JESUS: THE GOOD NEWS

"Facing Fear and Worry with Jesus", Luke 12:22-34 September 16, 19-20, 2015: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Luke 12:4-7

I. Worry and Fear Are Formidable Foes.

Dangers that worry and fear may cause:

- 1. Fear and worry are evidence of vision without hope.
- 2. Fear and worry seem reasonable even when it's irrational.
- 3. Fear and worry are strengthened by self-centeredness.

Three opportunities for fear and worry to attack us:

- When we don't get what we want.
- · When we get what we want...but fear losing it.
- When we get what we don't want.
- 4. Fear and worry reveal our values, our loves, our longings.

If you see a consistent pattern of worry on some issue, you can be sure you're not <u>trusting</u> the Lord on this issue.

- 5. Fear and worry are multiplied by freedom.
- 6. Fear and worry create false prophets.
- 7. Fear and worry are sinful...unless they are properly leveraged.

Fear doesn't have to manipulate you in a bad way...it can motivate you in a good way.

Every fear is an opportunity to either run from God...or run to Him as the source of comfort, hope and help!

II. Fear and Worry Are Usually the Result of Faulty Theology.

Two faulty beliefs that Jesus will clear up in this passage:

- We think Jesus doesn't understand...but He does! Hebrews 4:14-16; Philippians 4:6-7
- We think God doesn't <u>care</u>...but He does!

Jesus wants us to understand that:

- 1. God considers me as more than just a <u>physical body</u>.
- 2. God cares about things of less value than He puts on me!
- 3. God calls me to invest my energy in constructive efforts.
- 4. God clothes me like He does the flowers!
- 5. God claims me as part of His family!
- 6. God creates blessing when I prioritize Him.

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Ministry Opportunities

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

Godspell Youth Production

7 - 9 p.m. Friday - Sunday, Sept. 18 - 20

Worship Center

Prepare ye for a tale of friendship, loyalty and love in this musical based on the Gospel of Matthew presented by our Youth Drama team. See the Bible come vibrantly to life as Jesus' teaching, miracles, death and resurrection are told using a variety of games, storytelling techniques and songs. Purchase your \$5 ticket at The Source bookstore or at SavannahChristian.com.

Pivot Men's Conference

9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 Savannah Civic Center

Men, it's time to revitalize your faith. Join us for our annual Pivot conference and discover how to really impact your world. Hear from guest speakers Cam Huxford, Kenny Grant, pastor of Calvary Baptist here in Savannah, and Miles McPherson, pastor of The Rock Church in San Diego. Purchase your ticket for the daytime workshops, evening rally or both at PivotConference.org.

Point University Dual Credit Enrollment Information Session

10 - 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 or 1 - 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27

Rooms 211 and 212, Adult Ministry Center across the street

Point University at our Henderson Campus offers a program that enables high school students to earn credits towards a college degree while still in high school. This is a great way to get a head start on college. Find out how you could receive free college credit through this program at this event. For more information, contact Roxane at roxane.pace@point.edu.

Financial Peace University

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

Rehearsal Hall, Henderson Campus

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, wealth-building and more. The course is appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Sign up and purchase your course materials at SavannahChristian.com.

Country Carnival

6 - 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 1 and 2

Henderson Campus

Come to our family-friendly Country Carnival with games, inflatables, blue grass music and prizes! Food will be available for purchase. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to a fun event at our church. We are collecting candy to give out as prizes in the collection bin in the lobby. If you would like to volunteer, sign up at SavannahChristian.com or at Connecting Point.

Step into the Deep Retreat

5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 - 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7

Epworth by the Sea

Ladies, join us for an overnight retreat as we take time out from the busyness of life and focus on finding our strength in Christ. Take a step deeper in your relationship with Him and refresh your understanding of who He is. We'll focus on the stories of Mary and Martha through teaching from Sarah Huxford, Joy Gill and Perri Baxter. Pay the registration fee at SavannahChristian.com by Friday, Oct. 23.