

ORDER OF SERVICE CONTINUED

Series Description: Discipleship is that developmental process that progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they are then able to reproduce the process with someone else. The singular, overarching goal of a disciple is to bring all of life under the lordship of Jesus Christ, and then help someone else to do the same. In this teaching series by Dr. Lance Watson, he explores the meaning, marks, maturity, and mandate of discipleship, among other key principles. To grow spiritually as a disciple of Christ means that we become like Him. That's why Jesus said in Matthew 10:25 *"It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher."* We are to be transformed into the image of Christ so that we are consistently increasing in reflecting His character, conduct, attitudes and actions in our lives. Discover the power of true discipleship through this in-depth series by our Senior Pastor, Dr. Lance Watson.

SERIES: I AM A DISCIPLE

MESSAGE: THE MANDATE OF A DISCIPLE

Dr. Lance D. Watson, *Senior Pastor/Chief Dreamer*
9AM (CRE), 10AM (BLT & ELM) AND 11AM (CRE)

INVITATION* SEND OUT

**REMEMBER, THE JOY OF THE LORD
IS YOUR STRENGTH!**

***DO NOT WALK DURING THE
OFFERING or THE INVITATION**

Please be advised that participation in any Saint Paul's experience grants us permission to respectfully use your likeness in any communication, evangelistic or worship materials.

FINANCIAL CONFESSION OF FAITH

We are a prosperous people
We are a debt free people
We are 100% Tithers
We are cheerful givers

The windows of heaven have been opened
The doors of failure have been closed
Our need is being supplied
We live in the realm of the unexpected

We are blessed and cannot be cursed
We are the head and not the tail
We are above and not beneath
No weapon formed against us can prosper

We grow stronger through worship
We grow warmer through fellowship
We grow deeper through discipleship
We grow broader through serving
We grow larger through evangelism

We are a "Church for People On the Grow"

ADULTS:

STEPHEN MINISTRY - Do you have a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need? If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a part of the Stephen Ministry. Register for the Interest meeting on SUN APR 23, from 2-3:30pm in the EDU wing room 2239/2241 by emailing stephenministry@myspbc.org. or visit the Stephen Ministry Kiosk in the Atrium.

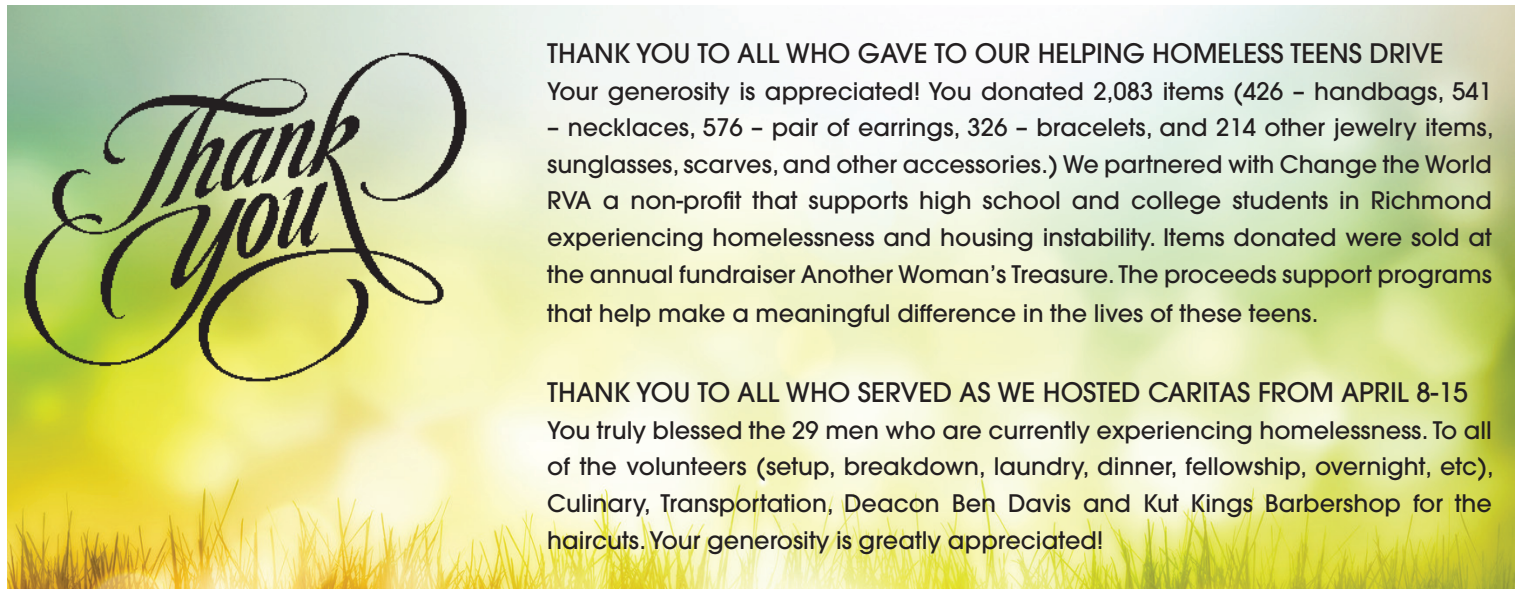
WORKSHOP IN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES The Saint Paul's Baptist Church Entrepreneurship Group and RVA Works are pleased to announce the next Workshop in Business Opportunities, a new 17 week program to assist entrepreneurs in starting and growing a thriving business. Your participation will get you 17 weeks of specialized business instruction, access to successful business mentors, and networking events. The cost is 15-20 hours per week in business planning activities, and tuition of \$350 with discounts based on income. Applications are available through April 28. Space is limited, so don't miss this incredible opportunity!

BEFORE YOU JUMP THE BROOM - The 8 week 2017 Spring pre-marital counseling series for engaged couples, is now open for registration. All sessions will be held at CRE in the Lower Level EDU Wing Room 1156 beginning, WED, MAY 3, from 7-8:30pm. All engaged couples planning to

be married at any SPBC Campus should plan to attend. To register visit the church website and click on "Ask about Marriage 2 the Max" and select Before You Jump the Broom.

HOW STRONG IS YOUR FOUNDATION? You're invited to join us in a new 6 week small group called FOUNDATIONS, as we explore the Christian faith. Designed for new or seasoned members who want to dig deeper into the faith. This group explains the fundamentals of Christianity, what we believe and why using a curriculum designed just for US! Starts Saturday, May 6 from 10-11:30am in Rm 2234 on the 2nd floor of the EDU Wing at CRE. Join Us!

AYINDE LITURGICAL DANCERS, CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY PRESENTS "CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD": FRI, MAY 19, at 7pm at CRE. Come on a Dance Journey with us as we Unplug from the distractions that keep us from an Authentic Relationship with God.
CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS SAT, MAY 20, 8:30am-3:00pm. It will be a day of targeted workshops to deepen ministry in dance, mime, pageantry and flags, spoken word, drama and leadership! Everything is free but we are asking for monetary donations. Register for the workshops at www.ayindeworkshop20.eventbrite.com



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO OUR HELPING HOMELESS TEENS DRIVE

Your generosity is appreciated! You donated 2,083 items (426 - handbags, 541 - necklaces, 576 - pair of earrings, 326 - bracelets, and 214 other jewelry items, sunglasses, scarves, and other accessories.) We partnered with Change the World RVA a non-profit that supports high school and college students in Richmond experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Items donated were sold at the annual fundraiser Another Woman's Treasure. The proceeds support programs that help make a meaningful difference in the lives of these teens.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED AS WE HOSTED CARITAS FROM APRIL 8-15

You truly blessed the 29 men who are currently experiencing homelessness. To all of the volunteers (setup, breakdown, laundry, dinner, fellowship, overnight, etc), Culinary, Transportation, Deacon Ben Davis and Kut Kings Barbershop for the haircuts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!