

JESUS: THE GOOD NEWS

“Loving the Lost and Found”, Luke 15:1-32
October 28, 31-November 1, 2015: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

I. A Treasure of Great Value Has Been Lost.

II. When We *Treasure* Something That Is Lost, We Seek it with Passion!

In these stories, extraordinary efforts are made, because lost people matter to Jesus, and if they matter to Him, they should matter to us!

III. When the Lost Treasure Is Found...Celebrate with Great Joy!

IV. Four Steps That Precede the Celebration of Forgiveness:

1. Reality leads to recognition. *Psalm 32:3 LAB*
2. Recognition leads to regret and remorse. *Psalm 51:17*
3. Remorse leads to taking responsibility.

The three most difficult words in the English language: “I was wrong.”

The two most difficult words: “I’m sorry.”

4. Responsibility leads to restitution.

Never underestimate the power of a sincere apology.

Justice is when you get what you deserve, mercy is when you get less than you deserve, but grace is when you get what you know you don't deserve.

V. We Get to Write the End of this Story!

The story ends with this question: when we experience the Father's love will we stay close to the Father's heart...or let pride cause us to drift away from the Father's heart?

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’” Luke 15:31-32

Ministry Opportunities

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

Adopt a Family

Choose compassion and “adopt” a local family in need this Christmas. We’ll pair you with a family and provide information about the children so you can buy appropriate Christmas gifts. You’ll then have the opportunity to meet them before Christmas, present the gifts and share the good news about Jesus, the greatest gift of all. Sign up to adopt a family at Connecting Point.

Global Encounter

7 - 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9

The Link across the lake

Go on a short-term trip with Savannah Christian and see the difference you can make in someone’s life. Find out the details of the 2016 short-term trips at Global Encounter. You’ll have the opportunity to ask questions, meet the trip leaders and sign up to go. Many of the trips fill up at Global Encounter each year, so make sure you come to avoid disappointment!

REAL Time - Grateful

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join us for our last REAL Time event this year as we talk about being grateful for our blessings. Ciera Taylor and her daughter will share about the blessings of adoption from both a parent’s and a child’s perspective. Dinner will be served. Purchase your \$8 ticket at SavannahChristian.com by Monday, Nov. 9.

Congregational Business Meeting

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18

Adult Ministry Center across the street

At this annual meeting we will give an overview of the 2016 budget and the church officers up for affirmation or re-affirmation. If you have any concerns about any of the men serving in these roles, please contact Amy Kline in the Executive Office at akline@savannahchristian.com. At the end of the Wednesday night service, church members will have the opportunity to vote to approve the budget and these officers.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Through Sunday, Nov. 22

In the Lobby

Change the life of a child by filling a shoebox with toys, games and small gifts. Samaritan’s Purse works with churches and ministry partners in over 130 countries worldwide to deliver the boxes and share the Good News of Jesus with children who wouldn’t normally receive a Christmas gift. Leave your filled box in the lobby by Sunday, Nov. 22.