

HE SHALL BE CALLED...Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9: 1 -2, 6

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“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbles the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9: 1-2

“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9: 6

According to Isaiah, the Lord Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor; and if you're willing, He'll be that for you.

The Hebrew word “pele” means wonderful beyond understanding...a supernatural counselor!

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.” Hebrews 4: 16

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4: 16

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5: 31

Three Steps to Access the Blessing of Our Supernatural Counselor:

1. Take the Risk of Being Brutally Honest with Jesus.

“I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!” Mark 9: 24

All the change Jesus hopes for us starts with brutal, self-effacing honesty.

2. Make the Effort to Learn to Listen to the Counselor's Voice.

“Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.” James 1: 20

“Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered.” 1 Corinthians 13: 5

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10: 27

3. Make a Decision to Obey What the Counselor Tells You to Do.

Pride can stop us from obeying our Wonderful Counselor...then rob us of not only the help, but any influence we might have.

Our Wonderful Counselor can show you His way; but your life will be blessed if you choose to go His way.

Five for the Drive (Questions for Families to Discuss):

1. When you have a problem, who is someone that you like to talk to? Why?
2. Are you normally the person who gives out advice or gets advice from others?
3. How can you know whether or not advice is good or bad?
4. Are there times when you go to God for help? When?
5. What are some ways that you can get counsel or advice from God?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

A Foundation of Scripture

Saturday, Dec. 12, 4-7 p.m., New Savannah Christian Church East Campus

Join us in preparing for the opening of SCC East's new location. After old carpet is removed, and before new carpet is laid, Savannah Christians from all campuses are invited to mark the floors with Scripture. Guides will lead groups through stations for prayer. Participants will write Scripture on the floors, and children will be encouraged to make hand prints.

Year-End Offering

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19-20, During Services

This annual offering has a special purpose: funding capital expenses for SCC ministries in the coming year. Your “birthday gift for Jesus” purchases items like computers, printers, lighting and sound equipment, and furniture. Please mark your gift “Year-End Offering.”

Military Ministry: Home for the Holidays

Friday, Dec. 25, Host Homes

If you are away from family or alone because of deployment during the holidays, join a Savannah Christian family for Christmas dinner. For information, or to sign up as a host home for soldiers and families, visit the Military Ministry table or contact Joyce Kelner at 904-377-2950.

The Christmas Station

Wednesday and Friday - Sunday, Dec. 9, 11-13, 16, 18-20, 7 p.m., Worship Center

Invite your friends and family to see “The Christmas Station,” a musical presented by SCC's Drama and Music Ministries. Purchase tickets for \$5 each or \$2.50 with a military ID at The Source bookstore. Because all performances are in the Worship Center, on Saturdays, Dec. 12 and 19, the 6:15 p.m. worship services will be across the lake at The Link.

Element Purity Retreat

Friday - Sunday, Feb. 12-14, 2010, Ebenezer Retreat Center, Rincon

Registration and deposits are due Saturday, Dec. 12, for this retreat for high school students. For information, or to learn how you can pray for a student on this trip, stop by the STUDENT CONNECT table in the lobby, call Student Ministries at 912-629-4767, or visit scelelement.com.