Pray Boldly! "Bold Prayers" Acts 4:23-31 February 26, March 1, 2: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Bold prayers change us...and our church...and situations in our world! James 5:14-15

Most churches spend more time praying to keep Christians out of heaven than they do to keep lost people out of Hell!

What you pray for reflects what you believe about God:

- If you don't pray at all, that reflects that you don't believe in God or don't believe God answers prayers.
- If you pray very <u>small</u> prayers all of the time, it probably reflects that you don't believe that God is a God who
 answers big prayers.
- If almost all of your prayers are for yourself, that reflects that you actually believe God is there to serve you.
- If you view prayer as a last resort, that reflects what you believe about God.

I. Bold Prayers Are Motivated by Big Problems!

"By what power or by what name did you do this?" Acts 4:7

"Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well." Acts 4:10

- II. Bold Prayers Are Prayed Best in Community.
- III. Bold Prayers Are Submissive to a Sovereign Lord.
- IV. Bold Prayers Produce Passionate Faith!
- V. Bold Prayers Lead to Miraculous Expectations!

Attempt something for God that is so great that if He's not in it, it is doomed to failure.

Lord, I am Your servant! Grant me the boldness to share Your Word and Your love with my friend.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home.

- 1. If what you pray for reflects what you believe about God, then in light of your prayers, what do you believe about God?
- 2. Do you think praying boldly can strengthen your faith? Why?
- 3. What if God doesn't answer your bold prayers the way you expect, how does this affect your faith in him?
- 4. What strategic requests can you pray for the leaders and ministries of your church? When will you pray for them?
- 5. How will you participate in times of prayer with others from Savannah Christian Church over the next month?

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Ministry Opportunities

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

Threads of Love Work Night 6 – 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6

Rooms 213 & 214, Adult Ministry Center across the street

The Threads of Love ministry chooses compassion by making gowns and dolls and donating them to local hospitals. They are given to parents whose baby was born prematurely or sick, was stillborn or miscarried. We want to let these families know that God loves them and will strengthen them in these tragic or uncertain times. Threads of Love meets the first Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Angela Lee at 912-663-3123 or email angela@lanvarddevelopment.com.

31:8 Movie Night 6:30 – 9 p.m. Friday, March 7 The Link across the lake

These monthly movie nights are based on Proverbs 31:8, which commands us to show compassion and be advocates for those who cannot speak up for themselves. Our March movie is "Becoming Sons and Daughters," which reveals the social problems caused when children don't have an active father in their lives and tells the story of some ordinary people who stepped into the lives of fatherless children to make a difference. Come be inspired to do the same! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Bumper Bag Weekend Saturday and Sunday, March 8-9

The Lighthouse ministry provides food and spiritual guidance to hundreds of families in need in our community every month. To support this ministry, please leave bags filled with non-perishable items and coupons at the back bumper of your car when you come to services during Bumper Bag Weekend. They will be collected by volunteers while you worship.

REAL Time 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join us for REAL Time, an opportunity to connect with other ladies for food, fellowship and laughter as we share and encourage each other in our walks with Christ. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. REAL Time is a monthly event meeting the second Tuesday of each month, except July and December. Purchase your \$6 ticket at least one week in advance of each meeting at SavannahChristian.com or at a Connection Kiosk.