



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Jamie Smith – Campus Outreach – South Africa

Jamie serves with the Campus Outreach Johannesburg team where she ministers on the campus of Wits University. Jamie has been involved with Campus Outreach for the last 19 years and has ministered in South Africa the past six. After much prayer the Lord has directed her steps in a new direction and she will leave CO in June of 2010. Pray for God to continue to reveal his will for her life. Pray that God would use her gifts and abilities to further his kingdom's work. Pray for eternally significant work to continue in South Africa. Pray that Jamie's move back to the US will be used by God for the emotional, physical and spiritual healing of her entire family.

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Patti and Jim Bodden and family on the death of Jim's father, Hugh Bodden, who died Sunday, December 6, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

3. SPECIAL SCHEDULE IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

December 20: PreK–Second Grade exit for movie night

4. YOUTH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Today is the last day to donate to the youth Christmas collection. Following the worship services today, 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 toward this effort.

5. EVENSONG SERVICE TONIGHT, 6:30 P.M.

Please plan to return tonight for our Evensong Service, which will include Christmas lessons and carols for the congregation led by the Chancel Choir, Canterbury Choir, a tenor soloist, chamber orchestra and organ. Dr. Robertson will preach from Psalm 90, "God's Costly Answer to Man's Greatest Needs, Part 2." For this special service, children in Pre-K through fifth grade will remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

6. HIGH LIFE WINTER RETREAT

Today is the deadline to register 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.

7. YEAR END GIVING

The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, to receive year-end contributions. Please remember that if you desire to receive contribution credit for a gift in 2009, the gift must be received by the church office before closing on December 31, or (if mailed) the envelope containing the check must be postmarked no later than December 31. If you are giving through the online service, please plan to post your gift online by December 27 to allow four business days to process. New gift cards are in the pew racks if you would like the church to manually process your credit card gift. Please call the church office, 706-823-2450, for account information if you would like to give a gift of stock or mutual funds.

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. PCA CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Gifts to the Christmas Offering for Ministerial Relief from individuals, churches and Sunday School classes enable Ministerial Relief to assist needy retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children. Presently, over four hundred potential relief recipients are being monitored. Applications for assistance from the Ministerial Relief Fund are carefully and confidentially reviewed. Gifts from the Relief Fund are given on the basis of need for a specified time period. A brochure and envelope are provided today, and more information is available at www.pcarbi.org.

10. SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2010, please call the church office to reserve a date.

11. 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.



2009 BUDGET GIVING GOAL

Year to Date Actual Giving: \$2,782,734

Ways to support your church ministries:

- Gifts of Cash
- Gifts of Securities
- Bequests
- Online Giving

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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. Evensong Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Christmas Evensong Lessons & Carols Service

Monday, December 14

7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Tuesday, December 15

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

Thursday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour
5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Trinity Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Eve Services Thursday, December 24, 5 & 7 p.m.
A Merry Medieval Christmas.....Sunday, December 27, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Officer ElectionsSunday, January 10, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
Bible & Missionary ConferenceMarch 14-21, 2010

The New Testament Lesson.....Matthew 5:10-12; 43-47
page 1501 & 1503 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Lawless Love According to JesusDr. George Robertson

I. Defy the Law of Self (10-12)

A. Die to “rights” of comfort

B. Die to “rights” of retaliation

II. Defy the Law of Others (43-48)

A. Love Even Enemies

B. Pray Even for Persecutors