



# Announcements

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

## 1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Steve & Amy Robertson – Mission to the World – Mexico

After a two-year internship, with an MTW church planting team in Mexico, Steve and Amy returned to the States in 2002, so that Steve could receive more pastoral training at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. In July 2007, the Robertsons returned to the field moving to Guadalajara, Mexico, where they serve alongside their team in church planting and leadership development. They pray God will use their team to build biblically solid churches that will multiply throughout their city, and that God will enable them to disciple men and their families in a faithful walk with Christ. Pray the Robertsons will be salt and light to the people around them. Pray God will provide for and protect them. The Robertsons have three children: Joseph, Mary Beth, and Johnny.

## 2. COLLECTION FOR ORPHANAGE

Today is the last day to donate items to the Casa Hogar children's orphanage in Acapulco, Mexico. Please leave your items in the middle school or high school Sunday School classrooms or in the church Welcome Center. Call the youth office at (706) 823-2465 if you have any questions.

## 3. YOUTH MINISTRY FALL KICKOFFS

Upward Bound will have a Back to School Bash on August 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Greene Street Pavilion (across the street from the church). All sixth to eighth grade students are invited to hang out and play games. Bring your friends and \$2 for dinner. High Life will kick off the school year with a Pig Jig on August 27 at the Riverwood Plantation Barn. We will have square dancing and barbeque from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for all high school students. Bring \$3 for food and dress like a hillbilly.

## 4. WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

Join us for an evening of fellowship on August 27, in St. Andrew's Hall. There will be a time to reconnect after busy summers, learn what is planned for 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](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org) by August 22. Childcare for children under age 4 is available. Please indicate number and ages of children when you RSVP.

## 5. 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](mailto: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.

## 6. LABOR DAY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day event is quickly approaching on Sunday, August 31 at the Presbyterian Peninsula. 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.

## 7. 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 Inquirer's class. Our next class begins with supper on Friday night September 5 at 6:30 p.m. The following six Sundays during the Sunday School hour the Pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision and opportunities to serve in the church. Please call Joan at 706-823-2455 or email [jgay@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org) if you would like to attend.

## 8. 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.

## 9. MEN'S CHORUS

The music ministry invites all men to participate in a men's chorus on Sunday morning, September 7. All men are welcome to sing. The chorus will sing for both services, and will leave the late service after the anthem (about 11:30 a.m.). Music will be fun and easy. There will be one rehearsal on Thursday, September 4, 7-8 p.m. For more information, please call or email Jonathan McGuire. 706-306-7107 or [mccuire.jonathan@gmail.com](mailto:mccuire.jonathan@gmail.com).

## 10. 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](mailto:jgay@firstpresaugusta.org).

## 11. 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.

## 12. LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM SEMINAR

The Lifestyle Evangelism Seminar, September 19-20, is a three session workshop on learning how to develop a lifestyle of evangelism. Many Christians are intimidated about verbalizing the Gospel or they struggle with knowing how to build Gospel relationships with friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Mike Hearon and Rick Keuroglin will be leading this seminar which is designed to help you learn how to dialogue the Gospel in the context of building relationships. The seminar begins on Friday evening, for dinner and then follows with a Saturday morning training session through lunch. Please contact the church office to reserve your place.

## 13. WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, register today for the 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. 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.

## 34<sup>th</sup> 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  
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer

### **Monday, August 25**

7:00 p.m. Upward Bound Back to School Bash, Greene Street Pavillion

### **Tuesday, August 26**

7:00 a.m. MCO Prayer  
6:00 p.m. Officers' Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Officers' Meeting  
8:30 p.m. CO Meeting at ASU

### **Wednesday, August 27**

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Gathering  
7:00 p.m. High Life Fall Kick-Off (Pig Jig), Riverwood Plantation Barn

### **Thursday, August 28**

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

### **Sunday, August 31**

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  
1:30 p.m. Labor Day Event at Lake  
6:00 p.m. Vespers and Reception for Miss Kathy  
9:00 p.m. CO Prayer