

The Beallwood Beacon

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May 7, 2023 • 10:45 Worship

Prelude Music		Beth Williams
Welcome and Announcements		Amy Miles
Scripture Reading and Prayer		Amy Miles
	John 14:1-3	
Songs of Worship		Congregation
	Lion and the Lamb	
	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	
Offertory Prayer		Dee Williams
Offertory Music		Beth Williams
Scripture Reading		Scott Rhodes
	John 14:18-21	
Special Music		Celebration Choir
	My Story (with My Savior's Love)	
	One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)	Scott Rhodes
Message		Jimmy Blanton
	Going Home	
	John 14:1-3	
Hymn of Commitment		Congregation
	Where He Leads Me	

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For the Record:

April 30, 2023

4/30/23 Bible Study

SS Enrolled: 201
Attendance: 86
Visitors: 6

Financial Statistics

2023 Monthly

Budget Needs:
\$51,301.00

April:

General Offering:
\$49,884.04

General Offering:

April 30:
\$8,893.00

2023 Giving to
Capital

Improvements Fund:
\$100.00

I conclude the article from Ron Edmondson with insights into a senior pastor's life. Please refer to last week's article and read the introduction to help set up the last half of what he had to say. You can find the Beacon article on our webpage www.beallwoodbaptist.org.

6. Senior pastors face the same temptations and occasional spiritual dryness as everyone else. This means we need accountability, but are often afraid to seek it.

7. The pastor's spouse is sometimes the loneliest person in the church and often feels extreme pressure to live up to unrealistic expectations. Pastor's children also feel the weight of expectations from the church. Many have told me they feel everyone is "watching" them.

8. The pastor too can experience loneliness — sometimes severely. The encounters through this blog with some senior pastors have revealed that some pastors have no true friends either inside the church or outside.

9. Pastors seldom know who we can trust, which is why we become guarded and may appear harder to get to know. Most senior pastors have been burned by someone they once trusted. Many senior pastors have seasons where it feels the staff, church leaders, and congregation are talking about us behind our back. I've been asked more than once how to respond when they walk in a room and conversations suddenly stop.

10. Many senior pastors never really feel off from their work. They struggle — without discipline — to enjoy a Sabbath. Sunday keeps coming and there always seems to be one more person to contact. They feel the expectation to be everywhere they are invited and have a hard time saying no, even when it interferes with their family time.

Granted, not every pastor faces each of these. These type things often come in seasons. And, of course, some churches are harder to pastor than others. When these "secrets" are at an extreme it explains why depression and burnout is common for many senior pastors. (If you need a Biblical example of this happening in leadership see 1 Kings 19.)

I came into ministry later in life. So, I know how it feels to be a senior pastor, but also to be a senior leader in the marketplace. I believe experience has protected me against some of these. But even still, some of these are real for me at times too.

Other pastors, for reasons on this post, will not want you assuming these things about them. In talking with dozens of senior pastors, however, I know this is a representative list for "many." Senior pastors find joy in their work and, thankfully, most of us know we are in the center of God's will vocationally. I don't intend to take anything away from that in this post. We serve in a called position, so we are doing what we have been asked of God to do.

When I share any post like this, I have come to expect three things.

First, someone will email to ask me if I'm okay. I am. Thank you. This is a good season in ministry and I'm serving in a healthy church. Second,

I'll receive a lecture on the need to depend on Christ for these issues, which only further demonstrates my points. Third, there will be someone who will say that these "secrets" are no different from any other person in the church. That may be true, but I can't speak for everyone else. My wife has often asked, as an example, how many professions do you get to hear – and your spouse – "directly" from people complaining about your performance – on a regular basis? Senior pastors are to fully rely on Christ's strength, as is every other believer. This is just a reminder that we happen to also be like Elijah — "a man just like us". (James 5:17)
Check out my leadership [podcast](#) where we discuss leadership nuggets in a practical way. Plus, check out the other [Lifeway Leadership Podcasts](#).

Blessings, *Jimmy*

Sunday, May 7, Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Livestreamed on facebook.com/beallwoodbaptist,
beallwoodbaptist.org/watch,
or youtube.com/beallwoodbc.

May 7, Beallwood in Action

Deacon of the Week: Dee Williams

S.S. Greeters: Mary Dykes, Gloria Enfinger

Ushers: Mike Benson, Josh Fuller, Dave Cooper

Sound/Media: Chris and Lauren Achtziger

Childcare:

Babies/Toddlers: Teresa Farmer,
Susan McLelland

3's-K: Amy Benson, Rikki Whelley

Monday, May 8, Counters:

Rebecca Graham, Tonia Williams

Stewardship Team

Today, following morning worship
(Sunday School office)

Senior Adult Ministry

Brown Bag Bible Study

Tuesday, May 9, Noon

Senior Adult Day Trip

May 18, Depart: 10:00 a.m.

Dutch Lunch at the Cotton Gin Restaurant
and go to the Strawberry Patch in Reynolds, GA
See Margie Pratt or Connie Roberts to sign up

2023 Altar Flowers Ministry

The altar flowers this morning are placed
by Tommy Miles in honor of his loving wife,
Susan, to commemorate her birthday.

Children's Ministry

AWANA

Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.

VBS 2023

Monday - Friday, June 5 - 9, 9:00a.m.-Noon

Donations Needed: Capri Sun drinks

VBS volunteers needed!

Student Ministry

Youth Mid-Week

Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m.

Student Camp/Generate 2023

May 29-June 2

See the Student Ministry Team or
Kim Rhodes for more information

Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 10, 6:45 p.m.

Women's Ministry

Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 13, 11:30 a.m.,
(Fellowship Hall)

Sign-up sheets in the main hall and foyer

Sound Choices Baby Bottle Boomerang

May 14 - June 18

Be sure to get your bottles next Sunday!

Going Home

John 14:1-3

- I. I'm going home to a perfectly prepared _____! vs: 2
- A. Perfect in _____. Revelation 21:11, 23
- B. Perfect in _____. Revelation 21:24
- C. Perfect in _____. Revelation 21:24
- D. Perfect in _____. Revelation 21:28
- II. I'm going home to a perfectly _____ home. John 14:2, 1 Corinthians 2:9
- III. I'm going home to a perfectly prepared place for a _____ people.
John 14:18-21
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Conference

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.

Men & Boy's Retreat

May 19-20, at the Williams' Farm in Hurtsboro

Call Chuck for transportation needs.

Seeking \$25 gift cards to give as awards

Sign-up sheets in the main hall

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 21, during morning worship

Please notify the church office immediately of 2023 graduates.

Mission Samaria 2023

July 15-21, Habersham County, GA

Find the sign-up sheet in the hallway

Gifts Received

A gift was received for the Annie Armstrong Offering in memory of Jerry Corley and in honor of Gayle Corley by Vickie and Harold Childs. A gift was received for the Bereavement Fund in memory of David Jones and Jerry Corley by the Bible Believers Sunday School class.

Homebound of the Week

JoAnn Littleton

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