

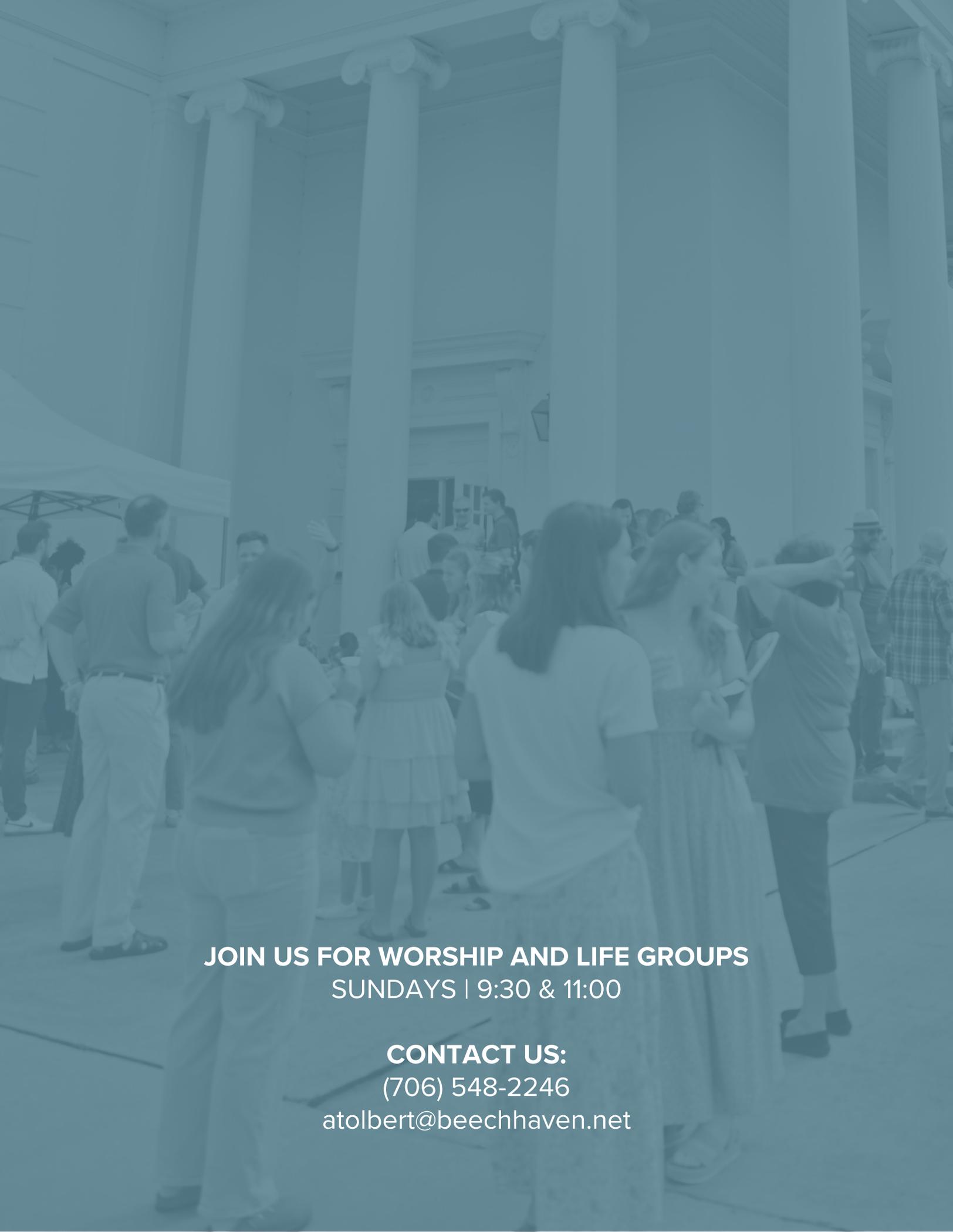
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Welcome

TO BEECH HAVEN



BEECH HAVEN
CHURCH



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND LIFE GROUPS
SUNDAYS | 9:30 & 11:00

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UNWAVERING HOPE FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

In a world swirling with change and challenges, it's as if we're constantly riding the waves of uncertainty. Whether it's a personal battle, a global crisis or something in between, life is anything but certain.

But what if, in the midst of it all, there was a source of hope that remains steady? This is the hope found only in the person and work of Jesus, and the people who make up Beech Haven Church have a vision for rooting the people of Athens in this unwavering hope.

The hope of Jesus is more than a feeling or a heightened sense of optimism—it's a conviction rooted in Jesus' perfect life lived on our behalf, his payment for our sin in his death, his defeat of death through the resurrection, and his promise to return and reign. It is this unwavering hope that we long to cultivate in ourselves and our community. He has changed our lives, so we know He can change yours. Our lives aren't any easier than anyone else's, but we are learning to face all of life's uncertainties through the lens of hope in Jesus.

If you are ready to experience and grow in this hope, keep reading and keep coming. Join us at one of our weekly worship gatherings on Sunday mornings, and when you're ready, start making friends in a life group. Our lives are open for conversations that matter, friendships that inspire, and a shared journey that builds a humble and confident character. Come as you are, and let's immerse ourselves in a hope that's unshakable... a hope that endures... a hope that's tailored for these times.

WHAT IS THE G O S P E L ?

We live in a world where people are constantly **searching**—for identity, belonging, purpose, and love that lasts. Many spend their lives chasing **success, experiences, or approval**, only to find that even our best efforts leave us **empty**. That ache you feel for something more? It's neither an accident nor a flaw. It's a **signpost**.

The Bible teaches that we were **created** by a loving and personal God, made to **know Him and walk with Him**. But humanity chose independence instead. We **rejected** the God who made us, seeking life on our own terms. The result is the **brokenness** we all experience—internally and around us. The Bible calls this **sin**, and it separates us from God.

But separation was never meant to be the end of the story.

God came **near to us** in Jesus Christ. Jesus lived the **perfect** life we failed to live, died the death our rebellion deserved, and rose again to **conquer** sin and death. Through His **sacrifice**, God offers **forgiveness, freedom, and a restored relationship with Him**—not because we've earned it, but because He is rich in **mercy**.



This is **grace**. A gift. And it's received by **turning from self and placing our trust in Jesus**. Putting your trust in Jesus isn't about becoming religious or trying harder. It's about **receiving** new life from the One who made you, knows you, and still wants you. In Christ, you are not your past, not your pain, not your performance. You are **fully known, deeply loved, and eternally secure**.

This is the **invitation**: to lay down your striving and say yes to the One who gave everything to bring you home. So, what would it look like to start again—not by proving yourself, but by trusting Jesus? Start with a **prayer**. Something like this:

God, I'm **tired** of going my own way. I believe You made me, You love me, and Jesus gave His life to bring me back to You. Please **forgive** me. I'm trusting Jesus—His death, His resurrection, His grace. Make me new. **Lead my life**. I want to follow You. Amen.

And if you've taken this step, **contact our pastoral staff** so we can help you begin walking in your new way of life. You weren't made to walk this journey alone—and we would be honored to walk it with you.



HOPE STARTS HERE

We believe that the unwavering hope of Jesus changes everything. This pathway reflects how we follow Jesus together: placing our faith in Him, going public through baptism, committing to grow through God's Word and community, stepping up to serve others, and boldly sharing the hope we've found. Whether you're taking your first step or your next one, this journey leads to deeper faith, meaningful connection, and lasting purpose—for your good and for God's glory.



FAITH

Following Jesus starts with trusting Him as Savior and Lord. When we respond to His grace, we receive new life. This is the first and most important step in the journey.



BAPTISM

Baptism by immersion is a public celebration of your decision to follow Jesus. It's your way of saying, "I belong to Him," and sharing that commitment with your church family.



GROW

Discipleship happens in community. Life Groups are where we build relationships, study God's Word, and encourage each other to live out our faith.



SERVE

God has uniquely gifted you to make a difference. Whether you're greeting guests, teaching children, or serving behind the scenes, there's a place for you to serve.



SHARE

Jesus has called us to share the hope we've found in Him. Whether it's through everyday conversations, local outreach, or global missions, we want to be a church that lives sent.

THE VALUES WE HOLD

Join us a handful of times and you'll feel our core values. If you resonate with these, you'll be compelled to be a part of what God is doing in and through us.

WE START FROM SCRIPTURE

**"Your word is forever, firmly fixed in heaven."
– Psalm 119:89**

The Bible is our guide for everything we do. We proclaim it in worship, study it in groups, and take it to the world.

WE DO LIFE TOGETHER

**"Watch out for one another to provoke love and good works ... encouraging each other."
– Hebrews 10:23-25**

Christian community brings joy and strength. At Beech Haven, we connect through groups and encourage relationships beyond church programs to help each other thrive in the hope of Jesus.



WE INVOLVE ALL AGES

**"Let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith."
– Galatians 6:10**

We recognize the unique needs at every life stage while drawing on the wisdom of all generations.

WE WALK WITH INTEGRITY

"For God saved us and called us to live a holy life." – 2 Timothy 1:9

Our lives reflect the truth of the gospel. Though we aren't perfect, we aim to be confessional—growing in our awareness of sin, God's holiness, and gratitude for Jesus' work on our behalf.

WE LOVE BEYOND OURSELVES

**"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."
– Mark 12:31**

We strive to serve our community and the world as good neighbors and faithful stewards. This value challenges us but is essential to who we are.

THE FUTURE WE SEEK

God is growing and changing us in many ways. In these anxious and uncertain times, we focus on six core outcomes we long to see in ourselves and others.

ROOTED IN TRUTH

“His delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.” – Psalm 1:2

Amid endless misinformation, the Bible is our ultimate authority. We strive to engage deeply with Scripture and articulate a biblical worldview.

HUMBLE IN SERVICE

“In humility consider others as more important than yourselves.” – Philippians 2:3-4

In a selfish world, we seek God’s help to examine our hearts and serve joyfully for His glory and others’ good, using our strengths and even our weaknesses.

PEACEFUL IN SPIRIT

“The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts.” – Philippians 4:7

Having Jesus in the midst of our struggles is better than understanding everything about them.



ENGAGED IN RELATIONSHIPS

“In the body, members (should) have the same concern for each other.” – 1 Corinthians 12:25-27

In a culture of loneliness and superficial connections, we pursue meaningful, Christ-centered relationships and allow Jesus to mediate all our interactions.

GLOBAL IN PERSPECTIVE

“[Jesus] purchased people for God by [his] blood from every tribe and language and people and nation.” – Revelation 5:9

God is building a multi-ethnic and eternal kingdom. We must view the world beyond our own context, welcome strangers, proclaim the gospel, and pursue unity in Christ.

GENEROUS WITH RESOURCES

“Honor the Lord with your possessions.” – Proverbs 3:9

We are stewards, not owners. We strive to give regularly, proportionately, and sacrificially for God’s Kingdom, just as He gave for us.





TEACHING SERIES & LIFE GROUP STUDY

THE APPROVAL TRAP

AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 31

We all want to be liked. We crave affirmation, dread rejection, and often shape our choices around what others think of us. But living for the approval of people can quietly become a trap—one that steals our joy, warps our identity, and replaces God with human opinion. In "The Approval Trap" we'll expose the roots of the fear of man and discover the liberating truth of a God who is bigger, better, and more trustworthy than any human opinion. When we see God as He truly is—sovereign, loving, and full of grace—our need for human approval loses its grip.

THE UNWAVERING CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 23

What does it look like for the Church to stand firm in a world constantly shifting beneath its feet? "The Unwavering Church" is a gospel-centered exploration of the first believers in the book of Acts—men and women who were far from perfect, yet wholly empowered by the risen Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. Through persecution and provision, through internal struggles and global mission, this church remained steadfast—not because of its strength, but because of its Savior. This is not a story of what the early church accomplished, but what Jesus continued to do through them by His Spirit (Acts 1:1). And now, that same Spirit is at work in us. Come be inspired, equipped, and challenged to become part of a church that is not swayed by the culture but grounded in Christ—the Unwavering Church.

THE WAITING ROOM: PURPOSE IN THE PAUSE

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 21

Waiting is rarely comfortable. Whether it's the slow drip of an IV in a hospital room, the silence after a prayer, or the ache for a promise not yet fulfilled, we all know what it feels like to sit in life's "waiting room." And yet, the season of Advent tells us that waiting isn't wasted time—it's where God often does His deepest work. In this Christmas series, The Waiting Room: Purpose in the Pause, we'll explore what it means to wait with purpose. Each week, we'll see how God meets us in the pause—not with frustration, but with formation. Through the voices of prophets and apostles, we'll learn to wait for hope (Isaiah 40:31), to rest in peace (John 14:27), to rejoice in joy (Philippians 4:4), and to love with longing (Romans 5:5). And on Christmas Sunday, we'll celebrate the glorious truth that the wait is over—Jesus has come (John 1:14), and He is everything we were waiting for.



GROUPS

AT BEECH HAVEN



At Beech Haven, being rooted in Christ happens through Life Groups and Discipleship Groups. Life Groups are the foundation—mobilizing community and spiritual growth through scripture, sermon-based discussion, and shared life. Discipleship Groups offer short-term, content-focused, midweek studies addressing on seven key areas of faith and learning, with a planned four-year cycle.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are where real connections happen at Beech Haven. These groups meet Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 AM, as well as during the week, providing opportunities for every generation to grow in faith and do life together. Whether you're diving into Scripture, praying for one another, or simply sharing life's joys and challenges, Life Groups are the heart of our community.

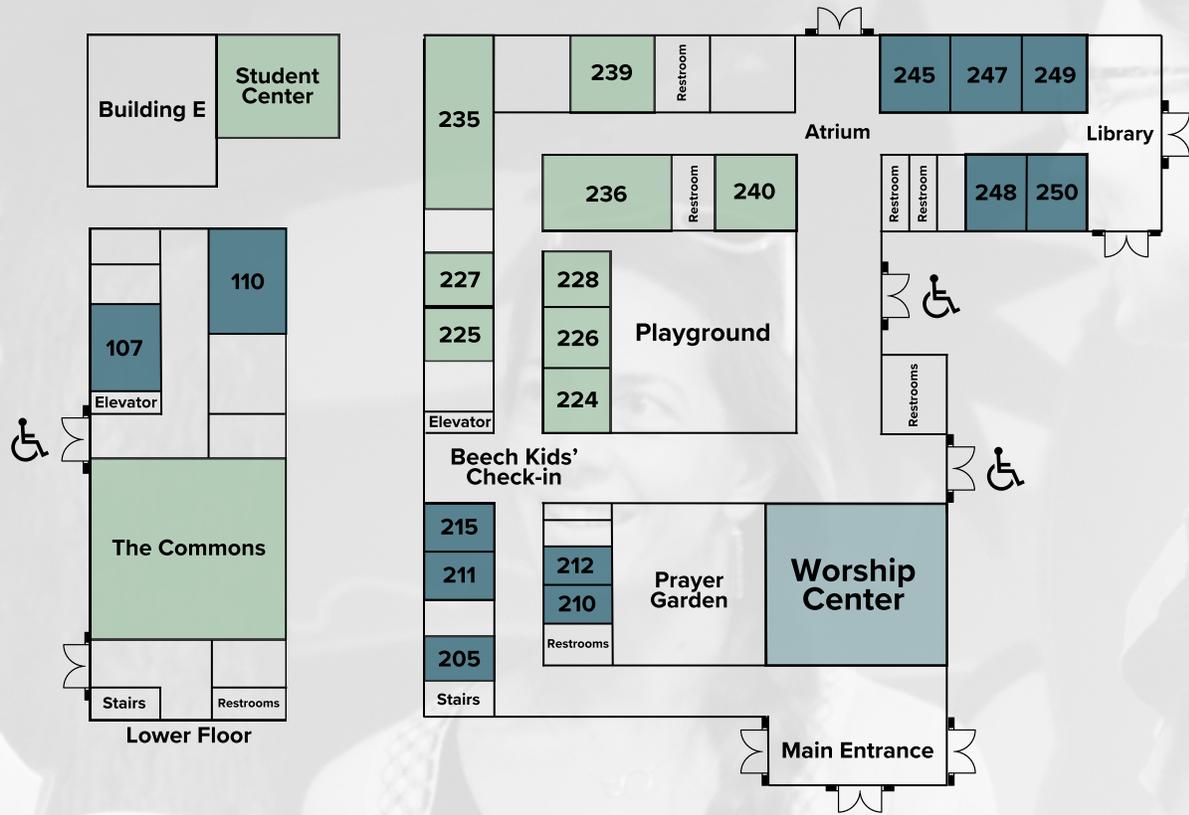


DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Discipleship Groups meet Wednesdays at 6:15 PM and are designed to involve all ages in growing deeper in faith. Covering a variety of topics on a four-year rotation—including finances, marriage, and studying the Bible—these groups equip you to live out your faith in every area of life. Whether you're just starting your journey or looking to grow further, there's a place for you to learn, connect, and thrive.

GROUPS

AT BEECH HAVEN



Kids, Students, & College		
<u>Room</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
224 - 228	Preschool Worship	Preschool Life Groups
235	Worship for K-4	-
236	-	Kindergarten Life Group
239	-	4th - 5th Grade Life Group
240	-	1st - 3rd Grade Life Group
Student Center	-	Middle & High School Students
The Commons	College	-

Adult Life Groups		
<u>Room</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:00AM</u>
107	Sheffield/Pickering	-
110	Skelton/Screws	-
205	-	Cabrera
210	Sinyard/Wynn	Mauldin/Byrd
211	Singletary	Crumbley/Hatfield
212	-	Dykes/Ivey
215	Fernando	Hollars
245	Favaloro	-
247	-	Clark
248	Molleur	Howell
249	Bruce	-
250	Fincher	Booth/Dickerson

Weeknight Life Groups
 Schwarzenbach Life Group | At Their Home in Athens
 Tuesdays at 6:30PM



NEXT GEN

AT BEECH HAVEN

BEECH KIDS

At Beech Kids, every moment is an adventure in discovering Jesus as the hero of every story! From exciting Sunday programs with The Gospel Project to our fast-paced HYFI at the Beech on Wednesdays, your child will love learning, growing, and exploring the hope of Jesus in a safe and fun environment. With engaging activities, lively songs, and caring volunteers, we make church the best part of the week!



BEECH STUDENTS

Beech Students is a dynamic community where middle and high schoolers connect, grow, and discover the unwavering hope of Jesus. We cultivate this hope through games and worship on Wednesday nights (FUSED), camp and retreats, alongside service and mission opportunities, all helping students build strong relationships and a deeper faith that lasts beyond their teenage years.

BEECH COLLEGE

At Beech College, we cultivate the unwavering hope of Jesus by equipping and empowering students to grow during their time in college so that they can be sent out into the world. Join us on Sundays at 9:30AM for College Life Group and Wednesdays at 8:00PM for Beech College Nights. Whether you're new to faith or deepening your walk with God, there's a place for you.





SERVING AT BEECH HAVEN

There's a place for everyone to make an impact! Serving is a meaningful way to give your time, energy, and talents back to God as part of stewarding the resources He's entrusted to you. Whether it's shaping young hearts, creating a welcoming environment, or using your gifts in worship, your service helps cultivate the unwavering hope of Jesus in yourself and others. No matter your passion or skillset, there's a way for you to step in, serve, and make a difference!

First Impressions Team

Be the welcoming face of Beech Haven by serving coffee, ensuring parking runs smoothly, maintaining a secure environment, or greeting guests with warmth and care.



Preschool Ministry

Nurture our littlest ones by sharing God's love through Bible stories, play, and care in a safe, joyful environment.

Beech Kids Ministry

Help children grow in their faith through engaging lessons, worship, and activities that build a solid foundation in Christ.



Beech Student Ministry

Walk alongside middle and high school students as they navigate life and faith, mentoring and encouraging them to grow in their relationship with God.

Worship Ministry & Choir

Lead our church family in praising God through music, production, or photography.





GIVING

AT BEECH HAVEN

At Beech Haven, giving is central to our mission. Your generosity helps us reach our community, support global outreach, and share Christ's love. Every gift—online, in-person, or by mail—makes an eternal impact. Together, we honor God and transform lives through hope, healing, and the gospel.

GENERAL BUDGET

Your gifts to the general budget fuel the daily ministry of Beech Haven Church. From worship services and discipleship programs, to facility upkeep and staff support, every dollar ensures we can cultivate the unwavering hope of Jesus in every generation.



3:16 MISSIONS

Donations to this fund support sharing the gospel near and far. Contributions to this fund include support for the North American Mission Board (NAMB), Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB), International Mission Board (IMB), Beech Haven Missions Fund, and our global and domestic mission partnerships.

CHRISTIAN CONCERN

This fund allows us to care for the practical and immediate needs of church members and the needy in our community. Whether it's providing food, utilities, or other essential assistance, your gifts to this fund demonstrate the love of Jesus to those in need in and around Athens.



