

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

June Lunch

Delivery:

Deacons

Steward of the Gospel

Prayer Leaders

Armor Bearers / Mission Ministry

Scriptures

Friday, June 14th

Genesis 1:26 - 31, 2:15

Saturday, June 15th

Romans 12:1 - 8

Sunday, June 16th

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Monday, June 17th

Acts 4:32 - 37

Tuesday, June 18th 1

Colossians 3:12 - 25

Wednesday, June 19th

1 Corinthians 4:1 - 2

Thursday, June 20th

Colossians 4:2 - 6

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



Living A Stewardship Life

Managing What Belongs to God

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"What does stewardship look like in our lives today?" Unfortunately many Christians today only associate the idea of stewardship with sermons they have heard about church budgets and building programs. The idea of biblical stewardship is about something much more expansive. I believe it is where the concepts of faith, work and economics intersect. There are four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand:

1. The principle of ownership.

The psalmist begins the 24th psalm with,

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

In the beginning of Genesis, God creates everything and puts Adam in the Garden to work it and to take care of it. It is clear that man was created to work and that work is the stewardship of all of the creation that God has given him.

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

Therefore, stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. Stewardship is the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.

Echoing Deuteronomy 8:17, we might say: *"My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."* But Deuteronomy 8:18 counsels us to think otherwise:

Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

2. The principle of responsibility.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

3. The principle of accountability.

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.

This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

4. The principle of reward.

In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

The Bible shows us in the parables of the Kingdom that faithful stewards who do the master's will with the master's resources can expect to be rewarded incompletely in this life, but fully in the next.

We all should long to hear the master say what he exclaims in Matthew 25:21:

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

Happy Birthday to Everyone Born in June
Please join us downstairs for cake and refreshment
following morning worship service!

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

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday June 21st @ 7:00pm ~ Hope Walk - Savannah Together 2019

Saturday June 22nd @ 10:00am ~ Hope Walk Resource Fair

Saturday June 22nd @ 2pm ~ Christian League Basketball Banquet

Sunday June 23rd @ 9am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour

Sunday June 23rd @ 10am ~ Sunday Worship & Birthday Celebration

Monday July 8th - Friday July 12th ~ Berean Congress of Christian ED

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



SAV TOGETHER HOPE WALK 2019

CALLING ALL LEADERS

TO JOIN AREA PASTORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AS WE WALK THROUGH SAVANNAH NEIGHBORHOODS TO SPREAD A MESSAGE OF HOPE, LOVE AND SAFETY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

CHECK IN LOCATION:
FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH
575 W. BRYAN ST.

CHECK IN: 7 P.M.
WALK: 8 P.M.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE SAVANNAH TOGETHER T-SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH AT (912) 232-5526 OR
FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH AT (912) 233-6597.



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Berean Missionary Baptist Association Congress of Christian Education 50th Annual Session

COPP Classes ~ Youth Rally ~ President & Dean Addresses

July 8 - 11, 2019 - 8am to 4pm ~ Kingdom Life Fellowship Church

Musical - July 7, 2019 ~ Central Baptist Church (Thunderbolt)

If Interested: Adults, please see Sis. Mary Gillespie or Rev. M. L. George

Youth see Sis. Antoinette Ellis-Ward or Min. D. Curry

For course offerings and additional information:

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