



Announcements

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Guillermo and Jennie Salinas – Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship – Mexico

Pray for the Salinases to have continued open doors to share the gospel with the people in Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Praise God that the head of their county has professed Christ and knows that God is the solution to all the vicious crime in the area. Pray that each member of their family would continue to grow in commitment to serve the Lord in the areas they are gifted. Pray for safety and protection in a very volatile situation. There is much crime in their area and Guillermo has a heavy travel schedule which leaves Jennie and the children at home by themselves. Pray that God will provide for their needs in this time of economic crisis. Pray for their children, Sarah, Amanda, Guillermo Jr. and Stephanie.

2. HIGH LIFE WINTER RETREAT

Today is the early deadline for the High Life Winter Retreat on 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. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the *What's Going* On page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth. Sign up today!

3. SPECIAL SCHEDULE IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please make a note of the following schedule changes during the Sunday evening service:

November 29: PreK–Fifth Grade exit for Fifth Sunday Praise/Worship

December 6: PreK–Fifth Grade remain with parents for the Christmas Love Gift Dinner

December 13: PreK–Fifth Grade remain with parents for the Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 20: PreK–Second Grade exit for movie night

4. 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.

5. 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 a.m. or Sunday evening, December 6, 5:15 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.

6. 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.



OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
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

Monday, November 30

- 7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer
7:00 p.m. Last Upward Bound for 2009, Westminster

Tuesday, December 1

- 6:00 a.m. Last High School Prayer for 2009, Myers Home
7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
5:45 p.m. Downtown Children's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2

- 7:00 p.m. Last High Life for 2009, Telfair Hall

Thursday, December 3

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour
5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 6

- 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
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations
6:00 p.m. High Life Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. Love Gift Dinner, St. Andrew's Hall

FUTURE EVENTS

- Love Gift Dinner..... 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.....Romans 5:1-5
page 1752 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - How to Hope..... Rev. Berry Hudson

I. Promise (1-2)

II. Process (3-4)

III. Proof (5)