

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April Lunch

Delivery:

Ward 4

Resurrection Power

**Prayer Leaders
Minister's & Men**

Scriptures

Friday, April 19th

1 Peter 1:3 - 9

Saturday, April 20th

1 John 3:1 - 3

Sunday, April 21st

Luke 24:1 - 9

Monday, April 22nd

Romans 8:5 - 11

Tuesday, April 23rd

1 Corinthians 15:3 - 8

Wednesday, April 24th

Acts 2:29 - 35

Thursday, April 25th

John 2:18 - 22

First African Baptist Church
23 Montgomery Street
Savannah, GA 31401
Sacrificial Solitary Prayer
Wednesdays @ 6:00AM

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@ 912.233.6597



Resurrection Promise and Power

The great spiritual song *Were you There* asks this question, "Were you there when He rose up from the dead?" That is a thought-provoking question.

Of course, it seems impossible. We, living 2,000 years later, wish we had been there. To have witnessed the resurrection would have been the greatest privilege imaginable, to physically see the risen Christ and feel His embrace. But while we weren't there then, the fact is: we are there now.

Believers claim Jesus literally rose from the dead physically. Without the risen Savior, there is no Christian faith. As the Apostle Paul said: "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

For every Christian, the resurrection is not only real, but relevant. The reality of the resurrection is central and critical to everything we believe. The evidence is compelling. Jesus rose. But beyond the fact that Jesus came out of the grave, you must answer the questions: Why does it matter? And what does this mean to me personally?

So, think about the vital importance of the resurrection and how it affects us today. For one, the resurrection matters today because we can live forgiven lives. Every person lives with the consequences of sin. We all experience brokenness, shame and guilt because sin destroys everything and everyone in its path. Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The resurrection means I can be unchained from the bondage of sin and delivered from its power. The first words Jesus stated from the cross are words of forgiveness. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He lived, died and rose again so that we can be forgiven. His blood cleanses from sin and the risen Redeemer now guarantees that He has conquered sin, death and hell. Because of the resurrection, we know God has accepted the Savior's sacrifice and we are forgiven. If Jesus is still in the grave, we are still in our sins. But because He lives, we can live forgiven and free!

A dead Savior can forgive no one. But our Lord did not die a meaningless death. The resurrection proves that He has the authority to forgive sin, and now we know we are forgiven. Every sin and all the shame are forever gone because they are buried in an empty tomb! Jesus carried our sins to the cross and then the grave. The burial of Jesus is a part of the Gospel: "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Our sin is forever buried in the grave of God's forgetfulness. He remembers our sin no more. Why? Because Jesus is alive. The lyrics from Wilbur Chapman's hymn *One Day When Heaven Was Filled With Praises* captures this wonderful truth:

"Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming

Oh glorious day, oh glorious day."

Homebound Disciples

Ward 1:

Sis. Marion Dobson
Dr. Ethel P. Stokes

Ward 2:

Sis. Elizabeth Butler
Sis. Mattie Rouse
Sis. Thelma Tharpe
Sis. Elizabeth Williams
Bro. Jerome Williams
Sis. Joanne Mouzon
Sis. Natasha Garvin-Holmes

Ward 3:

Sis. Carolyn Mars
Sis. Sara Herring

Ward 4:

Sis. Helen Braxton
Sis. Pearl Holmes
Bro. Gene Morris
Bro. Earl Thornton

Ward 5:

Sis. Julia Rhaney

Join us on the prayer
line each day at 6:33
AM!
Dial (218) 632-1707.
The passcode is
345184#.

Welcome to all of
our **F.R.A.N.s**
(*Friends, Relatives,*
Associates &
Neighbors) **and all**
other Guests

All FAB Disciples are asked to bring in Fresh flowers to Decorate the Cross for Resurrection Sunday. Thank you in advance for your participation!

The Mission Society is asking the Church to please support our Annual Drive to Support the Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency Shelter. We are asking for donations of Toiletry items, school uniforms & supplies, gift cards, movie gift certificates, summer clothing, laundry supplies and other items for Middle & High School age Youth. For more info please contact Sis. Willie Williams.

First African Baptist Church Girls Scout Troop 30150 invites you to take a Train Trip to Washington, DC Sunday, July 14 - Tuesday July 16, 2019.

The price of the trip includes: Roundtrip transportation aboard Amtrak; Local transportation via Charter Bus; Hotel Accomodations; and Admission tickets and Self-guided Tour of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Please contact **Lula Mattox** for more details at **(912) 236-2711** or **Holly Moore** at **(912) 220-0212**

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday April 20th - Homegoing Celebration for Bro. Clevon Cooper
Sunday April 21st @ 6:30am - Resurrection Sunrise Worship Experience
Sunday April 21st @ 10:00am - Resurrection Sunday (Youth Takeover) Worship
Sunday April 28th @ 10:00am - Pastor's Anniversary Worship Experience
Sunday April 28th @ 4:00pm - NAACP Mass Meeting

Save The Date
There will be a Church Family Business Meeting on Monday April 29, 2019 at 6:30pm.

The FABC Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for the Ben E. Geiger Memorial Scholarship for Youth. The Applicant must be a member of the Credit Union. The Application Deadline is May 15, 2019.



Join us for worship on Sunday April 28, 2019 as we Celebrate 37 Years of Pastoral Ministry and show Appreciation for OUR Pastor Thurmond N. Tillman Our Guest Speaker for the Morning will be Rev. Carl White, Jr. ~ Senior Pastor of The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Albany, GA

First African Baptist Church is looking for a Part Time Custodian/ Maintenance Technician to assist with the Janitorial, Maintenance and Landscape Management of the Church. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the Church office for a Job Description and to fill out an Employment Application.