



Announcements

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Charles and Bonita Davidson – Mission to the World – Texas

After 15 years of service in Peru, the Davidsons returned to the US to begin a new ministry with MTW Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministry (BEAMM). As a member of the BEAMM team, Charles will be developing and implementing a plan for discipling, training and mentoring aimed at preparing Mexican men and their families for the work of forming new churches and/or pastoring existing churches along the 2000 mile Mexican/US border. Pray for the development of this new ministry. Ask God to raise up men who are called to the ministries of church planting and pastoring. Pray for a smooth transition and for unity within their group. The Davidsons have three daughters: Elise (20), Anna (19), and Ila (17).

2. HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered today 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.

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. Joint Adult Education Communities

All adult Sunday School classes will meet in Saint Andrew's Hall on April 5 and April 12 for a Joint AEC.

5. "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.

6. INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, you are encouraged to attend an Inquirer's class. The next class begins with supper on Friday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. The following six Sundays during the Sunday School hour the pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision and opportunities to serve in the church. Call Joan at 706-823-2455 or email jgay@firstpresaugusta.org if you would like to attend.

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. 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.

11. 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 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

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:00 a.m. High School Prayer, Paul and Shannon Myers' home
- 7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
- 8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting at ASU

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Joint Adult Education Communities, St. Andrew's Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Peter 4:7-11
page 1891 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Gifted By God.....Dr. George Robertson

I. Ultimate Purpose (7)

II. Universal Responsibilities (7-9)

III. Use of God's Gifts (10-11)