

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

June Lunch

Delivery:

Ushers

Equipping the Saints

Prayer Leaders

Ward 3

Scriptures

Friday, July 5th

Ephesians 4:11 - 16

Saturday, July 6th

2 Timothy 3:10 - 17

Sunday, July 7th

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Monday, July 8th

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

Tuesday, July 9th

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 24

Wednesday, July 10th

Ephesians 6:10 - 17

Thursday, July 11th

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 Members Must Be Equipped**

Being equipped says Jesus' death for the church was worth it and that we are submissive to His rule over us. Jesus' incarnation, defeat over sin and Satan on the cross, and ascension to rule the church and the universe demand that we submit ourselves to Him as our King who calls us to be equipped to serve His church (Ephesians 4:11-16). Redemption and deliverance into His kingdom implies service to the church in ways that He has planned for us to fulfill (Ephesians 1:7; 2:10).

Being equipped is your way of pushing back the kingdom of darkness. The days are evil, and unequipped or ill-equipped members will be susceptible to Satan's schemes and false doctrine (Ephesians 4:14; cf. 2 Corinthians 11:3). Living holy, living as participants in the new creation of Christ, verifies that we have an inheritance in the kingdom of light and are no longer under Satan's rule (Ephesians 2:5-7; 5:8-9). You must be armed and equipped with spiritual weapons to fight against the forces of hell (Eph. 6:10-20).

Being equipped confirms the calling of your pastors. Your pastor should be laboring to see Christ formed in you and every member at your church. When you give yourself to be equipped by them, you confirm that the Lord's grace is at work in your church (Ephesians 4:7). What do we often find in our churches but church members complaining about matters of preference and neglecting to invest in the work of the ministry. Imagine ministry like this—you're in a Humvee riding into spiritual battle. Your pastor is giving you instruction for spiritual warfare but you're in the back seat complaining about the tunes on the radio station (worship wars!). We should be respecting and esteeming our pastors who equip us for the work of the ministry (1 Thessalonians 5:12), not complaining about how we want things done. Too much is at stake for this. Being equipped means remembering your leaders who spoke God's Word to you and imitating their faith (Hebrews 13:7).

Being equipped allows God's grace to keep us focused on the purpose of the church, a group of redeemed sinners who are growing into Christ-likeness together (Ephesians 2:20-22; 4:16). Grace for ministry is given to all believers (Ephesians 4:7). Focusing on receiving grace to give grace keeps us from heresy and sinful living (Ephesians 4:14) and toward orthodoxy in doctrine and Christ-likeness (Ephesians 4:15-16). Grace-equipped believers ensure churches are committed to Christ's prerogatives and not their own.

Being equipped is your greatest contribution to congregational life. For example, issues of church discipline are dealt with at the relational level among equipped church members before anything is voted on by the majority of the congregation (2 Corinthians 2:6). You can't live out Jesus' instruction in Matthew 18:15-18 or Paul's in Galatians 6:1-5 if you're not equipped to help others deal with their sin, seek forgiveness, and grow in holiness.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

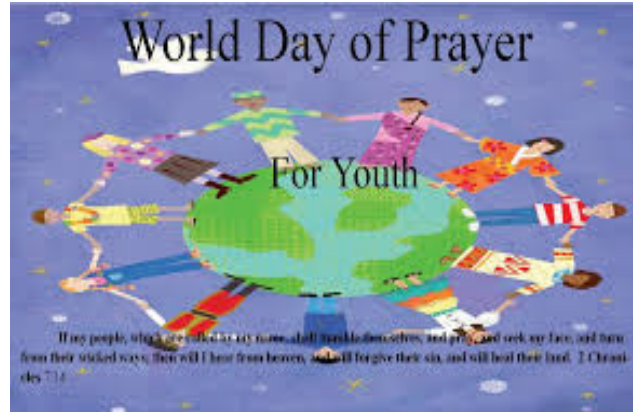
Bro. Earl Thornton

Ward 5:

Sis. Julia Rhaney

Sis. Irene Billups

Sunday July 7th @ 9am ~ Sunday School Empowerment Hour
Sunday July 7th @ 10am ~ 1st Sunday Worship Experience-Communion
Sunday July 7th @ 6pm ~ Berean Musical Celebration Worship
Monday July 8th - Friday July 12th ~ Berean Congress of Christian ED
Saturday July 13th ~ Berean Youth Day of Prayer
Thursday July 19th @ 7:00pm ~ FABC @ Goodwill Baptist Church
Monday July 22nd - Friday July 26th ~ GMBC Congress of Christian ED
Sunday July 28th @ 4:00pm ~ NAACP Mass Meeting



DATE: July 13, 2019
TIME: 7AM
LOCATION: First African Baptist Church
REGISTER: <https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Savannah/WalktoGreenbriar>

Join us on the prayer line each day at 6:33 AM!
 Dial (218) 632-1707.
 The passcode is 345184#.

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 @ 6pm ~ 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:
Please visit www.theBereanAssociation.org

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