

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

"The Agony of Jesus Changes Everything!", Luke 22:31-65

March 9, 12-13, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

One of the most common concerns about Christianity is: "Why does God, if He has so much power, allow such bad things to happen?"

I. Does Jesus Understand the Pain I Feel?

Jesus knows what it's like to face the hardest things in life:

1. Jesus faces the agony of disappointment. *Matthew 26:28 NIV*

When disappointment threatens to wreck some relationship or push you away from God...draw close to God.

2. Jesus faced the agony of anxiety. *Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 46:10*

II. Why Does a Good God Allow Bad Things to Happen? *1 Corinthians 13:12*

1. We experience evil when free will is mis-used.

Evil choices produce hurtful outcomes.

Sometimes the collateral damage caused by the evil choices of others affects us. *John 11:47-48*

2. We encounter evil when we honor God's will. *John 1:29; Nahum 1:3 NIV*

4 words used for sin in the Bible:

- Sin: to fail to do what you know is right.
- Trespass: to insist on doing what you know is wrong.
- Iniquity: to pervert something you know is good.
- Guile: to project something you know is false. *1 John 4:9-10*

Propitiation: satisfying the wrath of God by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

Sin broke our relationship with God...only the sacrifice of Jesus could make us "at one" again.

The only force in the world that is stronger than the wrath of God...is the grace of God.

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Growing in the Son Open Enrollment for 2016-2017

Henderson Campus

Growing in the Son is a weekday school that provides a Christian learning environment for children 2 years old through kindergarten. Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is open. A limited number of scholarships are available. Enrollment forms are available in the Growing in the Son office or at SavannahChristian.com. The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, March 18.

Elevate Seder: A Passover Experience

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, March 16, 19 and 20

Elevate, Second Floor

At Passover, Jesus and His disciples ate a traditional Seder meal where they remembered what God had done for Israel. Parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend Elevate services with their children to learn about and participate in a Seder experience. This will bring Bible events to life and help us celebrate and remember God's goodness.

Easter Eggstravaganza

10 a.m. - noon Saturday, March 19

Adult Ministry Center Parking Lot across the street

Bring your whole family out for this fun Easter event. We'll have an egg hunt for toddlers, a helicopter egg drop for elementary-age children, carnival games, prizes and more. This is a great opportunity to invite friends who don't normally attend church to a fun event with you.

JUMP!

6:45 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

Elevate, First Floor

The jump from elementary school to middle school can be a scary thing, but it doesn't have to be. All fourth, fifth and sixth-graders are invited to come to our first ever JUMP! Event where we'll bridge the gap. Check into Elevate or Blitz at the same time and place as normal, and we'll bring the groups together for a fun evening of games, engaging teaching and high-energy worship.

Summer Camps

Summer camps are great opportunities for children and students to grow in their faith through Bible study, small group time, worship and lots of fun! All our camps are open to students from every campus and across our community. Visit SavannahChristian.com for more information and registration.

Grades 1 - 5: Monday - Friday, June 6 - 10 (Henderson) or July 11 - 15 (Effingham)

Grades 6 - 8: Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 **Grades 9 - 12:** Tuesday - Sunday, July 5 - 10

2016 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance Through February

Average Weekly Attendance: 7931

General Giving: \$2,515,883

Faith Promise (Global Outreach): \$205,588

The ONE Campaign Pledged: \$11,467,814

The ONE Campaign Received: \$10,098,010 (88%)

Online, Mobile and Kiosk Giving: 50% of Total Giving YTD

YTD Transfers and Baptisms: 93