

What should follow every healthy spiritual birth is healthy spiritual growth!

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

I. Healthy Believers Learn and Grow Mentally. *Isaiah 1:18*

The Bible teaches that wisdom (the ability to apply knowledge to every day life) and discernment (the ability to determine right and wrong) are among the highest virtues.

Most of the time when Christians fall to temptation it's because they stop thinking and yield to passing emotions. *Genesis 39:9, Psalm 119:11*

Ephesians 4:13-15 (LB), John 16:33

II. Healthy Believers Learn and Grow Morally.

The word “holy” means distinctive, pure, sacred—set apart for and belonging to God. This is the doctrine of sanctification. *Ephesians 5:3*

True holiness is extremely attractive.

The gift of salvation is instantly given; sanctification is a process that takes time.

Motivations for Holiness:

1. Family resemblance. *Ephesians 5:1*
2. Reverent fear.
3. The futility of unholiness.
4. The loving sacrifice of Jesus.

III. Healthy Believers Learn and Grow Relationally.

Peter used two different words for love: *philadelphia* —which is the Greek word for brotherly love and *agapao*—which is a Godlike, sacrificial love.

“We share brotherly love because we are brothers and sisters in Christ and have likenesses. We share agape love because we belong to God and therefore can overlook differences.” Warren Wiersbe

When you love Jesus, you learn to clean up...so you'll fill up...then you'll grow up.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. Which do you think is more important to your faith: feelings or facts? Why?
2. What role does the Bible and learning play in your spiritual growth?
3. Psalm 119:11 says, “*I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.*”
What does it mean to hide God's Word in your heart?
4. How could you improve the quality or quantity of the time you spend reading and thinking about God's Word this week?
5. On your way home, practice hiding God's Word by memorizing as a family Psalm 119:11.

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to 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.

MOMSnexT Fall Kick-Off

9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23

Hospitality Room, Henderson Main Building

Mothers of school-aged children are invited to come and join MOMSnexT. You will meet other moms, learn from relevant speakers, get practical help for tough issues and experience personal growth and spiritual hope. Meetings are held on alternate Mondays, September – May. For the meeting schedule, please visit SavannahChristian.com.

Celebrate Recovery 7 Year Anniversary

6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27

Adult Ministry Center Auditorium across the street

Celebrate Recovery is celebrating its 7 year anniversary. This ministry provides a safe place for people to find freedom from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Everyone is welcome to this open house event to celebrate with us. Refreshments will be provided.

Journey Serve Day

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Field next to The Link across the lake

The Journey is our largest outreach event. We expect thousands to come this December to experience life the night Christmas began. Join us as we construct all-new sets for this production. Come, bring a friend, and bring your tools and equipment. Be part of clearing and construction or helping repair and organize costumes. Lunch will be provided.