# ELEMENTAL

Intentional Service: Acts 6:1-10 ESV August 20, 23-24, 2014 Cam Huxford , Senior Pastor

A value that is elemental to knowing and following Jesus is intentional service.

#### . Challenging Problems Can Be Solved by Intentional Service!

Acts 10:34 ESV

The NT church believed in the "priesthood of ALL believers"...every member is a "minister!"

His love for Christ crossed racial lines and socioeconomic lines, generational lines and gender lines.

The solution to every ministry dilemma is to deploy competent people who will intentionally serve ... and <u>empower</u> them to make a difference.

The Apostles were able to offer intentional service as teachers and leaders because this group of <u>volunteers</u> stepped up to serve as care-givers and food distributors.

#### II. Your Life Will Change When You Offer God Intentional Service.

"Lord, in light of what You have called our church to do corporately, what do You need me to do individually?"

### III. When Everyone Serves Consistently, the Church Grows Dramatically! And If They Don't...It Won't!

God calls and we need every Savannah & Compassion Christian to intentionally serve!

"Lord, in light of what You have called us as a church to do, what do I need to do?"

Our minimum expectation is that everyone in the SCC family will worship an hour, study in a small group for an hour and intentionally serve an hour every week.

God's dream is that His church will be a community of committed people who are deployed to serve the Lord Jesus in <u>life-changing</u> ways.

Matthew 20:26 & 28. Matthew 7:21 ESV

The defining moment in my life of service will come when my attitude is: "Lord, the answer is "Yes",...now, where do You need me to serve?

Children's Ministry is where we need the most help!

All we know about Stephen is that he was a good, godly, gifted man who threw his heart into intentional service.

#### Five for the Drive

## A family conversation starter for the ride home

- 1. How are you doing with worshiping an hour, studying an hour, and serving an hour every week?
- 2. What spiritual gifts or abilities do you believe God gave you for serving others?
- 3. Consider what ministry excites you and how you might use your gifts in that ministry.
- 4. In what circumstances do you find it hard to serve? What is one thing you can do to overcome those challenges?
- 5. In your present ministry, what action can you take on your own to go over and above the minimum expectation?

## **Ministry Opportunities**

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

Financial Peace University

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 6 - Nov. 1 or

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 7 - Nov. 2

**Adult Ministry Center across the street** 

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in this nine-week, DVD-based course taught by personal money management expert Dave Ramsey. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, insurance, investing for retirement, wealth-building and more. The course is appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Register at SavannahChristian.com by Sunday, Aug. 31, and purchase your course materials at The Source bookstore.

#### **MOMSnext**

9 - 11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays, Sept. - May

The Link across the lake

Mothers of elementary-age children, come and join us for MOMSnext, a group designed to encourage, equip and develop mothers. You'll meet other moms, learn from relevant speakers, get practical help for tough issues, and experience personal growth and spiritual hope. Childcare is not provided. For more information, contact Jen Marmet at 973-703-9321 or momsnext@themarmets.com.

Fall Praise Service 6:45 – 8 pm. Saturday, Sept. 6 Worship Center

Bring your family and join us for an evening of praise and worship as we kick off the fall season of ministry. Spending time in worship can give you a new perspective of who God is. This is a great opportunity to lay aside to-do lists and plans and to focus on Him. Children's programming is not available.

Beth Moore "Living Proof" Live Simulcast 9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join women around the world for this inspiring live simulcast with Beth Moore, speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women. Beth's mission is to guide women to a richer, more fulfilling relationship with God. Why? Because the Word of God is real, alive and life-changing. Purchase your \$8 ticket for this live simulcast at SavannahChristian.com or at a Connection Kiosk by Thursday, Sept. 11.