

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

July Lunch

Delivery:

Ushers

Equipping the Saints

Prayer Leaders

Ward 5

Scriptures

Friday, July 19th

Ephesians 4:11 - 16

Saturday, July 20th

2 Timothy 3:10 - 17

Sunday, July 21st

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Monday, July 22nd

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

Tuesday, July 23rd

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 24

Wednesday, July 24th

Ephesians 6:10 - 17

Thursday, July 25th

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 **Reasons Why Ministers Must Equip**

The Lord not only tells pastors that they are responsible to equip the saints, He also tells them how to go about it. A simple study of the word “equip,” as used by Paul in Ephesians chapter 4, reveals four tools that are essential for preparing saints for service.

1. Prayer

When we do a study of “equip” (Gk., *kataridzo*), we discover that the first tool the pastor has for equipping the saints is prayer. The author of Hebrews concluded his letter with a prayer that God would equip his readers with everything they would need to fulfill His will. (Heb 13:20–21)

Wise pastors recognize that the Holy Spirit is already committed to preparing saints for service; it only makes sense for him to pray that to that end. Most pastors should spend less time praying that their people get out of the hospital and more time praying that they get into ministry. I suggest that you spend your energy praying that the Lord would “equip [them] with all that is good to do His will, working in [them] what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever” (Heb 13:21).

2. The Word of God

The second tool the pastor has for equipping the saints is the Word of God. Look carefully at the end of this familiar verse. (2 Tim 3:16–17)

Paul told Timothy that the Word was sufficient to equip him and his men for every good work. No wonder Paul told Timothy to preach the Word (2 Tim 4:2). No wonder Jesus prayed for His disciples that the Father would sanctify them through the truth of the Word of God (John 17:17). No wonder Jethro told Moses to focus part of his energy on “instruct[ing] them about the statutes and laws, and teach[ing] them the way to live and what they must do” (Exod 18:20).

3. Intentional Training

The third tool for equipping the saints is intentional investment. Luke records Jesus as using the word *kataridzo* as the result of intentional discipleship training. “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40).

Paul told Timothy to use this tool of intentional investment:

“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2).

4. Connection with Other Members of the Body of Christ

As you know, the Corinthian church was a disjointed church. One of Paul’s primary motivations for writing them the letter 1 Corinthians was to bring them to unity. In his letter, he urges them to link together in greater unity. In doing so, he uses the term *kataridzo*.

(1 Cor 1:10)

As pastors, we find it difficult to really equip saints for ministry until we begin to place a greater emphasis on healthy holistic small groups. In healthy home groups/Sunday School classes, the saints actively serve each other. Instead of having a professional “minister” serve them, they minister to each other. They pray for one another. They encourage and challenge each other.

Each group can also actively engage with needs in the community. We can adopt a widow, others a single mom, while still others can work at the homeless shelter.

Homebound Disciples

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday July 19th @ 7:00pm ~ FABC @ Goodwill Baptist Church

Sunday July 21st @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour

Sunday July 21 @ 10:00am ~ 3rd Sunday Worship Experience

Monday July 22nd - Friday July 26th ~ GMBC Congress of Christian ED

Sunday July 28th @ 9:00am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour

Sunday July 28th @ 10:00am ~ 4th Sunday Worship Experience

Sunday July 28th @ 4:00pm ~ NAACP Mass Meeting

Ward 1:

Sis. Marion Dobson

Dr. Ethel P. Stokes

Ward 2:

Sis. Elizabeth Butler

Sis. Mattie Rouse

Sis. Thelma Sharpe

Sis. Elizabeth Williams

Bro. Jerome Williams

Sis. Joanne Mouzon

Sis. Natasha Garvin-Holmes

Ward 3:

Sis. Carolyn Mars

Sis. Mary Kennedy

Sis. Sara Herring

Sis. Lillie Evans

Ward 4:

Sis. Helen Braxton

Sis. Pearl Holmes

Bro. Gene Morris

Bro. Earl Thornton

Ward 5:

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 the Staples/Humphrey, Rozier Family and all of our F.R.A.N.s (Friends, Relatives, Associates & Neighbors) and all other Guests

1st Choir Anniversary
Thursday, July 25, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
The Civic Center Ballroom
301 W. Oglethorpe Ave
Doors Open @ 5:00 pm

Worship Leader
Brother E Larry McDuffie
St John Baptist Church

Bishop Thomas Sill's & The Sweet-field Of Eden Mass Choir!

The City of Savannah Senior Services
GOLDEN TONE MASS CHOIR!
First Choir Anniversary
Elder Barbara Pinkney Williams @ Brother Kevin Cook
Directress & Musician

Donations are needed for the Back to School Explosion at FAB on Sunday August 4, 2019 @ 1:30pm. Please see Sis. Antoinette Ward, Sis. Chequita Riles, Bro. Kevin McPherson or Min. Derrek Curry for a list of needed items.