



# Announcements

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

## 1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Emmanuel and Suchetta Endigeri – World Team – Trinidad

The Endigeris have served tirelessly for many years in Trinidad. They share Christ through avenues like student outreach, crusades, literature evangelism, radio outreach, preaching and teaching, establishing discipleship cell groups, and church planting. Pray for God to raise up dedicated young men for future church work in Trinidad. Pray that Emmanuel and Suchetta will have continued opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray that they will have strength and stamina to meet their demanding schedules. Pray that the Lord will meet their every need.

## 2. JOINT ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITIES

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

## 3. BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

To date \$61,118.36 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.

## 4. "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).

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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).

## **8. 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 participants will be 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.

## **9. AUGUSTA CARE PREGNANCY CENTER ANNUAL WALK-FOR-LIFE**

The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center will have its annual Walk-For-Life on Saturday, May 2, at the Ninth Street Plaza in Augusta. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Also, free baby items and non-special formula are available at The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center for mothers in need. The Center helps women who are expecting or who have young babies get their needed materials for free. Contact Nan Beaudreau, 706-860-4866, and support the Center's annual Walk-For-Life.

## **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. YOUNG LIFE SERVE-A-THON**

Volunteers are needed for Young Life's annual Serve-A-Thon on Saturday, May 9, at the Widow's Home (124 Greene St., Augusta, Georgia) from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go directly to help send Augusta youth to a Young Life Summer Camp. More information is available in the Welcome Center or at [www.augusta.younglife.org](http://www.augusta.younglife.org).

## **13. 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.

## **14. CATECHISM HELPERS NEEDED FOR 11 A.M. SERVICE**

The Children's Ministry needs your help. To protect children and volunteers, each classroom needs at least two adults present during class time. The only way to do this is to have people like you volunteer. Helpers are needed in the catechism classes during the 11 a.m. worship hour (No teaching is required). If you are willing to help, please contact Kay Harris at [kharris@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:kharris@firstpresaugusta.org).

## **15. CHURCH WEBSITE**

Take a moment to explore our newly redesigned and updated website at [www.firstpresaugusta.org](http://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. 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

### **Monday, April 13**

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

### **Tuesday, April 14**

- 6:00 a.m. High School Prayer, Myers Residence  
7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer  
8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting at ASU

### **Wednesday, April 15**

- 7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall  
7:00 p.m. "Helping Others Change" Course

### **Thursday, April 16**

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Hour  
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour  
12:30 p.m. Trinity Class Luncheon

### **Sunday, April 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
12 Noon Campus Outreach Cross-Cultural Project Lunch for Parents  
5:00 p.m. Frontline Prayer and Snack Supper  
5:00 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Groups  
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. High School Mission Team Meeting, Telfair Hall  
7:30 p.m. Middle School Mission Team Meeting, Eve Room  
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

**The New Testament Lesson**..... 1 Peter 3:18, 21-22  
*page 1890 in the pew Bible*

**The Response**

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to you, O God.**

**The Sermon - Now I Can Live** .....Dr. George Robertson

I. Fact (18)

II. For You (21, 22)