



Announcements

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Mark and Sue Newton - Africa Inland Mission - Kenya

The Newtons work at the Kijabe Hospital in Kenya where Mark serves as an adult and pediatric anesthesiologist. In addition, he has been involved in the development of Kenya's first nurse anesthetist program at Kijabe. Sue is very involved in Tumaini which is a Christian-based children's home for orphans in Kenya. Pray that the Lord will use their efforts to further the advancement of his kingdom. Pray for Mark to have wisdom in overseeing the anesthesia program. Pray for God to provide all that is needed in continuing the efforts at the children's home for orphans. Pray for this family to have all they need to share the love of Christ. The Newtons have five children: Luke, Micah, Anne Louise, Elena, and Ben.

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Bodden and his family on the death of Jim's mother, Bernice Bodden, who died Saturday, October 10, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

3. JOINT AEC, E² EXPO

Explore the ministries of First Presbyterian Church and experience the opportunities available to you today during the Sunday School hour in St. Andrew's Hall. All adults are invited to visit the displays. Each ministry area will have information about how you can participate and serve. Refreshments will be served.

4. HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered tonight, during the evening service. Funds received in the communion envelopes are given to the Diaconate Relief Fund for deeds of mercy within and beyond the congregation.

5. HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

Today is the last opportunity for high school students to sign up for the Re-Ignite Fall Retreat October 30 through November 1. This event will be a time for refreshing worship as students look to the Lord to reignite their passion for Him. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

6. CARE PREGNANCY CENTER TRAINING

The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center will be conducting volunteer training October 22-24. This training will equip attendees with the basic concepts in crisis counseling from a biblical perspective. The cost for the training is \$30. Please call the center at 706-724-5531 for more information or to register.

7. UPWARD BOUND FALL RETREAT

This year, middle school students have the opportunity to go on a fall retreat. The Upward Bound Fall Retreat will be November 6 through 8 at the Presbyterian Peninsula. This event is designed to give students a refreshing time of renewing their faith. The registration deadline is October 25. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

8. CHILDREN'S COSTUME CARNIVAL

The Children's Ministry Costume Carnival will be October 31 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The carnival will take place at the Greene Street Pavilion (across the street from the church). The cost is only \$1 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Activities will include a hay stack find, pumpkin ring toss, a moonwalk and a dunking booth!

9. MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT, NOVEMBER 4

All men are invited to attend a gathering on November 4 at 7 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments, and Pastor George Robertson will begin the evening by addressing why it is important to have a men's ministry in the church. The guest speaker will be Dan Wilson, Director of Harvest USA's Mid-South Region based in Chattanooga. Harvest USA's purpose is to partner with and equip the church in bringing the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin.

10. AGAPE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE Ministries continues spreading the gospel downtown through relational ministry on two days during the fall: Saturday, November 7 and December 5. AGAPE builds relationships with downtown residents, and through those relationships shares the glory of the gospel. All you need to participate is faith, trust and the willingness to leave your comfort zone to share the love of Christ. Please call Rick Hardy, 706-667-0407, for further information.

11. WESTMINSTER VISION FOR 2020

Would you like to learn more about the ministry of Westminster Schools? All are invited to a complimentary Snack Supper at 5:15 p.m. on Sunday November 15, in St. Andrew's Hall to hear from headmaster Steve O'Neil as he shares about Westminster's Vision for 2020. A question and answer time will follow for parents interested in learning more about the admissions process, the First Presbyterian member discount, and financial aid. Childcare will be provided for ages 3 and younger. RSVP to Aimee Lynch at alynch@wsa.net or 706-731-5260 ext. 2220.

REFORMATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

6:30 p.m. – Combined Worship Service
Celebrating God's grace to the Church of Jesus Christ, reformed
and always reforming to the Word of God.
Pulpit Guest – Dr. Paul Kooistra, Coordinator, Mission to the World
PCA churches throughout the CSRA will be
worshipping with us and participating in the service.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Joint AEC, E² Ministry Expo, St. Andrew's Hall
9:45 a.m. Officer Training
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Session Shepherding Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
5:00 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Monday, October 19

7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
5:45 p.m. Downtown Children's Bible Study
8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting at ASU

Wednesday, October 21

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall
7:00 p.m. Relational Wars and the Gospel Course

Thursday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Officer Training
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Reformation Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
5:00 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour
6:30 p.m. Combined Reformation Service, Sanctuary
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

The New Testament Lesson.....2 Peter 3:17, 18
page 1897 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Grow in Grace.....Dr. George Robertson

I. Memory

- A. New Life (1:1)
- B. Organic vs. Additive (1:5-7)
- C. Gradual (1:8)
- D. Why (1:10-11)

II. Means

- A. Bible and Prayer
- B. Meditation and Avoidance
- C. Rest and Play

III. Measures

- A. Unstable vs. Knowledge (1:2, 3; 3:16)
- B. Confused vs. Groaning (1:8)
- C. Exhibitionism vs. Investment (2)
- D. Excitement vs. Plodding (3:8, 9)