

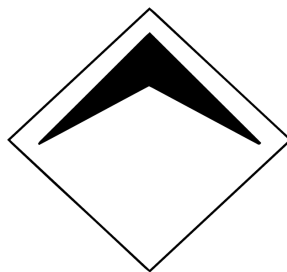
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# SUMMIT CHURCH

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

Week of November 7, 2021

Deacon of the Week: Doug Wilbanks ~ 770-985-9141

## 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 ~ Base Camp

(Building 200 Upstairs) \*

*\*Base Camp 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 500)

Women's Ministry Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm

(Sanctuary)

Bible Study with Pastor Jeff ~ 6:30 pm

(Building 100, Room 106)



November 10th ~ Stuff Shoe Boxes

November 17th ~ Crazy Hair

December 8th ~ Friend Night

December 15th ~ Ornament



### It is time for Operation Christmas Child!

This is your opportunity to be a part of the Samaritans Purse project, Operation

Christmas Child. Stop by the Hub to receive your box and find out more information!

**All filled shoeboxes must be returned by November 14th!**

## TeamKid needs your help:

**TeamKid has gathered enough gifts to fill 40+ shoe boxes next Wednesday night. They need help with the shipping cost. If you would like to participate in OCC but don't have time to fill a shoe box, this would be a great option for you. The cost to ship each box is \$9. Please make your check out to Summit Church and be sure to note that it is for TeamKid. Thank you for helping!!**

From  
the desk  
of  
Pastor Jeff Merritt



One day Elizabeth and I were driving the minivan. We were in a rush to pick up Taylor when Khalil was placed in the hospital. I knew the gas gauge was low, so I hit the button that told me how many miles I had left before I ran out of gas. “I’m good.” I said. Well, I wasn’t. I looked down and saw we had one mile to empty. PANIC! “Elizabeth! Pray!” I saw a gas station up ahead. “Hold on, Swagger-wagon! HOLD ON!” I pull into the left lane to turn when the traffic light turned red. Terrific. I glanced down. It turned to Zero. Suddenly the birds quit singing. The clouds turned dark. I heard the Darth Vader theme song playing in my head. What happened? I neglected to fill the tank with what it needed to function. We tend to neglect things if we don’t intentionally commit to them. Hebrews 2:3 suggests that we can ‘neglect a great salvation.’ Hebrews 6:24 tells us that ‘we cannot serve two masters; we either are devoted to one or neglect the other.’

Church Family, I need to pause and speak candidly about our giving at Summit. Some weeks we make budget. Many weeks we have not. We crafted our budget at the end of 2020 based on last year’s amazing giving levels. 2021 has proven to be a different year. Let me be clear: we are paying our bills. Payroll is paid each week. All the bases are covered. Yet, in light of the drop in weekly giving, the Finance Team, along with the Deacons asked me to share with you our heart and challenge. Summit is blessed by faithful members who give above and beyond what is needed! For that we are grateful. The tithe goes all the way back to Genesis 14. It’s not a man made up idea. God instructs us in Malachi 3:10 to be faithful in our giving. I grew up in a home where my parents gave sacrificially to our church. Even when things were tight. “Recognize who owns it and remember why He gave it” is a Christ-like slogan. We cannot separate our relationship with God and our relationship with our money. It’s God’s money first. He gave it to us to spend, to save and to give. We honor God by using it wisely and generously.

Let me give you some numbers: Our budget requirement each week is \$11,660.88. So far in week 44 of the year, Summit is \$57,441.52 short of our budgeted goal of \$513,078.72. The leadership of Summit Church recognizes the many difficulties we have faced this year. Prices are high on everything. Let’s not even talk about the effects of Covid. We ask that you prayerfully step into your commitment to God and to Summit Church. If you have questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak to me or to a Deacon or a finance team member. You are loved and valued so much at Summit! Oh, by the way. We made it to the gas pump. God provided. Nevertheless, I won’t neglect that again. Running low happens. However, we must be *intentional* to keep it to the level it needs to be to function at its best!

Pastor Jeff

## Sundays at Summit Church

(October 31, 2021)

- Sunday School ~ 89
- Morning Worship Services ~ 142
- Budget Requirements ~ \$11,660.88
- Undesignated Receipts ~ \$6,346.57
- On-Line Budget Receipts ~ \$772.81
- Total Undesignated Budget Receipts ~ \$7,119.38
- Designated Gifts ~ \$21,361.47
- Weekday Preschool ~ \$3,300.00
- Total Receipts ~ \$31,780.85**
- General Budget Year To Date**
- Budget Requirements ~ \$513,078.72
- Undesignated Receipts ~ \$455,631.20

The Finance Team reports donations toward debt retirement for October in the amount of \$160.00. Building Mortgage Debt Remaining: \$220,553.24. Please continue to mark your gifts “**Debt Retirement**”. Thank you!!!

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Per the Finance Team, our church was able to fill \$1,450.00 in benevolence needs in October. Please continue to support the needy of our community with your gifts (write “**Benevolence**” on the subject line of your check). Thank you!!

# Ministry Events at Summit Church

## Preschool and Children's Ministry

*Faith Explorers ~ November 7<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 Scerenscko at [dscerenscko@comcast.net](mailto:dscerenscko@comcast.net) to make a reservation.*

*Base Camp (Children's Church) meets at 8:30 am and 11:00 am 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 (@summitbcstudents) and YouTube (link on FB and IG).*

***November 5th ~ Friday Fifth Quarter***

***November 24th ~ No Wednesday Night Activities (Thanksgiving)***

***November 27th ~ Friday Friendsgiving***

***December 11th ~ Summit Youth Christmas Party***

***December 21st - 23rd ~ Winter Recharge***

## Ladies' Ministry

*Terri Butcher is leading a Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary. We are 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.*

## Men's Ministry

Informational Sessions for our next "Better Man" group are November 28th and December 26th at 9:00 am in Pastor Jeff's office ~ Building 100, Room 101. Tentative start date for the course is set for January 11th from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

## Upcoming Churchwide Events

November 7th ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends ~ Fall Back an Hour

November 14th ~ We will return to Connect Groups at 9:00 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am.

November 14th ~ Thanksgiving Dinner ~ after the 10:30 am worship service; details to come!

November 14th ~ Filled OCC Shoe Boxes are due back!

November 15th ~ Church Council Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Summit Café

November 24th and 25th ~ Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 24th ~ No Wednesday Evening Events

December 12th ~ Ministry Teams meet as needed

December 13th ~ Church Council Meeting ~ 7:00 pm ~ Summit Café

December 22nd ~ No Evening Events Christmas Week

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Service ~ 5:00 pm

December 29th ~ No Evening Events New Years Week



*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>

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PRAY FOR PASTOR JEFF AND THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AT 8:15 AM IN PASTOR JEFF'S OFFICE, BUILDING 100, ROOM 101.**

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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  
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  
Kyleigh Brown

**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  
Tom Nolen  
Doug Rutledge  
Doug Wilbanks  
Tommy Sandoval  
Matthew Hughes  
Jerry Haye  
Brian Claggett  
Anthony Smith

**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  
Sue Kilpatrick

**2021 Personnel Team**

Angela Rivers ~ Chairman/CC Rep  
Terri Butcher ~ Secretary  
Mike Rosser  
Charlotte Mayo  
Roger Smith

**SERT Team**

Doug Wilbanks ~ Chairman/CC Rep  
John Phillips  
Sandy Williams  
Anthony Smith  
Hope Sandoval  
Tommy Sandoval  
Sharyn Merritt  
Kathy Busby  
Wade Phillips  
Rick Black  
David Binder  
Don McDonald  
Alvin Kent  
Jacob Shank  
Maddie Shank  
Matthew Stevens  
Sam Mayo  
Hank Rivers  
Doug Rutledge  
Chris Lorren  
Susan Rosser  
Scooter Oglesby  
Roger Smith  
Pat McDonald  
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 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 500)  
Class: 30's and 40's ~ Clay Fowler (Room 104)  
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 103)

**Staff Directory**

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