

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**August Lunch**

**Delivery:**

**YAMS**

***Equipping the Saints***

**Prayer Leaders**

**Ward 1**

**Scriptures**

**Friday, August 23rd**

Ephesians 4:11 - 16

**Saturday, August 24th**

2 Timothy 3:10 - 17

**Sunday, August 25th**

Matthew 28:16 - 20

**Monday, August 26th**

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

**Tuesday, August 27th**

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 24

**Wednesday, August 28th**

Ephesians 6:10 - 17

**Thursday, August 29th**

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 Building up of The Body - Ephesians 4:11-16***

THE RESULT, vs. 14

What is the result of pursuing these goals? Verse 14, As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming..."

Spiritual maturity means you are no longer easy pickings for the cults and false teachers. Individually you increase in wisdom and understanding so that you can pick out who is speaking the truth and who is not, and corporately its even better because where you lack someone else in the body is strong and they will both warn you and help you overcome the wiles of the false teachers.

Notice the description of the immature. First is children. Children are characterized by ignorant trust. That is why parents spend so much time trying to teach them discernment, when to trust someone and when to run away. It takes a while to teach them to obey some people like policemen and firemen and yet to runaway from a stranger that offers them candy. New believers are susceptible to anyone that seems friendly and acts like they know what they are talking about including the cult knocking at their door or the false teacher on television.

Paul also describes the immature as being tossed around as in a storm. They go and believe whichever way the wind blows. They think it must be okay because so many others believe it or are doing it, yet God's people have always stood out from the crowd. We are called to walk with Him regardless of what the rest of humanity is doing. It takes a mature faith to do this as James 1 points out. We have to know what we believe, why we believe and then hang on without doubting. You do not arrive there in a day but only after being diligent like the Bereans of Acts 17 to study the Scriptures for yourself. If you believe something simply because I or some other "pastor" has said it, then you are someone who could be blown to believing something else when someone else comes along.

We must always be careful of false teachers because they come with the "trickery of men" and "by craftiness in deceitful scheming." We get the word, "cube" from the word "trickery" here. It was often used of dice and refers to the way in which professional gamblers would "load" the dice to their own advantage. They "rig" the game so that they will win. Similar ideas are conveyed in "craftiness" and "deceitful scheming." "Craftiness" refers to the careful and clever manipulation of facts to make error look like the truth. "Deceitful scheming" is used of the devil's efforts against us in 6:11 and refers to a systematic effort to lead astray. False teachers are good at all these things.

Unless you are mature and are well versed in the Scriptures, you are no match for the cultist and false teacher. They can easily and quickly pull verses from here and there to confuse you and make you believe what they are teaching is the truth. It really does not take long for a false teacher or cultist to take the Bible and twist it to lead the immature into believing all sorts of half truths and outright lies, like the lie that Jesus is not the eternal God but instead a created being, or that salvation comes by your efforts, or that sickness is a sign you are out of God's will and material wealth is the sign of God's blessings, or that they are the only ones who can understand the Bible.

The good news is that as the whole body does what it is supposed to do; those that would be susceptible to being lead astray or blown about are protected. Warnings are given, false teachers are held at bay, and wavering saints are surrounded and encouraged back into the fold. Unity of faith, knowledge of Christ and spiritual maturity stand strongly against the trickery, craftiness and deceitful scheming our adversary plots against God's people.

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**

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  
Sunday September 1st @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour  
Sunday September 1st @ 10:00 ~ Communion Worship Experience

**The Trustees will have a briefing on the Restoration of the Church immediately following this Sunday's Worship Experience**

The  
**Parent University/Early Learning College  
Experience**  
Second Ebenezer Baptist Church  
And  
Central Missionary Baptist Church



800 Colbert Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
August 28, 2019

**What are You Interested in Learning?**

COME SHARE YOUR IDEAS  
And  
LEARN MORE ABOUT PARENT UNIVERSITY!  
**Possible Sessions...**  
Communicating Effectively; From School to Home  
Building Literacy with Love  
Advocacy: What It's Not!

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For more information please contact: Michael O'Neal 912-507-8566 or mikelaeno@aol.com



**Happy Birthday to all those born in the month of August!  
Please join us downstairs for cake & refreshments following  
the Sunday Morning Worship Experience!**

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