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From the Pastor's Pen

"Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it" (Gen 8:17).

"As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it" (Gen 9:7).

"May the LORD your God multiply the troops a hundred times over" (2 Sam 24:3).

We are out of room in the 11:15 service and we have been out of room for several weeks. We have considered all the options, and the best one, all things considered, is 3 Sunday morning worship services. Worship is an engine of gospel growth. We want people to worship safely, socially distanced. Therefore, we will provide 3 morning worship services on Sunday morning in the months of October and November. Going forward, we are asking our Sunday Groups to observe the same schedule as September 27, 2020. This will help us maintain a multi-generational mix during worship that is so appealing to others.

My family and I were members at Hebron when we were in 3 morning worship services and 3 simultaneous Sunday schools. It worked marvelously, and it will work marvelously here. Ask Adam and Ivey Wynn. They were there for it all. Great times. Jesus said, "Be it done to you according to your faith" (Matt 9:29).

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Student & Connections Minister Candidate Nathan Evans

A unanimous recommendation from the Student Minister Search Team and Deacon Body to call Nathan Evans to the church as Student & Connections Minister will be presented in a special called conference on **Sunday, October 4 at 11:15 am** in the Worship Center or in the gymnasium in Bldg. E. You may go to either location.

Nathan's complete resume is available here.

A Meet & Greet will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Student & Connections Minister Job Responsibilities

The primary and dominant duties of this position relate to middle and high school students (grades 6-12). Secondarily, as the Minister for Connections, the minister will be responsible for guiding and motivating people on the path from their first visit to Beech Haven to becoming Great Commissionaries. Specific tasks include overseeing First Impressions

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To make 3 services work, we need to throw jet fuel on the following:

- 1. Prayer: Pray for lost people and our people as if you were a parent pleading to a judge for mercy upon your own child. When there is a challenge, pray about it. Ask God to meet the need. He knows. He cares.
- Mindset: Approach this with a "<u>whatever it takes</u>" mindset. We tell God and one another, "Whatever it takes to reach people."
- 3. Faith: Let's say to one another, "<u>This is the best possible thing that could happen to us! What a blessing! I love</u> <u>it! Give me more of this!"</u>
- 4. Sunday Groups: Let's *prioritize* our Sunday groups. Let's not pull back on them. Let's press forward on them. It will take a week or two to work out kinks, but we can do it with God's help.

There will be challenges, fatigue, "speed bumps," ups, downs, tests, trials, and setbacks, but we will walk through them *with* God and one another. He will accompany us. **THIS IS BEST TIME TO BE A MEMBER OF BEECH HAVEN!**

Love you, David Mills

Three Worship Services

9:00, 10:15 and 11:30 AM

Through November 22

We're running out of seats! Each week, our in-person Worship attendance is growing. To make room for all who want to attend, we are adding a third service.

The 11:30 AM service will be live-streamed.

Kid's Worship will meet at 9:00 and 11:30 AM.

Sunday Small Groups will meet at either 10:15 or 11:30 am. <u>Find the schedule here</u>.



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Ministry and guest follow-up, new member training, and connecting people to entry-level ministry opportunities. This position remains primarily a student minister position.

Transition to Full-Time

Nathan is currently serving as our part-time interim student minister. In coordination with the Personnel Committee and Nathan, upon the call of the church, Nathan will transition from part-time to full-time over the next several months. This transition will serve the church well as the opportunities for student ministry remain affected by COVID-19. Simultaneously, this transition will meet Nathan and his family's preference to move to the Athens area in 2021.

There are two triggers that can activate a move to full-time status: One is no later than May 1—which positions Nathan to give full-time hours for a typically busy season (Summer) in student ministry. The other trigger is if prior to May 1, the student ministry sustains Sunday morning attendance of 60 or more over a period of a month (In the last month, the student ministry attendance averaged 42.).

New Logo & Redesigned Website

On September 22 we launched our new church logo and our redesigned website.

The new logo represents our widely recognized steeple - it is iconic to the Athens skyline! Our graphic designer took a photo of our steeple and used the photo to create the design. The circle represents our unity of who we are as a church.



Our redesigned website features updated

pictures and content with an emphasis on helping first time guests learn more about Beech Haven. The addition of video gives visitors an opportunity to experience Beech Haven *before* they arrive on Sunday! Our web address remains **BeechHaven.org**

Ladies Bible Study

Book of Ephesians Wednesdays, September 30 - November 4 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom It's not too late to join!

The study questions are available on the <u>website</u>. Contact <u>Pam</u> or <u>Jean</u> for the Zoom link.



Filled backpacks continue to be dropped-off in the office.Final date for return is Sunday, October 18.A few empty backpacks are still available in the church office.

Ministry Staff

Wíth Sympathy

Nellie Bramblett on the death of her husband Bob Bramblett

Robert & Leslie Sinyard on the death of his mother Alice Sinyard

Joyce Corrigan and Allene Carteaux on the death of their sister Joan Healey

> Linda Berry on the death of her husband Millard Berry

Curtis Murdock on the death of his wife Georganne Murdock

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