



Announcements

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Steve & Marie Lindenmeyer – Campus Outreach – Thailand

The Lindenmeyers serve on the campus of Khon Kaen University in Thailand. They are primarily involved with evangelizing and discipling university students as well as CO staff development and training. In addition, they helped in the planting of Covenant Church where they are actively involved.

Pray for the salvation of the Thai people. Ask the Lord to use the recent “Friends Forever” retreat as a catalyst in drawing many students to himself. Pray for the 57 non-Christian guys and girls who joined in the fun and fellowship, many of whom were hearing this Good News for the first time. Ask the Lord to protect and provide for this family. The Lindenmeyers have two young sons: Andrew and Aaron. To learn more about the Lindenmeyers, view them in the 2009 Missionary Prayer Guide.

2. NEW ARRIVAL

We congratulate Sarah and David Abuhl on the birth of their second child, Rhea Celine Abuhl, who was born on August 1, in Columbia, South Carolina.

3. 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 next Sunday, 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 volunteer forms. You may also sign up in the Welcome Center. Many thanks to those who have already responded.

6. WOMEN’S RETREAT

Ladies, you are invited to enjoy a weekend away, October 2-4, at Epworth By the Sea Conference Center on St. Simons Island. Participants will learn what it means to find Jesus in the daily “stuff” of life through the Gospel of John. The speaker will be Kathleen Nielson, and the worship leader will be Sheri Smith. Brochures were not mailed out this year, but you can pick one up in the Welcome Center, or you may view it on the church website, www.firstpresaugusta.org, under “Ministries” then “Women.” Invite a friend to join you. Registration is available online or in the Welcome Center and the deadline is August 30. For questions call Debbie Hawkins 706-737-2813, and for scholarship information call Emily Freeman 706-823-2450.

7. WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: JOB: LESSONS IN COMFORT

This fall, the Women's Ministry invites all First Presbyterian ladies to study the book of Job. In this study about Job's suffering, the author, Frances Poston Bennett, explores many of the questions we ask when suffering and teaches how to grow in grace through suffering. Attend on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. in St. Andrew's Hall for worship, small group discussions, fellowship and to consider topics such as "What Do We Need to Know?," "Sometimes it Helps to Have a Friend," "Is God Angry at Me?" and more. The first lesson will begin on September 9 and participants should arrange to pick up the study materials at the Women's Ministry Gathering on September 2 or contact Emily Freeman at efreeman@firstpresaugusta.org or 706-823-2012 to pick up the book. Light refreshments will be served, and nurseries will be available. The study costs \$15 and a copy of the book is available in the Welcome Center to review. Guests are encouraged to attend, so invite someone to participate with you. Evening studies will not meet at the church but in homes throughout Augusta. Please sign up if you are interested in being in an evening group and if you are willing to host one. Sign up sheets for morning and evening are available in The Welcome Center.

8. 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)

9. 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
- 9:45 a.m. Officer Training
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Meeting with Parents
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 11

- 7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer

Thursday, August 13

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

Saturday, August 15

- All Day Civil Air Patrol Exercise, Presbyterian Peninsula Front Gate

Sunday, August 16

- 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..... 2 Peter 1:19-21
page 1894 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - The True Message, Part II Dr. George Robertson

I. The Origin of the Scriptures (20, 21)

A. Interpretations

B. Inspiration

II. The Nature of the Scriptures (19)

A. Certain

B. Enlightening

C. Sufficient