



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

John and Allison Smith – Serving in Mission – Kenya

Pray for a good conclusion to the Smiths' Home Ministry Assignment. They will leave January 6, 2010 for their return to Kenya. John will be serving in a new position as Church Ministries Coordinator for SIM Kenya. This will allow John to be out of the office setting, and will allow him to be involved in discipleship and other SIM-related church ministries currently going on in Kenya. Pray for the Lord's help in their future ministry. Pray that they will be sensitive to what God wants them to do, and that he will be their enabler. The Smiths' family includes: Hannah and her husband, Kirk, and new baby Creed Samuel; Ben, Daniel and Nathan.

2. SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Mike Watts and his family on the death of his mother, Lottie Cleo Watts, who died Thursday, December 10.

3. NEW ARRIVAL

We congratulate Lauren and Emory Patterson on the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Katherine Patterson, who was born Monday, December 7, and Jessica and Eric Chou on the birth of their second child, Jasmine Kathleen Chou, who was born Tuesday, December 15.

4. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM THIS EVENING

During this evening's worship service, children in pre-k through fifth grade are invited to exit the service for a special Christmas movie night.

5. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, 5 AND 7 P.M.

This year marks the 197th anniversary of Christmas Eve services in our historic sanctuary. The Family Service at 5 p.m. is especially attractive to those with young children as it will include a children's story time and Canterbury singers. Both the 5 p.m. service and the 7 p.m. Festival Service will include carol singing by the congregation plus harp, brass, organ and a candlelight closing. A nursery will be provided for both services.

6. 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and 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian will present a live dramatic portrayal of biblical Creation, Fall and Incarnation as originally enacted by 14th century English villagers in town squares.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. Nursery will be provided for both presentations. 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.

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. 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.

9. SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

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
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 21

7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Tuesday, December 22

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

Thursday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Service

Friday, December 25

All Day Church Offices Closed for Christmas

Saturday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Drama Rehearsal

Sunday, December 27

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. A Merry Medieval Christmas Dramatic Presentation
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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 5:3, 5
page 1501 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - True Truth According to Jesus.....Dr. George Robertson

I. Meek in Self-Esteem (5)

II. Poor in Spirit (3)