



# Announcements

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

## 1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

In Harms Way - Asia

Pray for this couple and their baby daughter as they seek to share Christ with students on a large campus in Asia. Pray they will be winsome in their approach to the students. Pray for God to protect and provide for all their needs. Pray for a massive turning to Christ by the people groups throughout all of Asia. Pray for more workers to join this effort in sharing the Gospel.

## 2. NEW ARRIVAL

We congratulate Michelle and Dan Nunziato on the birth of their third child, Tristan Joel Nunziato, who was born on November 13 in Augusta.

## 3. FAMILY SKI TRIP MEETING

Parents of youth and children who have expressed an interest in a possible ski trip to Salt Lake City, Utah (President's Day weekend, February 12-15) are invited to attend the informational meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this family ski trip would be to nurture fellowship among families and to support Daniel and Stephanie McKinney in their ministry in Salt Lake City. The meeting will take place in the Eve Room. Please attend if you are interested in learning more.

## 4. CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## 5. 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 next Sunday, November 29. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at [www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth](http://www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth).

## 6. CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFT DINNER

Plan now to attend our annual Christmas Love Gift Dinner on Sunday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall. The theme of the Love Gift Dinner is "Restoring People Through Mercy." This year's Love Gift will be used to help fund our mercy ministry fund. Children will attend the dinner with their parents with the exception of those who are normally in the nursery. Each family is asked to provide a large portion in a **disposable container** to feed 20 people of the following menu item, according to last name: A-F—starch (potato salad, macaroni and cheese, rice dishes, etc.); G-I—gelatin dishes, fruit salad, etc; J-M—green salad or cold vegetable dish; N-R—hot vegetable or vegetable casserole; S-Z, dessert.

### **7. CROWN FINANCIAL SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**

First Presbyterian will offer the Crown Financial Small Group adult Bible studies to the congregation during the winter of 2010. The 10-week study includes topics of work, spending, debt, budgeting, giving, saving, investing, and training children to manage money. Small groups will meet in the evening beginning the week of January 10, 2010. The church nursery will be available for small children during the Wednesday evening small group that will meet at the church. To register, please plan to attend your choice of one of the following Crown Financial Information and Registration meetings in the Telfair Room on Sunday morning, December 6, 9:45-10:45 a.m. or Sunday evening, December 6, 6-6:30 p.m. Please note: The deadline for registration and purchase of the study material is Sunday, December 6. The material cost is \$45 for a single or \$55 for a couple. For more information, please call Al Barone at 803-279-7695.

### **8. HANDBELL CHOIR**

All interested in joining the Handbell Choir are encouraged to contact Paul Roberts at 706-364-3551.

### **9. AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM OPERATORS**

The Audio/Video Ministry is seeking men and women who are interested in becoming part of our operations team. Both experienced and inexperienced people are welcome. Please contact Paul Roberts at 706-364-3551.

### **10. 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](mailto:rickkeuroglan@yahoo.com) for additional information.

## 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. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations  
5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour  
5:30 p.m. Family Ski Trip Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service, Sanctuary  
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

### Monday, November 23

7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Upward Bound, Westminster

### Tuesday, November 24

6:00 a.m. High School Prayer, Myers Home  
7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer  
5:45 p.m. Downtown Children's Bible Study

### Thursday, November 26

All Day Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

### Friday, November 27

All Day Church Offices Closed

### Sunday, November 29

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. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations  
5:00 p.m. Children's 5th Sunday Praise & Worship, St. Andrew's Hall  
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

### FUTURE EVENTS

Love Gift Dinner & Service ..... Sunday, December 6, Dinner: 6 p.m.  
Christmas Evensong Lessons & Carols ..... Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service ..... Thursday, December 24, 5 & 7 p.m.  
A Merry Medieval Christmas ..... Sunday, December 27, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

The New Testament Lesson.....James 1:2-8  
*page 1880 in the pew Bible*

**The Response**

This is the Word of God.

**Thanks be to you, O God.**

**The Sermon** - Significant Suffering .....Dr. George Robertson

I. Consider Suffering to be Joy (2-4)

A. Testing Produces Perseverance

B. Perseverance Produces Maturity

II. Pray for Wisdom in Suffering (4-8)

A. Confidently (5)

B. Thankfully (6-8)