

# JESUS: THE GOOD NEWS

“Making Sure the Good News Stays Good!”, Luke 11:37-52  
September 9, 12-13, 2015: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

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## Characters in this story:

- Jesus has been teaching, healing and helping people - being the Good News!
- The Experts in the Law were teachers of the OT Law and man-made rules! *Exodus 20:8*
- The Pharisees passionately followed both the law and the rules...and developed a lot of pride about their holiness. *Romans 3:21-24; John 3:16-17*

## Some of the ways the pharisees have made the Good News into bad news:

- Majoring on minors and missing the point!
- Image management rather than integrity.
- Happy about making it harder! (Extra-Biblical Rules)
- Blocking the way instead of building a bridge to God! *Isaiah 49:6*

## When the church is working right:

- Keep the main thing the main thing: Love God, love people!
- Integrity becomes our magnet!

“We love everybody...but we don’t lie to anybody.” - Savannah Christian Church

- Rules make it harder...but personal guardrails make it safer! *Colossians 2:20-23*
- Building bridges to God!

The fruit of our lives never lies about our life-changing relationship with Jesus.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### **Love One Adoption and Orphan Care Dinner: Hope and Homes for the Fatherless**

**6:30 - 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18**

#### **The Link across the lake**

Countless times in the Bible we see Jesus showing love, care and compassion for children. Join us for this dinner event with speaker Jason Johnson, author of "ALL IN Orphan Care," and explore how you and your family can get involved in foster care, orphan care and adoption. Purchase your \$15 ticket from The Source bookstore or [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) by Monday, Sept. 14.

### **Spiritual Growth Training**

**6:15 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16 - Nov. 11**

#### **Lighthouse Building across the street**

These classes will help you connect more deeply with Christ and lead others to do the same. They focus on strengthening your relationship with God, creating healthier relationships with others and discovering how to use your gifts to serve Jesus. Child care is available through regular church programming.

### **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](http://SavannahChristian.com).

### **Singles Football Night**

**5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19**

#### **White Oak Retreat House, 546 White Oak Lane, Richmond Hill, GA 31324**

Single? Looking to meet the "right" people? Join our fun and growing singles community for people in their early 20s to late 50s. Bring a potluck appetizer to this Football Night as we watch UGA take on the South Carolina Gamecocks. For more information about our singles community and to RSVP for this event, email Jody Stanton at [tobelakeside@yahoo.com](mailto:tobelakeside@yahoo.com).

### **Country Carnival**

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

#### **Henderson Campus**

Come to our fun, 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. Through September we are collecting candy to give out as prizes. Please leave donations in the collection bin in the lobby. If you would like to volunteer at the event, sign up at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) or at Connecting Point.

### **2015 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through August**

**Average Weekly Attendance:** 7,838

**General Giving:** \$9,691,858

**The ONE Campaign Pledged:** \$11,467,814

**Online, Mobile and Kiosk Giving:** 41% of Total Giving

**YTD Transfers and Baptisms:** 578

**Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$792,376

**The ONE Campaign Received:** \$8,120,401 (71%)