



Announcements

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Samy and Carol Foucachon - Global Outreach Mission - France

The Foucachons have served as church planters in the city of Bordeaux for the past eight years. They have seen God establish a small fellowship of believers who have grown in their faith. The Foucachons will be coming to the United States for a year-long home ministry assignment beginning this summer. When they return to France in 2010, they will settle in a new location to begin a new church and a work of revitalization. Pray for rest and refreshment for this family after nine straight years of service. With France having many needy areas for the Gospel, pray that God will direct this family to their new location. Due to Samy's resignation as pastor in Bordeaux, the family will lose 50% of their financial support. Pray for God to meet this immense need.

2. FRONTLINE PRAYER AND SNACK SUPPER

Frontline Prayer meeting is this evening at 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. A snack supper is provided for \$3/person or \$10/family, followed by prayer for missions, ministries of the church, and specifically for strategic planning and vision-casting for the future of First Presbyterian. Childcare is provided for nursery through fifth grade, however, school-aged children are encouraged to participate in the prayer meeting. Those using the nurseries are encouraged to feed their nursery-aged children prior to taking them to the nurseries.

3. BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

To date \$61,668.36 has been given to the conference offering and \$733.58 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. 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 RSVP to Joan at 706-823-2455 or email jgay@firstpresaugusta.org by April 21 if you would like to attend.

5. AGAPE SERVICE DAY

AGAPE invites your entire family to be involved in its service project scheduled for Saturday, April 25. The project begins at Saint Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, 11 Telfair Street, at 8:30 a.m. with a time of prayer and praise. Work sites will include Christ Community Health Services, Golden Harvest Food Bank, Safe Homes of Augusta, and SPMBC. AGAPE is a relational ministry that seeks to bring together all believers in Christ to model the Gospel to the 30901 area. The Lord provides many opportunities for evangelism to children and adults through these work days. The Kids' Club is an excellent way for your children to relate with neighborhood children. Children below middle school age must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will be a cookout in the SPMBC Fellowship Hall. The day concludes at 3:30 p.m. Please also mark your calendars for the AGAPE Summer Service dates: June 13, led by Redeemer Presbyterian Church; July 18, led by Lakemont Presbyterian Church; and August 15, led by Westminster Presbyterian Church. For more information contact Gill Redpath at gill_redpath@mac.com.

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 by Sunday, April 26.

7. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Beulah Grove Baptist Church has again extended an invitation for First Presbyterian Church to worship with them at a National Day of Prayer Celebration on Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. Beulah Grove is located at 1434 Poplar St., Augusta, GA 30901. Please set this day aside to lift up our neighborhood, city, nation and world in a spirit of community with this sister church.

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. 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.

11. 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.

12. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS

If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School June 22-26, please visit the Welcome Center today. Sign-up sheets are on the table indicating the various areas in which you can serve. If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Kay Harris, 706-823-1231.

13. 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.

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
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
6:30 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

Monday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

Tuesday, April 21

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 22

7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall

Thursday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Hour
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour

Sunday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Inquirers' Class
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Session Shepherding Meeting
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
5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Peter 4:17-19
page 1891 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Acid Test.....Dr. George Robertson

I. Commit to a Faithful Creator

A. Creator

B. Faithful

II. Continue to do Good

A. Gospel

B. Good