



BEECH HAVEN

BAPTIST CHURCH

MAGNIFY CHRIST,
BUILD GREAT COMMISSIONARIES

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Beech Haven,

I'm excited for our future for several reasons: 1) We have a God who is worthy of our worship, service, and money. 2) You consistently prove you share the same opinion by how you worship, serve, and give. 3) There are people all around us eager to hear the message of hope that we have to share!

As we prepare for 2021, you have positioned our church to take even greater steps in magnifying Christ and turning people of the Athens area into Great Commissionaries. Two things for your consideration reflect that future:

1. The formation of a search team for college minister
2. The 2021 Budget.

Our college ministry continues to experience significant growth. They are not only attending but serving in many ways. For over a year, I have forecasted the need for a college minister and that time has now come.

The **proposed 2021 Budget** comes to you as a recommendation from the Stewardship Committee and the Deacon Body. This budget reflects the inclusion of a new college minister. Again, your giving allows us to make such a move and I'm grateful.

On **Sunday morning, December 6th just prior to the 11:15 service**, the church will have a **called conference** to vote on these matters. **Thursday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall will be a **discussion** period for these items. Please see the next page for a list of the members of the college search team.

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Wednesday, December 2

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Food • Games • Prizes • Outdoor Inflatables
Snowballs!

The Children's Ministry is sponsoring an evening of family fun! Invite your friends to come with you.



2:00 & 4:00 pm

Each family oriented worship service will include music, a special children's message, the Lord's Supper and a few surprises.

We're asking everyone to wear a mask and observe social distancing. Let us know you are coming by registering at the following link: <https://reopen.church/r/aEdOJPHD>

From the Pastor's Pen

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As we head into the holidays, let's make sure that Jesus continues to have prominence in our language with those we encounter.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills

Proposed College Search Team

Mitchell Adolphson – Chairman
Ashley Wright
Christy Chastain
Susan Hall
Michael Campbell

Worship Center Update

Thank you for your prayers and patience as the Operations & Facilities Committee, Stewardship Committee, and staff do their due diligence regarding the updates to our Worship Center.

What's Being Planned?

The big items include new flooring, seating, lighting, and windows; further upgrades to Audio-Visual-Lighting-Broadcast (AVLB); and parking lot improvements. Smaller items include security improvements, painting, and landscaping.

What's the Process/Timeline?



What's Next?

Early in 2021 information will be distributed to the church with specifics to answer these questions: What exactly is being done? What will it look like? How much will it cost? How will we pay for it? When will the church vote on the project? What will we do during construction? Etc.

Details are still coming together and more information is coming - the pace of the project will pick up speed soon in 2021. If you do have questions now, feel free to contact John Walker (706.201.5414), Op. & Fac. Chairman Patrick Chastain (229.347.8553), or Stewardship Chairman Andy Thomas (706.338.1968).

Dear Beech Haven,

The Stewardship Committee and Deacon Body recommend to you the **proposed 2021 budget**. This proposal projects giving to the church of \$1.6 million which is an increase from the current budget of \$1,518,000.

The budget is designed to facilitate the church's mission to *magnify Christ as Lord by building the peoples of the Athens region into Great Commissionaries*.

You can peruse the budget for details. The major increases for next year include an allocation to allow for the addition of a college minister, administrative costs, missions, evangelism, and online ministries.

For those who want more information there will be a discussion session on **Thursday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. You may also reach out to myself, John Walker, or any of the committee members.

The church will vote on this budget **Sunday morning, December 6th just prior to the 11:15 service**.

In Christ,



Andy Thomas, Chairman and on behalf of the Stewardship Committee:

Tom Rogers Mary Deaton Sherrie Campbell Stephanie Bowman Royce Vaughn

Josh Worth Charlotte Tolbert

John Walker, Staff Liaison Tom Parkman, Treasurer Cassie Brown, Business Manager

Sunday Morning Schedule Through Sunday, January 3, 2021

Worship

9:00 and 11:15 am

All Sunday Small Groups

10:15 am

Beginning January 10

Worship: 9:00, 10:30 & 11:15

Sunday Small Groups

10:15 am

Preschool/Children

College

Graduate & Young Professionals

Median & Mature Single Adults

Working/Retired I

Working Retired II

Men

Median Ladies

11:30 am

Students

Young Married

Young Adult

Coed 36-49

Parents of Prschl & Children

Parents of Youth & Yg Adults

9:00 am Zoom Only

Median & Mature Ladies

9:45 am

Coed 65+

Baby Dedication

Sunday, December 13

9:00 & 11:15 am

To register your family's participation, please contact Pam at 706.548.2246 or

publisher@beechhaven.net

God Blessed

November Giving

Monthly Requirement\$126,500

November Receipts\$461,821

November Christian Concern\$2,709

Avoid fees associated with text and online giving by using **your bank's bill pay service**. Bank bill pay services send 100% of your gift to support the church's vision.



Give by Text
706-550-9534

Online giving available
www.BeechHaven.org/give



Year-end Contributions

Your tithes and offerings make all the ministries at Beech Haven possible. Thank you for giving. To claim a charitable contribution for 2020 taxes, contributions must be: **delivered** to the church office on or before December 31 **or mailed** to the church office with a postmark of December 31 or earlier **or [Online contributions](#)** and **Text Giving** (to **706-550-9534**) given before midnight December 31.

Gifts of **Stocks or Securities** can be received by the church. Please call Cassie Brown in the church office to arrange.

Please consider your **Beech Haven Endowment Fund** in your **Estate Plans** or when you receive a windfall. Talk with John Walker for more information.



3:16 Missions

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Beginning in January 2020, our missions giving was streamlined through the **3:16 Missions Offering**. Through this offering, we support these mission endeavors based on percentages adopted by the Missions Committee:

- 38% - Lottie Moon
- 20% - Annie Armstrong
- 5% - State Missions Offering
- 17% - Global and Domestic Partnerships (Indiantown, Florida; Tacana, Guatemala)
- 20% - Beech Haven Mission Fund

Thank you for supporting missions!

Save the dates!

upcoming events



Mommies & Preschoolers Play Date	Friday, December 12	11:30 am in Children’s Worship Room
Christmas Eve Services with Lord’s Supper	Thursday, December 24	2:00 pm and 4:00 pm (Registration required). Register here . Please wear a mask.
Vacation Bible School	June 14-18, 20, 2021	for just completed Kindergarten-Grade 5 more details available in the Spring
Summer Camp - YM360	June 28-July 2, 2021	for 6-12th grade; Orange Beach, AL Cost: \$350 per student with \$85 deposit due by January 24,2021. Details to come
Friend Day	Sunday, January 31	9:00, 10:15 and 11:30 am
Ronnie Hill Crusade	Sunday-Wednesday, March 28-March 31	9:00, 10:15, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday

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