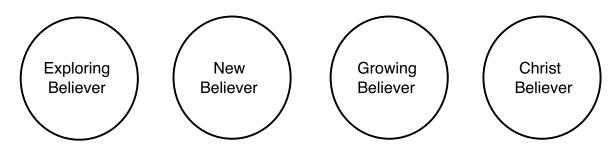
"Growing Stronger Through Every Season!", Romans 8:28 July 24 & 27, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Paul is writing Romans 8 to believers who are suffering for their faith. John 16:33 NIV

I. Be Alert! Suffering Can Make Us <u>Stumble</u>.



When you're suffering you need to manage the impact of "misunderstanding" in your life by focusing on God's Word.

A king can be sovereign and a king can <u>rule</u> over his kingdom, but he does not cause and he does not approve of everything that happens in that kingdom.

Why is there so much suffering in our world?

- Occasionally, some distress does come from God. Hebrews 12:10-11 NIV
- Suffering is often the result of our own sin.
- Suffering is often the result of the sin of <u>others</u>.
- Some suffering is a result of attacks by Satan. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 NIV
- Most suffering comes simply because we live in a fallen world. Romans 8:22 NIV

Even when you're suffering...there can be <u>blessing</u> in the process.

II. Be Aware! Scripture Can Make Us Stable. Romans 8:18 NIV

When suffering comes...one way through is to think your way through.

We're all going to endure some suffering...but if you're aware of how much <u>longer</u> and more glorious our time in Heaven will be, it's a stabilizing force! 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NIV

III. Be Advised! God's Sprit Can Make Us Strong. Romans 8:26

Every Christ follower who is suffering has the Holy Spirit and He is already interceding for us with the Lord.

John 14:16 NIV; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Before Pain

In Pain

After Pain

Ministry Opportunities

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

Lake Baptisms

1 p.m. Sunday, July 31

The Lake

If you have accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior but haven't yet been baptized, we invite you to be baptized in the lake by Cam. Come forward at the end of any service or visit Connecting Point.

Men's Breakfast

8 - 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, Aug. 6 - Nov. 12

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Men, join us as we study the Bible over breakfast on Saturday mornings. It's a great way to start your weekend! A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal. No advance registration required.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Kickoff Event

10 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9

The Lobby area near the Café

MOPS is where mothers of preschoolers find encouragement, creative activities, relevant speakers, support and new friends. It meets twice a month on Tuesday mornings. Childcare is provided. There is a small annual membership charge. Come to this drop-in event to find out more and to register for the 2016-2017 year.

REAL Time: A Time of Celebration

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Ladies, join us for a fun evening as we share food and laughter and spend time in worship together. We'll launch our fall Life Groups and Bible studies, so this is a great opportunity to meet the facilitators and sign up. A light dinner will be served. Purchase your \$8 ticket at SavannahChristian.com by Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Childcare Worker Recruitment

Childcare workers are employed by our church to take care of children during ministry events on our campuses. We are looking for people to join our team. We offer \$8 per hour. Childcare workers do not need to be members of our church. If you're interested, pick up an application packet at Connecting Point.

Café Opening

The Lobby

Our café serves hot and cold beverages and a range of snacks around service times. Starting Wednesday, Aug. 3, we will serve light food items such as chicken salad and hot dogs 4:30 - 6:45 p.m. before the Wednesday night service.