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Celebrating Anniversaries

August 16

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OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us!
Sunday, August 14, 2022

9:30am – Breakfast Served

9:30am – Church Library Open

10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship
(Voting for *Deacon Election*)

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

7:00pm

Adult and Youth Bible Study
&
Children's TeamKid

VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,326.00
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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donations

(Donations now thru November)

and

Savannah Baptist Center Food Pantry Donations

(Deadline is Sunday, August 14th)

We are still collecting items for both organizations, so
please bring your donations to the church.

Serving Our Church on Sunday

Ushers

Steve Britton, Gerald Ethridge,
Chris Long, Warren Oglesby,
Robert Riley, Ed Schaffer, A. J. Tovar,
Luis Tovar, Tommy Triplett

Counters

Steve Britton, Co-Chairman
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Nursery

Patricia Frantz
Rachel Frantz

Preschool

Volunteer

Wednesday, August 17th
Children's TeamKid

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YOU ARE INVITED

"You're invited." It's a powerful phrase, isn't it? Maybe you've seen it on the invitation to a party or a wedding (or even on a mailer or invite card for our church). Why does that statement feel good to us? Because deep down, everyone has a desire to be wanted, cared about, and loved. God created us with the capacity for emotions and a hunger to love and be loved.

This past Sunday we began a new teaching series called *I'M IN*, looking at four key attributes of our identity in Christ. Our first identification was "I'm Invited... into God's family." If you – like me – have been following Jesus for a while now, it's helpful to try and remember what life was like before you gave your life to Him... Think about how it felt to live disconnected from your Creator. Remember the anxious uncertainty of facing eternity separated from God.

Jesus came with a very clear message to all people (especially those who feel undesired, unwanted, unworthy, and unloved): ***YOU ARE INVITED!***

Jesus came to swing wide open the doors of God's family to "whosoever will" come to Him. Not just the people born in a certain country. Not just to one specific socio-economic status. Not just to one race or ethnicity. No, Jesus came to make a way for every tongue, tribe, and nation. *Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus placed an emphasis on inviting the people that others rejected.*

In Sunday's message, we looked at one such person, the "certain immoral woman" talked about in Luke, chapter 7. That euphemism is not unlike the more modern

phrase, "a woman of ill-repute." To be blunt, she was a prostitute and showed up to a dinner party hosted by one of the Pharisees. Unlike the expected entertainment of the evening (religious scholars trying to impress one another with their knowledge), this woman's visit certainly spiced things up a bit.

As this outcast woman crashed the Pharisee party, she fell to her knees at Jesus' feet in tears. She poured expensive perfume over His feet and wiped them with her hair. This experience demonstrates a visual picture of worshiping Jesus without reserve. The Pharisees in attendance saw this as an egregious breach in protocol. This woman was a known sinner. Jesus used this teachable moment to clarify that God's Kingdom is for those like her – anyone who has ever felt left out. In Christ, God offers each of us a new life now and forever. Our memory verse for this week has been Matthew 11:28-29:

"Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'"

Take a moment today to give thanks for Jesus' inclusive invitation to God's family, then ask Him to give you eyes to see someone else who needs to be invited into the family.

Grateful for Jesus' Invitation,



P.S., If possible, join us to worship together this Sunday, August 14, at 11:00am! We'll continue our new *I'M IN* teaching series, looking at the Biblical truth that you are "**Invaluable**" in God's eyes! Invite someone to join you and come early for free Sunday breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. If for some reason you can't make it in-person, worship with us through Church Online at FBCGC.live.



August 14 I'm Invaluable
August 21 I'm Influential
August 28 I'm Invested

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for my beautiful quilt. I have read the messages several times and it gives me comfort every time I do. From the beginning I knew God had me in his hands and with all the prayers I still feel the same. I go this week to find out my radiation and therapy plans from the doctors. I'm ready to get this plan going. Thank y'all again for all the love and support. I thank my Lord for each of you.

Kay Nappier