



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Andy and Ilene Sanders – Christian Medical & Dental Association – Augusta

The Sanders serve with CMDA Augusta which seeks to advance God's Kingdom first by ministering to the large medical and dental community in our area. The ministry also seeks to advance God's Kingdom into unreached parts of the world, using the partnership of medical/dental missions with mature church planting ministries in foreign lands. Pray for God to use Andy and Ilene in reaching the medical community in our area. Pray for the Lord to open more opportunities for CMDA Augusta to help advance the gospel to unreached people groups through mission teams and for their partnerships with the ministries they serve to mature under God's guidance. Andy and Ilene's family includes five children: Adam and his wife Millie, Aaron and his wife Rachel, Sarah, Andrew, and Jonathan.

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Claire and Glen Jackson and family on the death of Claire's mother, Doris Arline, who died November 28 in Augusta; and to Lynn and Cliff Eckles and family on the death of Cliff's mother, Mary B. Eckles, who died November 30 in Statesboro, Georgia.

3. SPECIAL SCHEDULE IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

Please join us for the annual Christmas Love Gift Dinner tonight 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. Nursery children should be fed prior to arrival. 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. YOUTH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Following the worship services this Sunday and next, students from the Youth Ministry will be standing at the sanctuary doors to collect money to join the efforts of the Urban Mobilization Team and provide Christmas gifts for downtown children. Thank you for your generosity towards this effort.

6. 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 this morning at 9:45 a.m. or this evening at 5:15 p.m. Please note: Today is the deadline for registration and purchase of the study material. The material cost is \$45 for a single or \$55 for a couple. For more information, please call Al Barone, 803-279-7695.

7. YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES THIS WEEK

The High Life Christmas party will be in Telfair Hall tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (during the Love Gift dinner). Students need \$5 for dinner. The Upward Bound Christmas party will be Saturday, December 12 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Students need \$4 for dinner. Students will be dropped off and picked up in the Dairy Queen parking lot on Washington Road, and the party will take place at the Presbyterian Peninsula.

8. A MERRY MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS

On December 27 at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian will present a live dramatic portrayal of biblical Creation, Fall and Incarnation as originally enacted by 14th century English villagers in town squares. As other Christmas activities have drawn to a close, A Merry Medieval Christmas will provide a warm and entertaining reminder of the meaning of Christmas. Original music will be provided by theater orchestra. Admission is free, but tickets are required, and are available in the Welcome Center beginning today, or you may call 706-823-6412 for ticket information.

9. 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 registration deadline is December 13. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the "What's Going On" page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth.

10. 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
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. High Life Christmas Party, Telfair Hall
6:00 p.m. Love Gift Dinner, St. Andrew's Hall

Monday, December 7

7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer
5:45 p.m. Downtown Children's Bible Study

Thursday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 12

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
2:30 p.m. Upward Bound Christmas Party, Presbyterian Peninsula

Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Evensong Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Christmas Evensong Lessons & Carol Service

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Evensong Lessons & Carols..... Sunday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services Thursday, December 24, 5 & 7 p.m.
A Merry Medieval Christmas..... Sunday, December 27, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Officer Elections Sunday, January 10, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
Bible & Missionary Conference March 14-21, 2010

The New Testament Lesson..... Matthew 5:7, 9
page 1501 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Dignified Duty According to Jesus Dr. George Robertson

I. Showing Mercy (7)

A. Distinction from Grace

B. Definition of Christian

C. Debtors to Mercy

II. Making Peace (9)

A. Distinction from Appeasement

B. Definition of Christian

C. Debtors to God's Peace