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Our Mission is: To Seek the Savior and Follow the Model of the Master ~ Acts 2:42-47



Week of August 1, 2021

Sunday Schedule

Connect Groups

See last page for complete listing and location.

8:30 am ~ Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 am ~ Connect Groups

11:00 am ~ Contemporary Worship (300)

11:00 am ~ Children's Church (314)*

**Children's Church is for 1st - 5th graders*

Wednesday Schedule

Praising Hands ~ 5:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Contact: Sharyn Merritt

TeamKid ~ 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Building 200

2's-4's downstairs; K-5th grade upstairs

Prayer Meeting w/Pastor Jeff ~ 6:00 pm

(Building 100, Room 102)

Student Ministry Bible Study ~ 6:00 pm

College/Career Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm

(Building 600)

Women's Ministry Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm

(Sanctuary) ~ **will return in the fall**

Summer Bible Study with Pastor Jeff

~ 6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary

"Authenticity" Pathway Book



August 4th ~ 6:30 pm

Ice Cream,

Bounce House, Games

Parents are welcome to stay!

Deacon of the Week: Kenny Davis ~ 770-710-4184

Special Schedule

August 8th

Promotion Sunday/Connect Groups ~ 9:45 am
One Church Service/Lord's Supper ~ 11:00 am ~
Sanctuary

Covered Dish Lunch Honoring Carol Rutledge ~
12:00 pm ~ Building 200

Sundays at Summit Church

(July 25, 2021)

Sunday School ~ 98

Morning Worship Services ~ 144

Budget Requirements ~ \$11,660.88

Undesignated Receipts ~ \$3,322.25

On-Line Budget Receipts ~ \$927.90

Total Undesignated Budget Receipts ~ \$4,250.15

Designated Gifts ~ \$614.69

Weekday Preschool ~ \$

Total Receipts ~ \$4,864.84

General Budget Year To Date

Budget Requirements ~ \$349,826.40

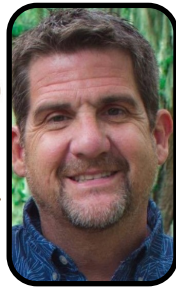
Undesignated Receipts ~ \$326,300.20



Please join the Prayer Team in praying for our church during worship services. Copy the link below to your browser to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094ea9a72ca6f58-praying>

From
the desk
of...
Pastor Jeff Merritt



Last week I shared with you the spiritual growth track and strategy of Summit Church. Like a base runner, success is not just getting on first, second or even third base. A fully developed disciple of Jesus Christ touches every base. They not only come Home but lead other people to do the same. Base #1 is about Membership and Connections. For people who are unconverted, our goal is to help them get to **KNOW CHRIST**. Typically, this occurs through Base #4's evangelistic

efforts. Base #2 is about Spiritual Maturity.

Spiritual maturity is a process that begins when a person accepts Jesus Christ as Savior. The Apostle Paul said that spiritual growth is an ongoing process. *"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:12-14). Even the Apostle Paul had not arrived, yet he continually pressed toward the prize of spiritual maturity.

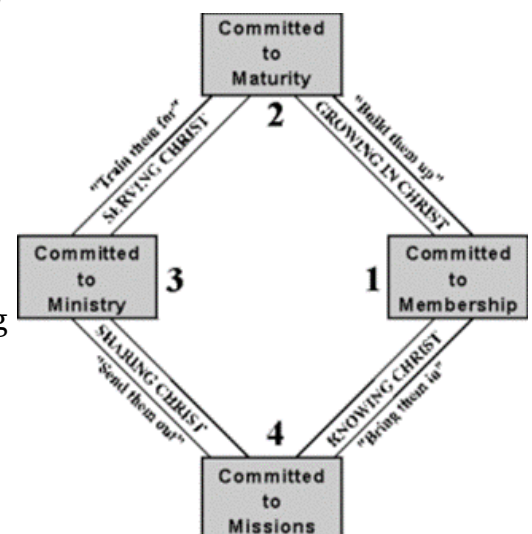
Therefore, in order for Christian maturity to develop in your life, you must make a choice to **GROW IN CHRIST** - daily read God's Word, allow God to renew your mind, and then be obedient to what you learn. *Romans 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Spiritual maturity should be a priority for you. *"Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil"* (Hebrews 5:13-14). As a believer, you are not to be milk-fed. Instead, you are called to chew on the "meat" of God's Word. Discover God's truth by in-depth Bible study and feed yourself spiritually. **The end-product of spiritual maturity is a life that applies what we know. God doesn't want you to just know about Jesus Christ. He wants you to become like Jesus Christ. This has been God's plan for you from the beginning.**

When Jesus Christ first called His disciples to "Come and See" what He was teaching, they were considered very underdeveloped spiritually. They would have been considered spiritual infants at best. By the time Jesus had spent nearly three years teaching His disciples, they would have been much more developed spiritually. They would most likely have even been considered spiritual adults after having spent a significant amount of time with Jesus.

The goal of seeing disciples mature in their faith did not stop with Jesus and the Twelve. In the Church in Jerusalem, the priority of seeing disciples marked by spiritual maturity was evidenced by their devotion to the "apostles' teaching." The believers in the early church were very committed to leading people to become adults in the faith. They wanted to see seekers become leaders! They knew that maturity in the faith would be essential for the movement of Christianity to grow. In Acts 6:7 the Bible says, *"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."* Christianity spread because the Word of God increased!

Today, one mark of a disciple should be spiritual maturity. Every disciple ought to be moving from spiritual infancy to spiritual adulthood. This happens as the Word of God increases in a person's life. Every believer needs to be in an environment where they are growing in God's Word. Every believer needs to be in a small group where discipleship is taking place.



Ministry Events at Summit Church

Preschool and Children's Ministry

Faith Explorers ~ September 12th ~ 11:00 am ~ Building 200, Room 214 ~ This is a class for 1st through 5th graders who have made a decision to accept Christ or are thinking about making a decision. If your child would be interested in attending this class, please contact Denise Scerenenscko at dscrenenscko@comcast.net to make a reservation. We want to have enough supplies and curriculum for everyone.

Student Ministry

Keep up with our Student Ministry through the Summit Student Ministry Facebook Page, Instagram (@summitbcstudents) and YouTube (link on FB and IG).

August 4th ~ Back to School Blowout/Luau Night with Ice Cream Sundaes and Shaved Ice

College and Career Ministry

Join Butch and Terri Butcher on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Building 600 as we study from Pastor Jeff's Pathway Series "Serve Like Jesus Served".

Ladies' Ministry

Terri Butcher will begin a new Bible Study on Esther in the fall in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Have a GREAT summer Ladies!

Men's Ministry

"Better Man" meets on Tuesday nights in the Pastor's Office at 7:00 pm. See Pastor Jeff for details.

Upcoming Churchwide Events

*July 29th ~ **Children's Ministry Meeting** ~ 7:00 pm ~ Building 200*

This is for all current volunteers and those looking to volunteer.

August 3rd ~ Walton County students return to school

August 4th, 5th, 9th ~ Gwinnett County students return to school (Phased-In System)

*August 8th ~ **Promotion Sunday***

August 8th ~ One Church Service ~ Lord's Supper ~ 11:00 am ~ Sanctuary

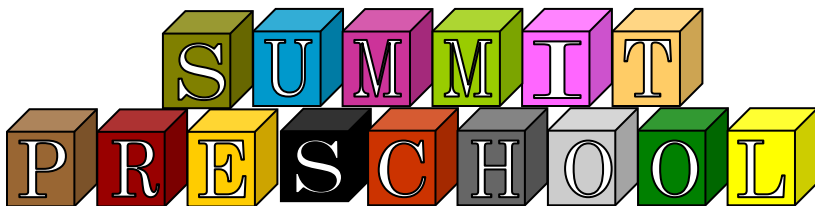
August 8th ~ Team Meetings ~ noon in Building 100 Classrooms

August 9th ~ Church Council Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Building 200 Downstairs

August 20th ~ Family4Families Date Night ~ 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Email amyb@families4families.cc if you can volunteer.

August 29th ~ College & Career/Sr. Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner ~ 5:00 pm ~ Building 200



Registration forms are available in the church office and through our church website.

*Weekday Preschool: Toddlers through 4 Year Olds
Call the church office for information or to set up a tour of our facilities ~ 770-466-6133.*

*The Finance Team reports donations toward debt retirement for July in the amount of \$2,660.00. Building Mortgage debt remaining: \$346,114.88. Please continue to mark your gifts "**Debt Retirement**". Thank you!!!*

*Per the Finance Team, our church was able to fill \$1,350.00 in benevolence needs in July. Please continue to support the needy of our community with your gifts (write "**Benevolence**" on the subject line of your check). Thank you!!*

2021 Ministry Team Members ~ New team members are always welcome. Contact the Team Chairman.

2021 Connecting Team

Jordie Black ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Roger Smith ~ Alt. CC Rep
Brooke Tormey

2021 Deacon Team

Bobby Latimer ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Kenny Davis ~ Secretary
Jay Queen
Mike Rosser
Tom Nolen
Alvin Kent
Anthony Smith
Sandy Williams ~ Vice Chairman
Doug Wilbanks ~ Yoke Fellow
Marlin Browning ~ Yoke Fellow

2021 Discipleship Team

Sam Mayo ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Terri & Butch Butcher
Mary Ann Bradford
Rick Howard

2021 Hostess Team

Lori Smith ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Tracy Sherman
Sharyn Merritt
Audrey Alexander
Stephanie Merritt
Wendy Black

2021 Prayer Team

Hank Rivers ~ Chairman
Karen Browning
Marlin Browning
Fay Howard
Ellen Binder
Mark Bradford
Lisa Queen

Integration Team

Kim Busby
Bill Alexander
Laurel Wilbanks
Timothy Wilbanks

Worship Team

Jeff Blankenship ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Ricky Merritt
Wendy Black
Timothy Wilbanks

Operations Team

Chris Sherman Anthony Smith
Tom Nolen Brian Claggett
Doug Rutledge Jerry Haye
Doug Wilbanks Gary Yarbrough
Tommy Sandoval
Matthew Hughes

2021 Mission Team

Ricky Howard ~ Chairman
Donna Williams
Peggy Sullins
Stephanie Merritt

2021 Finance Team

Kenny Davis ~ Vice Chairman
Pastor Jeff Merritt
Carol Rutledge
Alvin Kent
Bob Bahurinsky
Jessica Drobny

2021 Personnel Team

Rhonda Latimer ~ Chairman/CC Rep
Angela Rivers ~ Alt. CC Rep
Terri Butcher ~ Secretary
Mike Rosser
Chris Sherman Roger Smith

SERT Team

Doug Wilbanks ~ Chairman/CC Rep
John Phillips Steven Rico
Sandy Williams Matthew Stevens
Anthony Smith Sam Mayo
Hope Sandoval Hank Rivers
Tommy Sandoval Doug Rutledge
Sharyn Merritt Kenny Howard
Kathy Busby Chris Lorren
Wade Phillips Susan Rosser
Rick Black Scooter Oglesby
David Binder Roger Smith
Don McDonald Pat McDonald
Alvin Kent Matthew Hughes
Jacob Shank

Connect Group Teacher Directory

Class: Babies and Toddlers ~ Laurel and Doug Wilbanks (Room 114)
Class: 2's and 3's ~ Bobby Latimer (Room 112)
Class: 4's and 5's ~ Karen Clark and Kenny Davis (Room 116)
Class: 1st and 2nd Grades ~ Tina Davis and Denise Scerensko (Room 214)
Class: 3rd/4th/5th Grades ~ Audrey Alexander, Kathy Busby, Stephanie Whitfield (Room 216)
Class: Middle School ~ Brad and Tonya Wilson (Building 300)
Class: High School ~ Roger and Theresa Smith (Building 300)
Class: College and Career Ministry ~ Terri and Butch Butcher (Trailer 600)
Class: 30's and 40's ~ Clay Fowler (Room 103)
Class: 50+ ~ Sandy Williams (Room 107)
Class: Sr. Adult Ladies ~ Jeanneane Gibbs (Room 102)
Class: Sr. Adults (Co-ed) ~ Tom Nolen/Hank Rivers/Bob Bahurinsky (Room 101)
Class: Pastor's Pathway Class ~ Jeff Merritt (Room 104)

Staff Directory

Sr. Pastor ~ Jeff Merritt ~ pastorjeff@thesummitchurch.com
Director of Preschool Ministry & the Weekday Preschool ~ Ginger Ruark ~ ginger@thesummitchurch.com
Director of Children's Ministry ~ Whitney McJenkin ~ whitney@thesummitchurch.com
Student Minister ~ Rick Black ~ rick@thesummitchurch.com
9:00 am Traditional Worship and Music Leader ~ Jeff Blankenship ~ jeff.blankenship@thesummitchurch.com
11:00 am Contemporary Worship and Music Leader ~ Bryan Hoover ~ bryanhoover@me.com
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Ministry Assistant (Communications) ~ Mary Brown ~ mary@thesummitchurch.com
Custodian ~ Sheron Laine ~ sharon911@yahoo.com

Deacon List

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Deacon ~ Sandy Williams ~ williasa354@gmail.com

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