



Announcements

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

David & Erin Pervis - Mission to the World - Bulgaria

The Pervises are part of the MTW church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They assist with the ministries of the church plant in their neighborhood of Mladost and have established an English program as an avenue for evangelism. David's responsibilities include directing the English program, teaching, following up contacts and serving in their church plant. Erin seeks to build relationships through working as an English language coordinator in their children's primary school, and fellowshiping with women in their neighborhood. Pray Bulgarians will have a spiritual awakening, and pray this dear family will have continued open doors to share the gGospel. The Pervis family has just begun a year's home ministry assignment. Pray they will have refreshment of soul, mind and body. David and Erin have two children: Clara and Josiah.

2. WEDDINGS

We express best wishes to Mary Renee Martin and Ryan Matthew Gossage who were united in holy marriage, on April 26, at First Presbyterian Church; and to Crystal Steadman and Jonathan Stamberg who were united in holy marriage, on July 26, at Perimeter Church, in Duluth, Georgia.

3. NEW ARRIVAL

We Congratulate Noah and Julie Roberts on the birth of their first child, Magdalena Grace Roberts, who was born Wednesday, August 6, in Jackson, Mississippi.

4. CANTERBURY CHOIR AUDITIONS

5-minute auditions for third through sixth grade will be held this evening starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

5. COLLECTION FOR ORPHANAGE

The Youth Ministry is collecting items for the Casa Hogar children's orphanage in Acapulco, Mexico. Please visit the church Welcome Center to pick up a list of items that you can donate. You can leave your items in boxes that will be located in the middle school and high school Sunday School classrooms as well as the church Welcome Center until August 24.

6. SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

Beginning today all children and youth in Pre-K through the twelfth grade will go to their new classes. Parents are encouraged to help young children find their new classrooms.

7. WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

Join us for an evening of fellowship on August 27, in St. Andrew's Hall. We will have a time to reconnect after busy summers, learn where we are in the Women's ministries, receive Bible studies for the upcoming year and find out how you can plug into the church through various opportunities designed to unleash your gifting without draining your energy. Please RSVP to jgay@firstpresaugusta.org by August 22. Childcare for children under 4 is available. Please indicate number and ages of children when you RSVP.

8. WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS: A STUDY COURSE IN THE GOSPEL

Join us for a 23-week study beginning this fall in the book of Romans. Romans is a book rich in the Gospel teaching and helps us to discover and appropriately respond to this indescribable gift. Topics include: Overview of the Gospel, Doctrine of Justification and Union with Christ, as well as living out the gospel responses of the heart: idolatry, assurances, gospel application in relationships and forgiveness to name a few. The study begins September 3. We will begin with lesson one on September 3, so if you are unable to attend the Women's Ministry Gathering on August 27 please contact Emily Freeman at efreeman@firstpresaugusta.org or 706-823-2012 to pick up your study. Meetings will take place Wednesday mornings from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:45 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in St. Andrew's Hall. Nurseries will be available and light refreshments will be served. The study costs \$10.

9. LABOR DAY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

The 34th Annual Labor Day event is coming up. Parents please have your children sign up in Sunday School for the events they would like to participate in. Some of the events are as follows: Catechism Bee, Flying Friends, Iceberg Pick Up, Bucket Blast, and the Bucket Brigade with Water just to name a few.

10. ALOF BIBLE STUDY

The *A Life Of Faith* Bible Study for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade will have a kick off party at Miss Kathy's house, Saturday, September 13 from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. All girls and their moms are invited to attend to see what ALOF is all about. At the party you will meet the fictional characters Laylie, Kathleen, Millie, Violet, and Elsie, who will help teach Biblical truths throughout the study. If you plan to attend RSVP to Miss Kathy Jones by Friday, September 12, by calling 803-292-0144.

11. MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS: WHAT WERE WE PUT IN THE WORLD TO DO?

Join us for an 11-week study beginning this fall in the book of Genesis. Topics include: Creation, Paradise Lost, City of Man; City of God and much more. Plan to attend one of the sessions beginning Wednesday, September 3, or Sunday, September 7. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:45 p.m., with nurseries available, and on Sunday evenings from 5 - 6:15 p.m. Classes will be held in various locations within the church. Registration sheets are available in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$5.

12. HELPING OTHERS CHANGE COURSE

Have you ever been at a loss for words when a friend admitted to having trouble in his/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 September 10 Pastor Chris Florence will teach this 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.

13. WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, register today for our Women's Retreat to be held October 3-5 at Epworth By the Sea Conference Center on St. Simons Island. Those women not on our mailing list are invited to pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center. For questions call Debbie Hawkins 706-737-2813 and for scholarship information call Emily Freeman 706-823-2450.

14. 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 July 31, 2008, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
YTD Budget	\$ 1,946,509	\$ 2,113,113
YTD Actual Income	\$ 1,589,382	\$ 1,711,329
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 1,902,580)	(\$ 2,160,158)
(Deficit) Income Over Expenses	(\$ 313,198)	(\$ 448,829)

15. BE A MISSIONARY WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

The Released Time (RT) program brings the Word of God to public school students during the school day. We are presently in five Richmond County Schools and need additional volunteers for this 2008-09 school year. Classes are once a week, either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. A class day is approximately three hours. We urgently need faithful, Christian men and women to volunteer. Call Joy Mullis 706-737-5235 to participate.

16. CHANCEL, CANTERBURY AND HANDBELL CHOIRS

As we begin our new ministry year this month, all are encouraged to consider investing their musical gifts in one of our choirs. The Chancel Choir now rehearses on Thursday nights two or three times per month at 7 p.m. The Canterbury Choir meets Sundays at 5 p.m. The Handbell Choir meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Contact Jonathan McGuire 706-306-7107 or Mallory Sides 706-823-6412 for more information.

34th ANNUAL LABOR DAY FAMILY EVENT
at the Presbyterian Peninsula
Sunday, August 31, 2008

Featuring Paul Roberts and The Fresh Music All-Star Bluegrass Band

Barbeque Tickets On Sale In the Welcome Center
Through August 26 - \$6.50 in advance only.
Small children may share tickets with parents or siblings

Please bring: coolers, chairs, and desserts.

Sign up sheets for desserts are available in AEC's and at the Welcome Center.

Lifeguard on duty from 1:30-4 p.m. for swim area only.

- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Family fun and swimming!
- 4:00 p.m. – Games for families with children, led by Miss Kathy
- 5:00 p.m. – Supper: Barbeque pork, hash and rice, slaw, potato salad, tea
- 6:00 p.m. – Vespers by the lake, led by Pastor George Robertson followed by
Dessert Reception for Miss. Kathy

*For directions to the Presbyterian Peninsula, you may call the church office
at 706-823-2450, or pick up a brochure in the Welcome Center.*

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:30 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
7:30 p.m. Sixth Grade Parents Meeting
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 a.m. MCO Prayer

Wednesday, August 20

6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Singles Leadership Training
All Day International Link Day at the Lake, Presbyterian Peninsula

Sunday, August 24

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:30 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
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer