



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

In Harms Way - Asia

Pray for protection for this couple and their two sons who seek to serve Christ in a remote region of Asia. Pray they will make the necessary adjustments in living in this difficult area. Pray against discouragement, depression, loneliness and homesickness. Pray God will open doors of ministry within this people group. Pray for freedom to preach the Gospel, and pray for open hearts of those who hear it preached. Pray this couple's two sons will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and this entire family will be an aroma of Christ to all they meet.

2. CHRISTMAS MERCY GIFT

Following the worship services today, students from the Youth Ministry will be standing at the sanctuary doors to collect money for a Christmas Mercy Gift. Money collected will be used to provide special Christmas gifts to those in need. Thank you for your generosity towards this effort.

3. HIGH LIFE MYSTERY TRIP

High Life's Mystery Trip is January 16-19. Today is the final day to sign up and receive the early bird price. This is High Life's Financial Crisis Mystery Trip, so take advantage of the best price by turning in your registration form today. Extra registration forms are available in the church Welcome Center.

4. CROWN FINANCIAL SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

First Presbyterian Church will offer Crown Financial Small Group Adult Bible Studies to the congregation this winter. The ten-week study includes topics of work, spending, debt, budgeting, giving, saving, investing, and training children to manage money. Small groups will meet starting the week of January 12 as follows: Tuesday evenings, at the home of John and Laura Pareizs, and Wednesday evenings at the church. For the convenience of families with small children, the church nursery will be available for the Wednesday evening small groups at the church. To register, please plan to attend the Crown Financial Information and Registration meeting on Sunday morning, December 21, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Session Room. The deadline for registration and purchase of the study material is Sunday, December 21. The material cost is \$45 for a single or \$55 for a couple. For more information, or if you are unable to attend the Crown Financial Information and Registration meeting, please call Ike Holton at 706-860-2347.

5. WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS OF AUGUSTA OPEN HOUSE

Westminster Schools of Augusta will be holding their annual Open House on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 pm. Come hear about Westminster's exceptional Christ-centered college preparatory PK - 12th grade curriculum. Meet teachers and tour the campus. RSVP at 706-731-5260 ext. 2220 or email alynch@wsa.net

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. If you are interested contact Paul Roberts at 706-364-3551.

7. YEAR END GIVING

The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 to receive any year-end contributions. Please remember that if you desire to receive contribution credit for a gift in 2008 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 on-line service please plan to post your gift on-line by December 24 to allow four business days to process.

8. MINISTRY FUNDS MONTHLY UPDATE

The church's ministries are funded by the gifts of our members and friends. We are grateful for God's ongoing provision through those gifts! As of November 30, 2008, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
YTD Budget	\$ 3,058,800	\$ 3,329,773
YTD Actual Income	\$ 2,661,475	\$ 2,804,155
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 2,968,448)	(\$ 3,253,055)
(Deficit) Income Over Expenses	(\$ 306,973)	(\$ 448,900)

9. CHURCH WEBSITE

Take a moment to explore our newly redesigned and updated website at www.firstpresaugusta.org. Some of the new features of our website include: online giving, an easily accessible church calendar, a suggested resource section, an explanation of sanctuary symbols, past sermons for downloading, a newly designed members section, and much more.

JOIN US TONIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVENSONG
Service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Plan to attend our annual Christmas Evensong. This year's celebration will feature traditional Christmas carols sung by the adult and children's choirs and the congregation, and a homily delivered by Dr. George Robertson.

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
6:30 p.m. Evensong, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer

Thursday, December 18

6:30 p.m. Trinity Class Christmas Fellowship, St. Andrew's Hall

Sunday, December 21

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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Service - Wednesday, December 24 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Pastors

George RobertsonSenior Pastor
 Christopher FlorenceAssociate Pastor, Nurture & Administration
 John FranksAssociate Pastor, Family Nurture
 Peter LetchfordPastoral Associate, Pastoral Care
 Robert VasholzPastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

Ministry Directors

John BarrettExecutive Director of Discipleship
 Mike Hearon Executive Director of Outreach
 Rick KeuroglanDirector of Evangelism
 Emily FreemanDirector of Women’s Discipleship
 Cassie Dankovich.....Women’s Coordinator, Youth Ministry
 Jay Miller Director, Youth Ministry
 Kay Harris Children’s Ministry
 Paul Roberts Music Ministry
 Jonathan McGuire Choir
 Clark Newton Medical Campus Outreach
 Kevin Figgins Pastoral Intern
 Anne Clark Women’s Ministry

Session

Gary Beaudreau	Jim Clark	Gerald Killian	Bruce Van Peurse
Gene Betts	Billy English	Ken Lanclos	Mike Watts
Jim Bodden	Mike Harris	Sean Lynch	David Whitcomb
Sylvester Brown	Ike Holton	Jerry Miller	Skip Wiggins
Jim Carroll	Ron Jeffcoat	Byron Morris	

Diaconate

Sam Acevedo	Jeff Drake	Troy Lorier	Frank Stafford
Phil Ames	Jim Gensheer	Daren Marionneaux	Eric Swierski
Reda Bassali	David Haburchak	Bobby Massucco	Dexter Walker
Breck Brigham	Lester Harper	Jason Medlin	Walter Welborn
Todd Brown	Glen Johnson	Tony Musgrove	Don Williamson
Michael Byars	Tommy Jones	David Nye	Matt Willis
Tony DiRenzo	Dave Kassner	Michael Robinson (<i>chair</i>)	
George Downs	Al LaFavor	Bill Rogers	

