

**How People Grow**  
“We Grow Best When Connected!” Acts 2:42-47  
September 11,14 -15: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

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Measuring spiritual maturity is a difficult thing to do.

**Different Levels of Commitment:**

1. The spiritually disconnected: the City.
2. The Crowd is made up of people who attend our church...occasionally.
3. When people begin to grow spiritually, they become part of the Congregation.
4. The Committed are fully devoted Christ followers.
5. The Core is where committed Savannah Christians take on leadership responsibility.

People who are growing are always moving one step closer to the core or helping someone move one step closer to the core.

Your level of spiritual maturity is not determined by how long you've known the Lord...but by how well you follow the Lord.

**Spiritual Growth Cycle:**

1. Spiritual Explorers
2. New Believers
3. Growing Believers
4. Mature Believers

Mature believers know that at their stage you don't grow by study as much as you grow taking spiritual risks and serving!

Mature believers help believers mature!

The three steps God uses to build every believer's maturity are: Connect, Learn, Serve!

The word fellowship comes from a Greek word that refers to relational connection and sharing life with other people.

*1 Peter 2:17, 1 John 4:21*

**I. For New Believers, Connection Means Membership: Choosing to Belong.** *Ephesians 2:19*

**II. For Growing Believers Connection Means Friendship: Choosing to Share.**

You can't develop life changing friendships without meeting together and sharing.

Savannah Christian is a church of small groups.

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.”* Hebrews 10:25

**III. For Mature Believers Connection Means: Kinship - Choosing to Love Like Family.**

If you are connected to a life-giving group, thank God! If you are not, ask God to help you get connected.

**Five for the Drive**

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. If you haven't completed your High Five list, discuss who will you put on that list?
2. Would you describe our congregation as self-centered or others-centered? How do you contribute to that?
3. Which of the five levels of commitment (City, Crowd, Congregation, Committed, Core) were you in one year ago? Today?
4. What action can you take to move one step towards the core?
5. Share one hope and one fear you have about moving closer to the core?

## Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### "Miss Persia" - Youth Production 2013

**7 p.m. Friday – Sunday, Sept. 27-29**

#### Henderson Worship Center

Rags to riches. Plain to beautiful. Weak to strong. This fun and exciting musical is a retelling of the biblical story of Queen Esther, one of the greatest heroines in history. Middle and high school students are taking to the stage and inviting their friends to hear this amazing story of a young woman's faithfulness – and we hope you will do the same. Tickets are available at the Source bookstore for \$5 with a \$20 family maximum.

### Porn & Pancakes

**8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21**

#### The Link across the lake

Men from all campuses and churches across Savannah are invited to a special Men's Breakfast event. Cam Huxford and Bill McGee will discuss the pornography epidemic sweeping through America that is destroying marriages, families and the hearts of men, and they will equip men to combat it. Due to content there is a minimum age restriction of 13. \$7 tickets are available from The Source bookstore. Places are limited so advanced purchase is recommended.

### Worship Choir

**6:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Sept. 18**

#### Rehearsal Hall above the lakeside lobby

Have you ever wanted to participate in worship choir? If so, now is the perfect time to join us as we kick-off this fall. People from all campuses are welcome. No auditions or previous choir experience necessary.

## 2013 Giving and Attendance Through August

**Average Weekly Attendance:** 7,372

**Year-to-Date: General Giving:** \$9,473,070 **Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$725,877

**Online and Connection Kiosk Giving** (28.5% of total giving), \$3,061,241

**Transfers and Baptisms:** 1,080

**Relentless Capital Campaign received:** \$8,355,924

**Relentless Capital Campaign pledged:** \$9,144,954