

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**February Lunch  
Delivery  
Ward 2**

**Stewardship**

**Prayer Leaders  
Trustees**

## Scriptures

**Friday, February 14th**

John 17:6 - 11

**Saturday, February 15th**

Malachi 3:8 - 12

**Sunday, February 16th**

Acts 2:38 - 47

**Monday, February 17th**

1 Corinthians 4:1 - 5

**Tuesday, February 18th**

Acts 4:31 - 36

**Wednesday, February 19th**

1 Peter 4:7 - 11

**Thursday, February 20th**

Ephesians 4:1 - 7

**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**



## The Importance of Generosity

**"Tithing in the Bible: 100+ Scriptures about Giving"**

Jesus is the most generous person who ever lived. He left the comforts of heaven, took on human flesh, and gave his life on the cross so that we might live in him.

In response to Jesus' generosity, we are called to be generous. We are called to be generous with our money. We are called to steward our possessions. We are called to volunteer our time. No one argues over whether Christians should be generous—it's a hallmark of the Christian faith.

### What are offerings?

Check out these words from Paul:

**"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Rom. 12:1).**

To offer yourself as a living sacrifice to God is to offer yourself entirely to him.

Practically speaking, Paul explains what this means in the next verse in Romans:

**"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Rom. 12:2).**

There are two things we observe in this passage:

- Don't be conformed to this world
- Renew your mind

Living the Christian life is more than just saying no to anything. Living the Christian life is more about living for God.

When it comes to offering yourself to the Lord, you are called to renew your mind. Practically speaking, you renew your mind by studying the Bible, meditating upon the scriptures, and hearing the Scriptures preached.

Renewing your mind is one way you can learn how to live for God. Talking about living for God, one of the big areas we're called to be faithful is with our finances.

How is the Church doing today? That's a great question.

### What percentage of Christians tithe?

Today, most Christians don't tithe. This isn't a judgment. It's just an observation.

Consider these statistics:

- According to State of the Plate, only 10–25 percent of church members tithe
- Only 5 percent of the United States population tithes
- On average, Christians give 2.5 percent of their income, which is down from the 3.3 percent given during the Great Depression

There are more stats I can share, but I think you get the point: Giving in the Church is on a downward trend.

For you, here's the deal: When you place your faith in Christ, you will—in time—be transformed into a giver.

**To be continued . . . . .**

Homebound Disciples

Ward 1: Saussy/Roberson

Sis. Marion Dobson  
Dr. Ethel P. Stokes

Ward 2: Houston/Lawrence

Sis. Mattie Rouse  
Sis. Thelma Tharpe  
Bro. Jerome Williams  
Sis. Joann Mouzon  
Sis. Natasha Garvin-Holmes

Ward 3: Johnson/Sanders

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

Ward 4: Bush/Riles/Wright

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

Ward 5: Anderson/McGuire

Sis. Julia Rhaney  
Sis. Irene Billups

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday February 13th @ 6:30pm ~ Thursday Night Worship Factory  
Sunday February 16th @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour  
Sunday February 16th @ 10:00am ~ 3rd Sunday Worship Experience  
Wednesday February 19th @ 6:00am ~ Sacrificial Solitary Prayer  
Thursday February 20th @ 12:noon ~ Hour of Power Bible Study  
Thursday February 20th @ 6:30pm ~ Thursday Night Worship Factory

Dominique Hairston

My Church, New Hope Baptist Church, is taking an 8th grade team on a mission trip to Jonestown, Mississippi, April 6 - 10, 2020. I am writing for your prayers, financial support, or both. If God does lead you to support this Mission Trip financially, you can give to the Jonestown Mission via Givelify or write Jonestown Mission in the other category on your offering envelope. Thank you in advance for whatever support you are able to give to help me.

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

*119<sup>th</sup>* **BEREAN**  
**ADJOURNED SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 23 - 24, 2020**

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The Access Code is 800021#.

Join us on  
February 22, 2020  
for a  
*Legacy and Awards Dinner*

Honoring the memory of the late  
Mr. Chester Dunham

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221 N. Lathrop Ave.  
Savannah, Georgia  
7:00PM

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**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 7, 2020  
11AM - 2:30PM**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE.  
EMAIL JOY2020CONFERENCE@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.FIRSTAFRICANBAPTISTCHURCH.ORG/WOMENS  
CONFERENCE.FIRSTAFRICANBAPTISTCHURCH-TICKETS

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

The Mu Phi Chapter Community Services Fund, Inc. will host its 1st Annual Charlie Smith Charitable Golf Tournament Saturday, February 22nd at Crosswinds Golf Club, 232 James B. Blackburn Dr. Savannah, GA 31408. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Greenbriar Children's Center of Savannah, GA.

For more info please contact: Dea. Randy Houston,  
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Thanks in advance for your Support!