



Announcements

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

David and Erin Pervis - Mission to the World - Bulgaria

David and Erin and their two children serve with a church planting effort in Sophia, Bulgaria. Pray that the remainder of their Home Ministry Assignment will be an encouragement to them. Pray that God will supply the additional support by churches and individuals that they need in order to return to Bulgaria. Pray for the spiritual growth of the Mladost Church. Continue to pray for the Pervis family to keep their eyes on Christ and that he would use their extended time in the States to refresh and renew them for the work ahead. Pray for God to bless and strengthen their marriage as a place where the gospel is lived out. Pray for Erin as she home-schools their children, Clara and Josiah.

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Maxine Duncan and the family of John Duncan, who died Saturday, October 24 in Augusta.

3. WEDDING

We congratulate Mary Beth Wiggins and David Perpall who were married on October 24 at First Presbyterian Church of Augusta.

4. CHANCEL CHOIR AND HANDBELL DIRECTOR

Paul J. Owen has accepted the part-time position of Chancel Choir and Handbell Director. Paul is employed full-time at Westminster Schools of Augusta as Department Chair, responsible for Theatre, Instrumental Music and Chapel Director. He was Choral Director at WSA for eight years. Paul and his wife Amy have five children and live in Grovetown. Please welcome them as they enter into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. DOWNTOWN CHILDREN PURSUING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Rick Keuroglan, Director of Evangelism, is requesting the congregation's help in ministering alongside the Olde Town neighborhood children in a street clean-up on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. - noon. These are children who are being discipled by the members of the Downtown Parish. As their hearts and minds are being transformed by the gospel, the children desire to transform their neighborhood. The work crew will assemble at Heritage Academy and go out in teams. Participants are asked to bring work gloves, trash bags and gas-powered lawn equipment. A sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Center, and you may contact Rick at 864-337-1300 or rickkeuroglan@yahoo.com for additional 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.

9. BICYCLE DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR DOWNTOWN CHILDREN

Many of the children participating in the Bible study led by Downtown Parish members do not have bicycles; in fact, many of their parents do not own transportation at all. It would be a great demonstration of God's love to provide these children with new or pre-owned bikes. Rick Keuroglan is collecting bikes of all types and sizes in good working condition. A sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Center, and you may contact Rick at 864-337-1300 or rickkeuroglan@yahoo.com for additional information.

10. High Life Winter Retreat

The High Life Winter Retreat is January 15-18, 2010. The high school students are going skiing this year at Winterplace in West Virginia. This trip promises to be an exciting time where students will have the opportunity to grow in their faith as they create memories together. The early registration deadline is November 29. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

11. VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you volunteer in the Nursery, Children or Youth Ministries and have not completed background check paperwork, please see Sherryl Gaffney today. She will be in the Welcome Center during the Sunday School hour. If you are unable to see her at this time, please call her at 706-691-5765 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your time, as this paperwork is an important component to ensuring the safety of our children.



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
5:00 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

Monday, November 2

7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. High Life, Telfair Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Event

Thursday, November 5

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

Sunday, November 8

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. Frontline Prayer & Snack Supper
5:00 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
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

FUTURE EVENTS

Thanksgiving ServiceSunday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.
Love Gift Dinner & Service Sunday, December 6, Dinner: 6 p.m.; Service: 7 p.m.
Christmas Evensong Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service Thursday, December 24, 5 & 7 p.m.

The Old Testament Lesson..... Hebrews 10:39-11:1
page 1874 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Transcendent Faith Dr. George Robertson

I. Conviction of What is Unseen (1)

II. Certainty of What is Hoped For (1)

A. Return

B. Resurrection

C. Restoration

D. Removal of Guilt