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From the Pastor's Pen

Church Family:

For eleven months I have felt like you and I have been driving down a dark country road in a jalopy that needs alignment, headlights, and a driver. This has been quite a ride to say the least. Despite the condition of our transportation, we have yet to hit a pothole, fence post, or tree. At the same time, we have made our way down the road at a good pace headed towards our destination.

The year 2020 has been one of our best years ever. The books are still open, but giving was its best in 2020. We met

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Worship Center Project

Churchwide Discussion Sessions

Sundays, via Zoom, February 14, 21 and 28 @ 5:00 pm

Wednesday, in-person, February 17 @ 7:15 in the Worship Center

Church vote on the project

Sunday, March 21

Pending church approval, construction begins in May

Cost: \$1.575 million

Additional information to come

budget on November 22, 2020. We now broadcast around the country and world. We baptized nearly every Sunday from September through November, and usually multiple candidates.

I have no human explanation for 2020, and that is the way we like it. Only God could pull off a year like 2020. Praise His name and give Him the glory.

In 2021, we want to create a culture that will advance us into the future. Acts 1 provides applicable biblical material for this. Below, I enumerate **items of a strong, healthy church culture that will guide us in 2021 and beyond.**

1. **Faithful Fearlessness** (Acts 1:4). Jesus acted like He owned the disciples and the church. He commanded those He chose. In 2021 and beyond, we will not fear obedience to God's word or the leadership of His Spirit. We will long for obedience and we will not live in bondage to fear.

We will say, "When God has my 'Yes,' He makes things the best they can be!"

2. **The Spirit's Power** (Acts 1:4—8a). Even after receiving Jesus' teaching for three years, the disciples did not have enough for ministry. They needed the Spirit's power.

We get the power of the Spirit when we walk in purity, prayer, and God's path. In other words, God will only give us His power when we are in a position where we need it. Small, fearful plans will never experience God's power. God gives His power for His program, not ours.

3. **Mission Focused** (Acts 1:8). The most important things about us are our love for God and our community. God will take care of us, and because He will, we can take care of our community.

Our motto will be, "Them, not us."

4. **Evangelistic** (Acts 1:8). Jesus wanted disciples to say something about Him. They were witnesses. We can share our testimony and Bible verses about salvation with others.

All this is predicated on the following conviction: More people in heaven and fewer people in hell is better than fewer people in heaven and more people in hell.

5. **Prayer Fueled** (Acts 1:14). They had all the Bible teaching they needed.

They had the promise of the Spirit. Their first act together was to pray together in a prayer gathering.

At Beech Haven, our prayer gathering on Wednesday night is vital to our strength and progress. We meet Wednesdays at 6:00. Beginning February 10 we will begin fasting for 40 days in preparation for our time with Ronnie Hill March 24—28.

If God has answered one of your prayers and you'd like for us to communicate it, text Answered to 484848. If you have a prayer request you would like for us to communicate to our prayer gathering or prayer warriors (161 strong), text Praying to 484848.

6. **Quick Response** (Acts 1:11). Jesus had told the disciples how and when to meet needs, and the best they could do is gaze. They were slow to do what Jesus wanted them to do. We believe in waiting on God, but we do not believe God must wait on us. Gone are the days when a church can survive, much less thrive, by making its leaders climb through countless meetings and miles of church bureaucracy to make decisions and get things done. Slow churches are dead churches. Beech Haven will meet needs quickly.

Our motto is, "meet needs quickly."

Luke was hospitalized for dehydration back in 2007. He was a little fella of about two years and stayed for four days. While there, nurses loaded him up with ice cream and everything related to firemen. They gave him a firemen stickers, coloring pages, helmet, coat, and a quilt covered with firemen. His brother and sisters said, "I want to get sick and come to this hospital." Isn't this what we want people in our community to say about Beech Haven? "I'm sick of turmoil. I'm sick of fear. I'm sick of anger. I'm sick of my bondage. I want to go to Beech Haven."

With the culture I've outlined above, we will begin hearing such things, and Jesus Christ will be praised.

I Stand Amazed,
David Mills



Welcome Shondarius Williams!

College Minister

On Sunday, January 31, Beech Haven unanimously voted to call Shondarius Williams as College Minister.

He will be in Athens on February 7.

His email address is ShonD@beechhaven.net



Digital Worship Guide

Available for Sunday Worship Services

For those attending **in-person**, access the Guide using the **QRCode** (available throughout the Worship Center)

For those **watching online**, use [this link](https://beechhaven.org/resources/digital-worship-guide/) to access the Guide
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40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

in preparation for **Hope for Athens** with Ronnie Hill
February 10 - March 21

[Sign-up for one or more days here.](#)

Hope for Athens

with Ronnie Hill

Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday

March 24, 25 & 28

Details to come.



Save the dates!

upcoming events



Mommies & Preschoolers Play Date	Fridays, February 5 & 19	11:30 am in Children's Worship Room
Prayer Gathering	Wednesdays	6:00 pm in the Worship Center Online access here
College Bible Study	Thursdays	8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
40 Days of Prayer & Fasting	In-preparation for Hope for Athens with Ronne Hill	February 10 - March 21
Hope for Athens with Ronnie Hill	Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday March 24, 25 & 28	Schedule details to come
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 (\$85 deposit due now) Register here .
CentriKid Camp	July 19 - 23	for 3rd-5th grade; Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC. Register here . Cost: \$309 (\$65 deposit due by February 17)

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Betty Moody
on the death of her husband
Griffin Moody

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on the death of her husband
Collins Reed

The family of
Perry & Jeannette Sentell
on their death

Bill Crowe
on the death of his wife
Sybil Crowe

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