September 11, 18, 25

5:45 p.m. - Financial Peace University

5:45 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

5:45 p.m. - Awana

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. - Youth Pulse

### Wednesday, September 21

4:00 p.m. - WoW with Lord's Supper

6:00 p.m. - WoW with Lord's Supper

### Sunday, September 25

10:30 a.m. - Haiti Children's Choir

## Youth Ministry

### Football at the Fountains

Saturday, September 3 - 5:00 p.m.

**PULSE**

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### The "Love Him Love Them" Children's Choir

(made up mostly of orphans from Haiti)

Leading in worship on

Sunday, September 25th - 10:30 a.m.

### God Blessed

#### August

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

August Receipts .....\$105,570

August Christian Concern .....\$1,605

Online giving available

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

## September Servants

### Sunday, September 4

#### 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  
Alex Schwarzenbach

#### Usher Team

Mike Mauldin, Gene Couch

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Mike Mauldin

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Dennis McDaniel

#### Counting Team for Monday

Sherry Reed, Marie Moran  
Lanie Lafayette

### Sunday, September 11

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Brent & Meredith Dykes  
Alex Schwarzenbach

#### Usher Team

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

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Alan Parrish

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Kathy McDaniel

#### Counting Team for Monday

Linda Pickering, Allene Carteaux  
Joyce Hartley

### Sunday, September 18

#### Extended Session

Coordinators: Eric & Rosie Ingram  
Cathy Owen, Donna Lackey  
Cynthia Boswell  
Heather Pittman, Andrea Wethington  
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

Eric Ingram

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Meredith Dykes

#### Counting Team for Monday

Jane Poole, Emily McClure  
Mary Deaton

### Sunday, September 25

#### Extended Session

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

#### Children's Worship

Cameron Sowers

#### Usher Team

John Zelley  
James Nix, Dickie Riggs

#### Shuttle Bus Driver

Jerry Davis

#### Worship Hour Prayer Team

Bill Bowen

#### Counting Team for Monday

Bob Bramblett, Millard Berry  
Doug & Faye Owens

### 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

### September 7\*

Beef Tacos (soft shell)  
Mexican chicken casserole  
Black beans, corn  
Queso dip

### September 14\*

Breakfast  
Omelettes, Pancakes, Biscuits  
Bacon, sausage, grits  
Fruit, juice, milk

### September 21\*

Hamburgers and Hot dogs  
Fries, Coleslaw  
Brownies

### September 28

Country Fried Steak  
Mashed potatoes  
English Peas, Steamed Carrots  
Pie

\*The menus for the first, second and third weeks of September will be repeated on the first, second and third weeks of October. The fourth week of each month will have a new menu. We will continue to post the menus each month here and in the Worship Guide.

### 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](mailto: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!

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