



Announcements

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Steve and Sherri Letchford - Serving in Mission - Kenya

Steve and Sherri work with the Arica Inland Church at Kijabe Hospital, equipping Christian African health professionals for ministry and leadership. Steve uses his medical training to serve in leadership, clinical and training roles. Sherri is ministering to handicapped children and their families as a physical therapist. Pray for the Letchfords to be refueled and refreshed during their brief time in the States this summer. Pray for the leadership team as they work behind the scenes to build the grant writing capacity of the hospital's key Kenyan staff. Pray for the Letchfords to have wisdom and compassion as they interact with staff and patients. Pray for this family's love of Christ to be evident to all and that many will be drawn to the Savior from their witness. The Letchfords have four children: Jessica, Thomas, Hannah, and Daniel. To learn more about the Letchfords view them in the 2009 Missionary Prayer Guide.

2. WEDDINGS

We express best wishes to Molly Knab and Gary Recktenwald who were married on July 25, at First Presbyterian Church of Augusta.

3. MATTHEW SMITH CONCERT

Lakemont Presbyterian Church is pleased to host a free concert featuring Matthew Smith of Indelible Grace on Friday night, August 7 at 7 p.m. This is sure to be a night of encouragement. A love offering will be received during the concert. Contact Krystal Lyon (706-736-5011) at Lakemont for more information.

4. FINAL AGAPE SERVICE DAY

First Presbyterian families are invited to participate in the AGAPE Service Day on Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The day will begin with a time of praise, prayer and singing at Saint Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, 11 Telfair Street, Augusta, 30901. The main focus of this project will be the Bible Club, where children of the neighborhood play games, have lunch, hear about God's love, and spend time with AGAPE volunteers in the relational ministry model. In addition to the Bible Camp, service sites will include the Golden Harvest Food Bank and the Augusta Care Pregnancy Center. For more information contact Gill Redpath, 706-736-8031.

4. PROMOTION SUNDAY

Beginning August 16, pre-K through twelfth grade children and youth will go to new Sunday school classes according to their 2009-2010 grade in school. Children in Nursery 2B and Nursery 3 will also promote.

5. CHILDREN AND NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDS

With the new ministry year just around the corner, the Children's Ministry and Nursery Ministry are diligently working to have every class fully staffed by Promotion Sunday on August 16. Would you please take a moment, look at the volunteer schedules, and prayerfully consider serving? Please visit the Nursery and Children's Ministry pages at www.firstpresaugusta.org to view schedules and to complete volunteers forms. You may also sign up in the Welcome Center. Many thanks to those who have already responded.

6. KEEP US INFORMED

Please be reminded to let the church staff know of the important events in your lives. Many times people assume that the staff and other members know about the birth of a new baby, a wedding in the family, a serious illness, an upcoming hospitalization or the loss of a loved one, when that is not the case. We would rather hear about these events several times from several people than miss an important event. You may call 706-823-2450 or email churchoffice@firstpresaugusta.org to keep us informed.

7. 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 June 30, 2009, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
YTD Budget	\$ 1,704,939	\$ 1,665,936
YTD Actual Gift and Fee Income	\$ 1,414,078	\$ 1,386,610
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 1,661,766)	(\$ 1,632,672)
Receipts (Under) Expenses	(\$ 247,688)	(\$ 246,062)

8. 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, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, August 3

- 7:00 p.m. Final Summer Upward Bound, Joseph Coleman's Home

Tuesday, August 4

- 3:00 p.m. Upward Bound Picnic, Montclair Park
- 7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
- 6:45 p.m. Deacons Serve at Rescue Mission

Wednesday, August 5

- 7:00 p.m. Final Summer High Life, Hawkins Home

Thursday, August 6

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

Friday, August 7

- 10:30 a.m. High Life Flickerball, Greene Street Pavillion
- 12:30 p.m. High Life Fry-day, Zaxby's
- 6:30 p.m. Upward Bound Ultimate Friday Night, Greene Street Pavillion

Sunday, August 9

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Officer Training
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

The Old Testament Lesson..... Luke 14:7-11
page 1622 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon - Parable of the Wedding Feast Rev. Chris Florence

I. Our Condition (7, 8)

II. Our Prescription (10, 11)

III. Our Drive (7)