



Announcements

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Stephanie Garrett – Campus Outreach – South Africa

Stephanie serves on the University of Johannesburg team, Bunting Road Campus. She seeks to share Christ through evangelization, leading Bible studies, discipling women, and assisting in coordination of the Women's Ministries. Pray for Stephanie to daily be renewed through God's Word. Pray for spiritual growth in the lives of the women she disciples, most of whom come from difficult circumstances. Pray for God to give unity and direction to the ministry of UJ Bunting campus. Pray for God to meet all of Stephanie's needs, and pray her love for the Savior will be a shining light to everyone she meets.

2. NEW ARRIVAL

We congratulate Tina and Luke Niday on the birth of their first child, Mary Davis Niday, who was born April 13, in Augusta, Georgia.

3. FOLLY BEACH EARLY DEADLINE IS IN THREE DAYS

The early bird deadline for the High Life Folly Beach Retreat registration is this Wednesday, April 29. The trip is June 1 through 5 and is open to current ninth through twelfth grade students. The goal of this trip is for students to grow in their understanding of an intentional lifestyle of evangelism. Registration forms are available in the youth office or you can register and pay online by visiting the What's Going On page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

4. 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 today.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. LAKE KEYS

Members over age 21 may purchase new keys at the church office beginning May 7 for \$25 each, if last year's key is returned. An additional charge of \$5 will be added if last year's key is not returned. Remember, all proceeds will go toward maintaining the property.

9. 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.

10. AGAPE SERVICE DAY

Please also mark your calendars for these 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 March 31, 2009, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
YTD Budget	\$ 853,719	\$ 834,218
YTD Actual Gift and Fee Income	\$ 683,473	\$ 633,221
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 848,785)	(\$ 824,060)
Receipts (Under) Expenses	(\$ 165,312)	(\$ 190,839)

14. BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

To date \$61,993.36 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.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

- 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

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

- 6:00 a.m. High School Prayer, Myers Residence
- 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, April 29

- 7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall
- 7:00 p.m. "Helping Others Change" Course
- 7:00 p.m. Women's *Unveiled* Gathering

Thursday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 3

- 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. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Groups
- 5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
- 5:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service, Sanctuary
- 9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

The New Testament Lesson..... 1 Peter 5:1-14
page 1892 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - The Humanity of HopeDr. George Robertson

I. Elders Must be Examples of Humility (1-4)

- A. Peter's Example (1)
- B. An Elder's Attitude (2)
- C. An Elder's Activity (3)
- D. An Elder's Amaranth (4)

II. All Must Practice Humility (5-11)

- A. A Christian's Example (5)
- B. A Christian's Attitude (5)
- C. A Christian's Activity (6-9)
- D. A Christian's Assurance (10, 11)

III. All Must Know the Source of Humility (12-14)

- A. Dependence on One Another
- B. Dependence on Grace