

FOCUS

“Focused on Service”, 1 Samuel 16-17
August 19, 22-23, 2015: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Feeling good about any significant spiritual skill always comes after you invest some focus!

“There is a difference between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant. When I choose to serve, I retain control about who I serve and when I serve. But when I choose to be a servant, I have given up all rights and all control.”

- Richard Foster

Serving with a willing heart, a humble heart, and a courageous heart is normal for people who love God!

I. **Every Follower of God is Designed For Greatness.** *Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

- If you are a follower of Jesus...you are God's unique masterpiece!
- If you are a follower of Jesus...your Father created you to do good works!
- If you are a follower of Jesus...God has designed you in advance to do specific good works!

David began to focus on some skills that would honor God in the future:

1. He developed protective skills by guarding his father's sheep.
2. As a shepherd, David defeated boredom by learning new skills: playing musical instruments and writing songs.

II. **Followers of God Prepare for Greatness by Serving.**

Take courage, because the most significant opportunities of your life lie in your ability to serve in small ways to support the cause of Christ.

III. **For Followers of God, Serving Is the Catalyst for Greatness!**

Every Savannah Christian is expected to worship an hour, study an hour and serve an hour every week!

- Serving makes you a conduit of God's Love.
- Serving makes you an example for others!
- Serving fills your heart with the joy of the Lord.
- Serving develops your strengths!
- Serving attracts people to Jesus.

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” Matthew 20:26 NIV

Joyful serving is normal for people who understand who they are because of Jesus.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Fill the Bus

Through August

Collection Bin at Connecting Point

Choose compassion and bless students and teachers in need by donating classroom supplies to help them start the school year. Suggested items are pencils, crayons, notebook paper, dry erase markers, tissues and hand sanitizer. Please leave donations in the collection bin at Connecting Point, available through August.

Elevate Get Up and Go

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26, 29 and 30

Elevate, 2nd Floor

Parents of elementary-age children, this is your opportunity to attend Elevate with your child, hear what they've been learning about and engage in a service project with them. You'll leave with even more ideas on how you can Get Up and Go from home to serve others as a family.

Lake Baptisms

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

Henderson Lake

If you have heard, believed, repented and confessed Christ as your personal Lord and Savior but haven't yet been baptized, we invite you to come and be baptized in the lake by Cam. If you would like to do this, come forward at the end of any service or visit Connecting Point in the lobby.

Beth Moore Live Simulcast

9 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join us for this inspiring simulcast with Beth Moore, speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women. This year's theme is Audacious. You'll be challenged to change the way you act, think and live to grow closer to God and become the person He created you to be. Purchase your \$10 ticket at SavannahChristian.com or a Connection Kiosk by Friday, Sept. 4.

Financial Peace University

9 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 27 - Nov. 22

Rehearsal Hall above the lakeside lobby

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in this nine-week, DVD-based course taught by Dave Ramsey. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, investing for retirement and more. The course is appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Sign up and purchase your course materials at SavannahChristian.com by Sunday, Sept. 27. Membership kits cost \$99 and updated workbooks cost \$25. Couples may share materials. For more information, pick up a flyer in Connecting Point.