



Announcements

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Bill and Elaine Pearson – Christian Medical and Dental Association – Boston
Bill serves as the Boston area director for CMDA. He teaches Gross Anatomy part time at Harvard Medical School and Boston University School of Medicine. In addition, Bill and family are involved in the life of Park Street Church where Bill serves as an Elder. Pray that God gives the team abundant grace to enable many students to become followers of Jesus, to be trained as healers in His name, and to enable others to do the same. Pray for God's protection and provision for Bill and Elaine's marriage and for their daughters: Mallory, Caitlyn, Grace, Hannah and Emma.

2. PULPIT GUEST

We are pleased to have Dr. Paul Kooistra as the pulpit guest in our services today. Dr. Kooistra is the Coordinator of Mission to the World. He has previously served as President of Covenant Theological Seminary and as a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and at Bellhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, in addition to serving in pastoral roles in Florida. He is the author of the following devotionals: *31 Days of Grace*; *Following God: His Will for Your Life*; *Supper's Ready*; *Pursuit of Joy*; and *Faith Promise*. Dr. Kooistra is a long-time friend of First Presbyterian, and he is accompanied by his wife, Sandi, whom he married in August of this year.

3. MISSIONARY PRAYER HOUR

Please plan to attend the Missionary Prayer Hour this afternoon at 5:15 p.m. in the Eve Room as we pray for missionaries ministering around the world, including those sent out by us and those in very hard places. Amy and Doug Nunziato will be the guest speakers this month.

4. UPWARD BOUND FALL RETREAT

Today is the last opportunity for middle school students to sign up for the Fall Retreat, November 6 through 8 at the Presbyterian Peninsula. This trip is designed to give students a refreshing time of renewing their faith. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

5. CHILDREN'S COSTUME CARNIVAL

The Children's Ministry Costume Carnival will be this Saturday, 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!

6. 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.

7. AGAPE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE Ministries continues spreading the gospel downtown through relational ministry on two Saturdays this fall: 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.

8. 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 SERVICE TONIGHT

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

Monday, October 26

7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
5:45 p.m. Downtown Children's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Officers' Dinner
7:00 p.m. Officers' Meeting
8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting at ASU

Wednesday, October 28

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 29

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

Saturday, October 31

4:30 p.m. Costume Carnival

Sunday, November 1

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
5:00 p.m. Session Shepherding Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

The Old Testament Lesson.....Genesis 32:22-32
page 53 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Giving Up..... Dr. Paul Kooistra