



Announcements

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Pete and Shannon Collins - Campus Outreach - Alabama

Pete serves as the Communications Resource Developer for Campus Outreach Ministries. He is training and assisting the staff and missionaries of Campus Outreach in the development of discipleship training materials, web pages, DVDs, graphic designs and newsletters. He ministers to Campus Outreach staff in six foreign countries as well as the US. Shannon is busy ministering to their children, and also to people in their local church and neighborhood. Pray for energy, creativity and enthusiasm for Pete as he daily seeks to assist the Campus Outreach staff with their communications. Pray that the Collins family's love of God will be contagious to all who interact with them. Pray that they will be salt and light in their community. The Collins have four children: twin sons, Nate and Daniel (8), Sarah (5 1/2) and Sam (2).

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Ethel Sell and her family on the death of her brother, Maurice Smith, who died March 6, in Pensacola, Florida; and to Terri Powell and her family on the death of her mother, Marilyn Charvet, who died Wednesday, March 11, in Augusta, Georgia.

3. BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

To date \$44,129.25 has been given to the conference offering and \$677.51 has been given to the children's offering. Please continue to pray for what part God would have for you in training indigenous leaders around the world.

4. EDGE CONFERENCE EARLY DEADLINE TOMORROW

The early bird deadline to register for the Edge Conference is tomorrow, March 23. The conference is June 29 through July 3. At the Edge, hundreds of middle school students gather to experience the centrality of Christ and the clarity of the Gospel. Registration forms are available in the youth office or on the What's Going On page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

5. HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered next Sunday, March 29, at both morning services. Funds received designated for communion are given to the Diaconate Relief Fund for deeds of mercy within and beyond the congregation. For those unable to attend one of the morning services, another opportunity to partake in Communion will be offered at 6 p.m. in the Eve Room.

6. "HELPING OTHERS CHANGE" COURSE

Have you ever been at a loss for words when a friend admitted to having trouble in her marriage? Have you ever wondered how to minister to someone in your small group who has just shared a very surprising prayer request? This discipleship course is designed to help us learn how to come alongside and help others by building a firm foundation for understanding why people do what they do, how lasting change takes place, and how to be an instrument of biblical change in the life of another person. Beginning April 15 Pastor Chris Florence will teach this six week course on Wednesday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. in the 623 Building. Workbooks for the class cost \$25. To register for the course contact Joan Gay either by phone at 706-823-2455 or via email at jgay@firstpresaugusta.org.

7. WOMEN'S MINISTRY UNVEILED GATHERING

The Women's Ministry invites all women to the *Unveiled* Gathering on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. Beauty is the essence of a woman, but this essence has been veiled, hidden under a shroud of faulty images and false promises. In an effort to lift the veil and recall our true identity, the Women's Ministry is hosting a one night seminar. Amber Barrett will share her personal struggles with identity as she shares truths and promises from 1 Peter 3:3-4. A women's panel will also answer questions and share personal insights. If you have a question you would like to have addressed at the seminar place the question in the Women's Ministry basket at the Welcome Center. Childcare will be provided. RSVP to jgay@firstpresaugusta.org by Sunday, April 26.

8. GRADUATION INFORMATION NEEDED

We are planning to honor the achievements of our 2009 graduates, high school through graduate school. If you are a graduate or the parent of a graduate, please phone or email the church office (706-823-2450 or churchoffice@firstpresaugusta.org) with the student's name, school or college and degree if applicable.

9. WOMEN'S RETREAT

The First Presbyterian Women's Retreat is October 2-4 at Epworth By the Sea Conference Center on St. Simons Island. The retreat study will be the Gospel of John and you'll challenged to see Jesus in the everyday "stuff" of life. Dr. Kathleen Nielson, the gifted teacher and author of the Proverbs study, *The Ways of Wisdom*, will be this year's speaker. Save the date and plan to attend for a relaxed and refreshing opportunity to grow in the Lord and in fellowship with our body of women. Brochures will be available soon.

10. MINISTRY FUNDS MONTHLY UPDATE

The church's ministries are funded by the gifts of our members and friends. We are grateful for God's ongoing provision through those gifts! As of February 28, 2009, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
YTD Budget	\$ 569,146	\$ 556,145
YTD Actual Gift and Fee Income	\$ 418,591	\$ 387,772
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 584,063)	(\$ 568,109)
Receipts (Under) Expenses	(\$ 165,472)	(\$ 180,337)

11. MISSIONARY PRAYER GUIDES

One response to the Bible and Missionary Conference is to renew our efforts in prayer support for our missionary partners. The 2009 Prayer Guide is available in the Welcome Center; it provides information that will facilitate praying for missionaries in Augusta, in our nation and around the world.

12. CHURCH WEBSITE

Take a moment to explore our newly redesigned and updated website at www.firstpresaugusta.org. Some of the new features of our website include: online giving, an easily accessible church calendar, a suggested resource section, an explanation of sanctuary symbols, past sermons for downloading, a newly designed members section, and much more.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
- 5:00 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour
- 5:00 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Monday, March 23

- 7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

Tuesday, March 24

- 7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Officers' Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Officers' Meeting
- 8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting at ASU

Wednesday, March 25

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Women's and Men's Bible Studies

Thursday, March 26

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Hour
- 11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
- 6:00 p.m. Communion, Eve Room
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Peter 4:1-6
page 1890 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Victors for ChristDr. George Robertson

I. Practicing Our Union With Christ (1-2)

II. Putting Behind Past Practices (3)

III. Putting Up With Past Pals (4)

IV. Practicing Our Comfort In Judgment (5-6)