

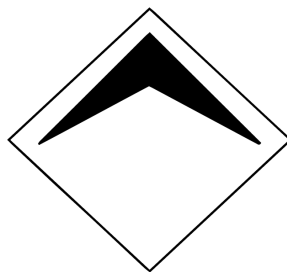
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# SUMMIT CHURCH

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

Week of September 5, 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)

8:30 am & 11:00 am ~ Children's Church  
(Building 200 Upstairs) \*

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

*Deacon of the Week: Tom Nolen ~ 770-557-6565*



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.*

## Wednesday Schedule

Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship ~ 9:30 am  
(Welcome Center) ~ **Starts September 15th**

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)

Bible Study with Pastor Jeff ~ 6:30 pm  
(Building 100, Room 106)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SWEET WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD THAT WE HAVE OPENINGS IN ALL OF OUR CLASSROOMS. AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE 27 CHILDREN SIGNED UP. TO MAKE BUDGET, WE REQUIRE CLOSER TO 40 CHILDREN.

**We are seeking an Assistant Teacher (3 days/week) for our Toddler class. If interested, please contact Ginger Ruark at 770-466-1579. Preschool begins next week.**

## Sundays at Summit Church

**(August 29, 2021)**

Sunday School ~ 79

Morning Worship Services ~ 150

Budget Requirements ~ \$11,660.88

Undesignated Receipts ~ \$11,510.00

On-Line Budget Receipts ~ \$234.24

Total Undesignated Budget Receipts ~ \$11,744.24

Designated Gifts ~ \$5,097.00

Weekday Preschool ~ \$490.00

**Total Receipts ~ \$17,331.24**

**General Budget Year To Date**

Budget Requirements ~ \$408,130.80

Undesignated Receipts ~ \$373,404.04

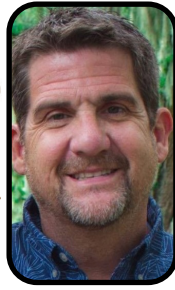
# TEAMKID

September 8th ~ Invite A Friend Night

September 29th ~ Stuff Animal Night

All new ads/ad updates need to be emailed to [mary@thesummitchurch.com](mailto:mary@thesummitchurch.com) no later than 9:00 am Wednesdays.

From  
*the desk*  
 of...  
 Pastor Jeff Merritt



In 1993 before Summit Church was planted, people assembled to pray and ask God for what kind of church this new work in Loganville would look like. This strategy in 1993 is still our strategy today. It's called The Purpose Driven strategy. They named this new ministry Summit Baptist Church. God has used this church in mighty ways for His glory and purpose! Fast forward to 2021, we still exist. However, I submit to you that over the past recent years, the purpose has faded into programs. It's time to come home to our roots! So allow me to share some specific decisions that your leadership has prayed through and landed.

We all agreed that Summit needs to enter into a 'rebranding' stage. This means we will be diligent to communicate to our community that it's a new day at Summit. Summit Baptist Church is our legal name. However, upon my arrival I discovered that Summit Baptist Church has several names including Summit Church, THE Summit Church and even just The Summit. We prayerfully agreed of the importance that we all call ourselves the same name. Most of you just refer to us as Summit Church. So from this day forward, our legal name remains but we will all call ourselves **Summit Church**. This means a new logo, signage, letterheads and such reflect what we already call ourselves. Speaking of logo, I have been preaching through what we propose to be our new logo. The 'baseball diamond' communicates the discipleship strategy (that I've written about over the last few weeks) along with an arrow inside (that still has a modern mountain look to it) pointing to our audience of One, Jesus Christ. Remember that first base is Membership/Community, 2<sup>nd</sup> base is Maturity/Discipleship, 3<sup>rd</sup> base is Ministry/Involvement. 4<sup>th</sup> base is Mission/Evangelism. The arrow also represents Worship and Prayer. These 5 purposes of the church flow from our Mission: to love God, serve others and share Jesus! I'm also terribly excited to share with you that our Next Gen (eration) Ministries have each adopted their own independent variation of our new logo! Your church staff, Deacons and Church Council prayerfully ask your acceptance of these very importance steps. It's a new day at Summit Church! I pray it become your vision as well!



The Finance Team reports donations toward debt retirement for August in the amount of \$116,458.32. Building Mortgage debt remaining: \$227,303.23. Please continue to mark your gifts "**Debt Retirement**". Thank you!!!

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Per the Finance Team, our church was able to fill \$1,500.00 in benevolence needs in August. Please continue to support the needy of our community with your gifts (write "**Benevolence**" on the subject line of your check). Thank you!!

A special THANK YOU (to our church member who has requested to remain anonymous) for the VERY generous donation toward debt relief. This donation has eased the long term debt we have been burdened with.

*With Deepest Sympathy* Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Melissa and Robert Willett in the death of their father, Van Willett, who was a very active Summit church member. Van passed away on August 24th. A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 3 at 11:00 am at Eternal Hills in Snellville. The family will receive friends on September 2 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel.

# Ministry Events at Summit Church



## Preschool and Children's Ministry

*We are in need of Sunday School Teachers for our preschool.  
Please see Ginger if you are interested.*

*Faith Explorers ~ September 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](mailto:dscrenenscko@comcast.net) to make a reservation.*

*Base Camp (Children's Church) will be launching for both 8:30 am and 11:00 am services starting September 5th in Building 200 upstairs.*

*We are looking for volunteers for Summit Kids.  
See Whitney for information.*



## Student Ministry

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

*Friday Fun Night ~ September 24th ~ 6:00 pm*

## College and Career Ministry

*Join Butch and Terri Butcher on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Building 500 as we discuss Pastor Jeff's sermon from the previous Sunday. We will finish the evening with a dinner fellowship at local restaurants.*



## Ladies' Ministry

*Terri Butcher will begin a new Bible Study on Wednesday nights starting September 8th from 6:30 pm to 7:45 in the Sanctuary. We will be studying the Old Testament Book of Esther, verse by verse, which is rich in practical biblical Truth for today's woman. Excellent Children's activities and childcare are provided. This is for all young adults to senior adults.*

*Starting September 15th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, we will begin a Wednesday morning multi-generational Ladies Bible Study/Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center. Childcare will be provided by reservation. We will be studying through Martha Peace's best selling book, "Becoming a Titus 2 Woman". This will be a great time of growing together and developing encouraging mentoring relationships that will last a lifetime.*

## Men's Ministry

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

## Senior Adult Ministry

*Gaither Concert ~ Thursday, September 30th ~ 2nd Baptist Church Warner Robins  
We will travel by bus, leaving the church at 3:30 pm. We will stop for dinner on the way. Discounted tickets are \$25. Call the church office to reserve your tickets.*

## Upcoming Churchwide Events

**September 6th ~ Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed**

**September 12th ~ Team Meetings ~ noon in Building 100 Classrooms**

**September 13th ~ Church Council Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Building 200 Downstairs**

**October 30th ~ Candy Jam**

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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**

Sandy Williams ~ Chairman  
Kenny Davis ~ Secretary  
Jay Queen  
Mike Rosser  
Tom Nolen  
Alvin Kent  
Anthony Smith  
Marlin Browning ~ Yoke Fellow  
Doug Wilbanks ~ 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  
Charlotte Mayo

**2021 Finance Team**

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

**2021 Personnel Team**

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

**SERT Team**

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

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**Connect Group Teacher Directory**

Class: Babies/1's/2's ~ Laurel and Doug Wilbanks (Room 114)  
Class: 3's/4's/5's ~ Karen Clark (Room 112)  
Class: 1st and 2nd Grades ~ Tina Davis and Denise Scerenscko (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  
Office Manager/Financial Secretary ~ Carol Rutledge ~ carol@thesummitchurch.com  
Director of Media ~ Eric Drobny ~ eric.edcc@gmail.com  
Ministry Assistant (Communications) ~ Mary Brown ~ mary@thesummitchurch.com  
Custodian ~ Sharon Laine ~ sharon911@yahoo.com

**Deacon List**

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Deacon ~ Jerry Queen ~ jnmqueen@gmail.com  
Secretary ~ Kenny Davis ~ ktardavis@gmail.com  
Deacon ~ Tom Nolen ~ tnolen@bellsouth.net  
Deacon ~ Anthony Smith ~ anthonymsmith30655@gmail.com

Deacon ~ Alvin Kent ~ alvinkent@bellsouth.net  
Deacon ~ Mike Rosser ~ sftrosser@yahoo.com

Yoke Fellow ~ Marlin Browning ~ marlinbrowning@gmail.com  
Yoke Fellow ~ Doug Wilbanks ~ wilbanksdoug@comcast.net

**Corporate Officers** ~ Betsy Nolen, Natalie Willett, Doug Rutledge and Randall Rooks