ONE!

"One Gift Makes A Difference": Mark 12:41-44 April 2, 5-6, 2014: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

If you will have the faith to obey God's instructions, then He'll provide the <u>power</u> to accomplish anything He calls you to do.

God will use the ordinary things in our hands to perform spectacular works of ministry, as well.

We will tend to start out spiritually conservative, but the more we pray, the more <u>courageous</u> we become.

What is in your hand?

I. Your Offering is an Expression of Love!"

"Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her!" Ephesians 5:25

You hold in your hand an opportunity to express your gratitude in a <u>tangible</u> way that honors the impact of Christ on your life. 1John 3:18

II. Your Offering is a Vehicle for Life-change.

The primary mission of this church and the ONE Campaign is and always has been bringing people to a life-changing connection with Jesus!

The church is the only organization that exists primarily for the benefit of non-members.

We believe that everybody matters to God...and everybody that matters to God should matter to <u>us!</u>

III. Your Offering is a Demonstration of Your Faith.

Proverbs 11:25, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:10

The Bible teaches that when we take care of God's business; He takes care of our business!

IV. Your Offering is an Opportunity to Participate in a Miracle!

God was about to perform a miracle through Moses...but before it could happen, Moses had to release the <u>ordinary</u> object he held in his hand!

Every gift counts, regardless of the amount.

V. Your Offering is an Investment that Prepares You to Meet God!

2 Corinthians 5:10

"Any temporal possession can be turned into <u>everlasting</u> wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality." C. S. Lewis

No dollar that has ever been given to the Kingdom of God has ever been lost.

We can take that which is in our hands...and lay it down...so that <u>God</u> can take it up and do something spectacular with it!

ONE Prayer

This week of The ONE Campaign we want to commit. Commitment is deciding what we are going to do and doing it no matter how difficult it is or how we feel.

"But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." James 5:12

When you pray, ask God for wisdom in this commitment decision. Ask Him for strength to persevere. Ask God for provision so that you can fulfill your commitment. Ask God to give you a joyful heart as you give.

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love". 2Peter 1:5-7

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Ministry Opportunities

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

Bumper Bag Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13

Our 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.

Elevate Seder Meal Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 12-13 Elevate Auditorium 1

At Passover Jesus and His disciples ate a traditional Seder meal where they remembered what God had done for Israel. Parents of kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to Elevate services with their children to learn about and participate in a Seder meal. This is a great opportunity to bring Bible events to life as a family.

DivorceCare

9:15 - 10:45 Sundays, April 6 - June 29

Room 216, Adult Ministry Center across the street

Separation and divorce can be one of the most painful and stressful experiences you ever face. Join DivorceCare, a support group where you'll find caring people who understand the issues you face and can help on your journey to recovery. This group meets for 13 weeks, designed so you can begin any week.