

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May Lunch

Delivery:

Ward 5

Initiative Evangelism

**Prayer Leaders
Trustees**

Scriptures

Friday, May 10th

1 Peter 3:13 - 17

Saturday, May 11th

2 Corinthians 2:14 - 17

Sunday, May 12th

2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21

Monday, May 13th

2 Timothy 2:14 - 19

Tuesday, May 14th

2 Timothy 4:1 - 5

Wednesday, May 15th

Acts 2:37 - 41

Thursday, May 16th

Ephesians 4:11 - 16

**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



Serving the World Through Missions, Outreach & Evangelism

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT EVANGELISM

After looking at the Scripture, let's now look at some common misconceptions about evangelism that are often held to by believers in our culture and process them in light of what we just saw in Scripture.

1. If we just live a good enough life, people will come to us and ask us and then we can share our faith with them.

Response: Of course people ought to be seeing the difference in our lives and that should make them thirsty for what we have, but often they still don't come to us and ask how to know Jesus, unless we bring it up. Or, even if they know that the difference in our lives is because we are Christians, they often still don't understand the Gospel and why they need Jesus or how to receive Him. We need to offer that understanding to them.

2. If we go to people we will turn them off.

Response: Yes, if we are obnoxious, pushy and insensitive. But if we learn how to sensitively approach people and offer them the opportunity to interact on the Gospel and have a dialogue if they are interested, then we won't turn them off. If we preach at people, don't listen and don't give them a choice to interact with us but rather force the message upon them, then they aren't too positive. But that is not initiative evangelism in the power and sensitivity of the Holy Spirit.

3. People don't want to hear the Gospel. They don't want to be bothered.

Response: True, some are not interested at all or at this time in their lives, but there are always some who do want to hear or want to understand more so they can consider it later on if they are not ready to turn to Christ right then. We can trust God to lead us to the ones who are hungry now and to lead us to ones for whom our role is going to be just to sow the seed. Plus if our approach is dialogue and interaction rather preaching, most people enjoy discussing issues related to the Gospel.

4. You can't share Christ with someone until you have a relationship with them.

Response: Most importantly the Bible doesn't teach that and we will see that in the lesson below. While having a relationship is really valuable and often most effective, the question is how long does it take to build a relationship and trust? A month, a year? Sometimes trust and rapport can be developed in 5 minutes. God prepares many hearts of people for us to talk with whether or not we have a relationship. In fact, offering to rescue lost people with the Gospel is the most loving thing we can do for them – we are being selfish if we don't!

Consider This:

If a house is on fire and someone is trapped on the 3rd floor and about to be burned to death and you are on the ground with a ladder laying there, would you say in your mind, "I really don't have enough of a relationship with that person to help them"? Of course not! People are dying and headed for Hell and we have the "Gospel ladder" to extend to them – we are being selfish if we don't offer it, regardless of how well we know them.

Or if a person is drowning in a lake and you are on the boat with a life preserver in your hand, would you say in your mind, "I really don't have enough of a relationship with them to throw them this life preserver"? Again, of course not! Now they may refuse to use it because they think they are a strong enough swimmer and with a little more effort they are going to make it without your help, but you would still offer them the life preserver. Love takes action and initiates to meet a serious need!

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. Sara Herring

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

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT EVANGELISM (Con't)

5. Initiative evangelism means street corner preaching or knocking on doors.

Response: While God uses that and on occasion we may be involved in those forms of evangelism, 95% of the initiative we want to be doing on campus and the rest of our lives will involve more relational connection with people – there are many different ways to initiate, ie. following up a contact from a dorm outreach, dorm surveys taken, a Greek, athletic or campus wide outreach, paintball outreach or most often, initiating with someone you already know from a club you are in, your dorm, house or from class – taking the initiative simply means I am going to offer them the opportunity in some loving and sensitive way to interact about the Gospel.

The Trustees Ministry is seeking Volunteers to work on the Marketing Committee for the "FAB 2020 Vision Capital Stewardship Campaign".

If interested please contact one of the following:

Sis. Charlene Jones, Sis. Ivory Reese or Sis. Rhonda Houston!

The Mission Society is asking the Church to please support our Annual Drive to Support the Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency Shelter. We are asking for donations of Toiletry items, school uniforms & supplies, gift cards, movie gift certificates, summer clothing, laundry supplies and other items for Middle & High School age Youth. For more info please contact Sis. Willie Williams.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 12th @ 10:00am ~ Mother's Day Worship Experience

Friday May 17th @ 7:00pm ~ Royal Church of Christ Annual Men's Conference

Saturday May 18th @ 11:00am ~ Annual Berean Senior Saints Picnic

Monday May 27th ~ Memorial Day

Sunday June 2nd - Thursday June 6th ~ Vacation Bible School

Sunday June 9th ~ Graduation & Scholarship Sunday

Sunday June 16th @ 10:00am ~ Father's Day Worship Experience

Berean Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. Senior Saints Annual Picnic

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 - 11:00AM - 2:00PM

Tatumville Community Center, 333 Coleman Street Savannah, GA 31405

All Persons who plan to attend the annual Berean Senior Saints Picnic are requested to sign up in the Church office ASAP. It is imperative that we obtain the number who plan to attend in order to ensure we have adequate food.

THE PICNIC IS NO COST TO THE SENIORS.

We are showing Appreciation to our Seniors during the
National Celebration of Older Americans Month.

**"Deposit Your Cookies  for Credit"
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**This event will occur 3rd
Sunday, May 19, 2019 to
promote accounts from being
inactive. When you make a
deposit you will receive a
TREAT!**

**The FABC Federal Credit Union is
accepting applications for the
Ben J. Geiger Memorial Scholarship
for Youth. The Applicant must be a
member of the Credit Union.
The Application Deadline
is May 15, 2019.**

**First African Baptist Church Girls Scout Troop 30150
invites you to take a Train Trip to Washington, DC
Sunday, July 14 - Tuesday July 16, 2019.**

**Tour the National Museum of African American History and Culture
Please contact Lula Mattox for more details at (912) 236-2711
The Deadline to register for this trip is Saturday May 18, 2019**