



# Announcements

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

## 1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Chris and Cary Drinkard – Campus Outreach – Augusta

Chris serves as the Director of Campus Outreach Augusta, which includes oversight of CO staff at Augusta State University, Georgia Southern University, Georgia College and State University, Valdosta State University, USC-Aiken, and Macon area colleges. He is involved with staff training and development, administration, and maintaining a personal ministry of evangelism and discipleship with college students. Chris and Cary are parents of three children, Susanna, Daniel, and Mary Beth. Pray for wisdom as Chris seeks to create a leadership development dynamic for all COA staff. Pray for winsomeness for Chris and Cary as they seek to reach students with the Gospel. Pray for their family to grow in their love for their Savior, for each other, and for the world around them.

## 2. NEW ARRIVAL

We congratulate Josh and Lauren Griffing on the birth of their first child, Elias Griffing, who was born March 17, in Augusta; Glenn and Krissy Wilkins on the birth of their third child, Abigail Mae Wilkins, who was born March 23, in Valdosta, Georgia; Lester and Marci Harper on the birth of their seventh child, Margaret (Maggie) Grace Harper, who was born March 26, in Augusta; and BJ and Kathy Jordan on the birth of their second child, Josiah Christopher Jordan, who was born March 30, in Statesboro, Georgia.

## 3. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to David and Betty Hanks and family on the death of Betty's step-mother, Mrs. Robert Clayton Bowers, who died March 21, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

## 4. BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

To date \$59,568.36 has been given to the conference offering and \$707.47 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.

## 5. JOINT ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITIES

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

## 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](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org).

## **7. 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 Inquirers class. The next series will be held during the AEC Sunday School hour April 26 through May 31. Throughout the course the Pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision and opportunities to serve in the church. A dinner will be held on Friday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. for those attending the class. Please call Joan at 706-823-2455 or email [jgay@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org) if you would like to attend.

## **8. 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. Amber Barrett will share her personal struggles with finding her identity in the world's definition of beauty and how the Gospel unveils our real beauty 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](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org) by Sunday, April 26.

## **9. MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED FOR SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**

The Christian Medical and Dental Association, led by Dr. Andy Sanders, is assembling short-term medical mission teams for May 23-31 and July 18-26 to Nicaragua. There are urgent and specific needs for medical and dental professionals of all specialties as well as non-medical logistical help. For more information email the CMDA office at [CMDAaugusta@gmail.com](mailto:CMDAaugusta@gmail.com) or go to [www.CMDA.org](http://www.CMDA.org).

## **10. 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](mailto:churchoffice@firstpresaugusta.org)) with the student's name, school or college and degree if applicable.

## **11. 2009 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GRADUATES**

All 2009 graduates (high school through graduate school) are invited to participate in the baccalaureate worship service on Sunday evening, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. Students and faculty of all schools represented will wear their regalia and process together that evening. Please phone the church office at 706-823-2450 if you are a faculty member or 2009 graduate.

## **12. HANDICAP AND SENIOR RESERVED PARKING**

As you arrive on Sundays for our weekly services we ask everyone to observe the handicap and senior reserved parking spaces for those who are in need of those accommodations.

## **13. YOUTH MINISTRY YARD SALE SUCCESS**

The Youth Ministry would like to thank all those who supported their two yard sales through donating items and helping sell them. The sales were very successful, and the ministry was able to raise over \$2000 for furnishings for their new building. Thank you for partnering with us and investing in our ministry.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Today**

- 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

**Tuesday, April 7**

- 6:45 p.m. Deacons Serve at Augusta Rescue Mission

**Thursday, April 9**

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

**Friday, April 10**

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service with Communion

**Sunday, April 12**

- 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
- No Evening Worship Service
- 9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

**UPCOMING PASSION SERVICES**

- Good Friday, April 10 (7 p.m.)**.....Good Friday Service with Communion
- Easter Sunday, April 12 (8:30 & 11 a.m.)**.....Easter Worship Services
- Easter Sunday - No Evening Service**

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Peter 4:12-16  
*page 1891 in the pew Bible*

### The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Victory Through Suffering.....Dr. George Robertson

I. Leads to Glory (12, 13)

II. Tastes of Glory (13, 14)

III. Gives Glory to God (15, 16)