



Monday Morning in North Georgia

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This Week's Calendar
Week of August 20-26
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Monday 20th

- New Church Leadership Academy
- Global Ministry Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21st

- Athens-Elberton District Set-Up Meeting

- Entire Calendar

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Daily Bible Reading

- Readings that will take you through the entire Bible in a Year

Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, August 26

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

So Many Important Things to Do

“I have been blessed.” That is how Rosalynn Carter describes her life as she celebrates her 80th birthday. She says she would like to slow down but the world keeps calling. She adds, “There are so many important things to do.”



Carter counts her marriage and her family among her blessings. Of course, she also acknowledges the exceptional opportunities she is afforded because she was the first lady of Georgia and the first lady of the United States. But instead of simply enjoying the privileges those honors

afford, she says these have “given me the opportunity ... to have some influence.” She has used that influence to push for mental health reforms and has become a leading voice on the issues.

Another celebration of longevity and opportunity was celebrated last weekend as Atlanta-based Bronner Bros. Inc celebrated its 60th anniversary. It has become one of the world’s largest African-American Christian-based companies and continues to prosper as many others in the hair care products industry have failed. The reason for its success is because they have operated with a business model that puts God first, family second and business third.

Nathaniel Bronner Sr., one of the co-founders, was described in a recent article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as “an astute



community- and family-conscious businessman equally concerned about health, spirituality, and helping others to be successful.”

Nathaniel Bronner Jr., manufacturing director of the family owned business, recognizes that “we have been blessed all along” the six decades of their existence.

The family’s longevity and contributions to the community earned them the Phoenix Award, Atlanta’s highest honor.

Whether our sphere of influence is as large as Rosalynn Carter's or the Bronners', we all are blessed to be a blessing. God provides us with all that we have and God gives us the opportunity to use it. We can be

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selfish or we can manage it so that others also receive benefit. Although the Parable of the Talents deals specifically with money, the principle it teaches applies equally to all of our resources, including our influence. It does not matter whether we have much or little, God expects us to use it wisely. How are you using your influence for the good of others?

Jamie Jenkins

Evening at Emory Presents "Cradle of Christianity"

Evening at Emory, a program of Emory University's Center for Lifelong Learning, is pleased to present "Cradle of Christianity: Jews and Christians in the Greco-Roman World," beginning on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. The course is offered in conjunction with the "Cradle of Christianity" exhibition currently housed at Emory University's Michael C. Carlos Museum. To register and/or view a full schedule of course locations and descriptions, please visit: www.EveningatEmory.org or call 404.727.6000.

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