Compassion comes from the Greek word *splagchnizomai* ... that means to feel love so deeply that you're moved to <u>action</u>!

Matthew 14:14, 20:34

Mark 6:34

To say we care, but to not <u>act</u>, is to really not care at all.

You Can Always Think of <u>Reasons</u> Not to Care Like Your Father:

- I'm running <u>late</u>.
- I don't <u>know</u> these people.
- I read about a <u>bad</u> thing that happened to someone who tried to help.
- I've got my own issues at home.
- I don't need another <u>needy</u> person in my life.
- I don't have time for anymore relationships.
- I'm not looking for opportunities to help.

I. Caring Like Your Father Means Re-Thinking Interruptions.

A divine <u>appointment</u> is an opportunity to show the love of God that you didn't plan, you weren't counting on...it wasn't on your calendar for the day.

II. Caring Like Your Father Means Embracing Some <u>Costs</u>.

Mark 10:29-30

III. Caring Like Your Father <u>Changes</u> Lives!

Pray that God will give us eyes to see and compassion to care for the people in need who are <u>near</u> us every day!

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

- 1. When has someone gone out of his or her way to help you?
- 2. What is your general reaction when someone on the street asks you for a handout?
- 3. What are some differences between a "divine appointment" and an "interruption" in your day?
- 4. Is it possible for caring like your Father to cost you nothing? Explain why or why not.
- 5. What is one thing you can do this week to help someone like the Good Samaritan did?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Drama Team Open House

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10

Room 204, Henderson Main Building

Interested in acting on stage or working behind the scenes? The Drama Ministry presents redemptive, positive-value stories in creative ways that reveal God's character and touch people's hearts. Adults age 18 and over are invited to come and meet us at this open house event and find out more. Dinner will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, email Linda at LFisher@SavannahChristian.com.

DivorceCare for Kids

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 8 - Dec. 15

Community Care Building behind the Adult Ministry Center across the street

DivorceCare for Kids provides a safe, fun place where children learn biblical concepts to help them cope with the separation or divorce of their parents. Leaders guide children age 5-12 through lessons that bring comfort and help them to understand and express their feelings, feel confident and build coping skills. Each child's book costs \$15. Register online at SavannahChristian.com or at a Connection Kiosk. For more information, contact Sheri at Sheri.Lilley@gmail.com.

Surfers For Autism

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7

Tybee Island Pier

All high school students are invited to come and partner with Surfers For Autism. This is a special opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a practical way. Volunteers are needed on the beach and in the water. You do not need to know how to surf to volunteer. Meet up with the SCC Element group at 8:30 a.m. at Tybee Island Pier. For more information and to sign up, visit SurfersForAutism.org. Register by Thursday, Sept. 5.

ONE Voice High School Retreat

4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 – 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

The Link/Savannah Arts Academy

ONE Voice is a two-evening event where youth groups in the Savannah area come to pray and worship God together. We're making it into a retreat weekend! Meet at the Adult Ministry Center at 4 p.m. to carpool to the Savannah Arts Academy for the first session. Stay the night at The Link, attend church together on Sunday, hang out for the afternoon and attend the second ONE Voice session in the evening. There will be no Element service that evening. Register by Thursday,

Sept. 5, by emailing Lyndsey at LRich@SavannahChristian.com.