

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

August Lunch

Delivery:

YAMS

Equipping the Saints

Prayer Leaders

Admin/Parking

Scriptures

Friday, August 16th

Ephesians 4:11 - 16

Saturday, August 17th

2 Timothy 3:10 - 17

Sunday, August 18th

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Monday, August 19th

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

Tuesday, August 20th

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 24

Wednesday, August 21st

Ephesians 6:10 - 17

Thursday, August 22nd

Hebrews 10:19 - 25

First African Baptist Church

23 Montgomery Street

Savannah, GA 31401

Sacrificial Solitary Prayer

Wednesdays @ 6:00AM

**For Transportation call The
Church office**

@ 912.233.6597



Why We Need to Equip and Be Equipped The Work of Service - Ephesians 4:11-16

THE GOAL, vs. 13

How long will the church be at the work of building itself up? Verse 13, "until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

What are these goals?

1) Unity of faith. This is what Paul talks about in 1 Cor. 1:10, "Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgement." Paul had already said there is only "one faith." God is not fragmented and divided against Himself and neither is His truth. Doctrinal ignorance and spiritual immaturity lead to disunity, but as every part of the body does what it is supposed to do, then apostles doctrine is taught by the pastor-teachers and all the people help one another to live accordingly. Unity of faith and practice is then attained and God is glorified.

2) Related to unity of faith is knowledge of Christ. Again Paul is not referring to the knowledge needed for salvation, but rather the deep or full knowledge of Christ that comes through a personal relationship cultivated with Him in prayer and in study and obedience to His word. This is the knowledge Jesus spoke of in John 10 that "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them." Paul had already prayed for the Ephesians to gain this kind of knowledge of Christ (Eph 1:17), and it was his own goal to "know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings" counting everything else in his own life as "rubbish" in comparison to this (Phil 3:8-10).

Again, this kind of intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ comes as the whole body is fulfilling its various ministries, because much of this knowledge only comes in serving Christ by serving one another and taking the gospel message to those that have not heard.

3) The third goal is spiritual maturity which is measured by the standard of Jesus Christ Himself. The very purpose of our salvation is to be "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29), to "walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6), to be "imitators of God, as beloved children (Eph. 5:1). We long for the day when "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). Each of us moves closer to this measure of maturity as we each fulfill our part in the body of Christ. We "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24), we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2) and "admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, and help the weak" (1 Thess 5:14).

We will not reach perfection this side of heaven, but we can and should become "complete" or "mature" in Christ as Paul says in Col. 1:28-29 for that is the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:14).

Homebound Disciples

Ward 1: Saussy/Roberson

Sis. Marion Dobson
Dr. Ethel P. Stokes

Ward 2: Houston/Lawrence

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

Ward 3: Johnson/Sanders

Sis. Carolyn Mars
Sis. Mary Kennedy
Sis. Sara Herring
Sis. Lillie Evans

Ward 4: Bush/Riles/Wright

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

Ward 5: Anderson/McGuire

Sis. Julia Rhaney
Sis. Irene Billups

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

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday August 18th @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour
Sunday August 18th @ 10:00 ~ 3rd Sunday Worship Experience
Saturday August 24th @ 8:00am ~ 1st District Ushers Meeting
Sunday August 25th @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour
Sunday August 25th @ 10:00am ~ 4th Sunday Worship Experience

SIDC
Savannah Interagency Diversity Council

SIDC DIVERSITY SUMMIT

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Live Oak Public Library
Savannah Mall, Savannah, GA
10:00am - 2:00pm
FREE with light lunch provided

**BE A PART OF THE
CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE**

Understanding is key to respect.
Respect is the foundation of a successful community.
Savannah is a collective mixture of Differences & Similarities
Come and experience our dimensions of diversity and understand our
Generations, Genders, Disabilities, Ethnicities, Races, Religions

SIDC - Savannah Interagency Diversity Council
For questions call Emra (305) 395-4004 or Bill (912) 655-6504

**Our very own Rev. Marco L. George will be a panelist for the
discussion regarding diversity!**

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price to your insurance price and use whichever is the lowest price.**