



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Gary & Robin Alward - Campus Outreach - Thailand

Pray for the Alwards as they seek to share Christ with college students on the campus of Khon Kaen University in northeast Thailand. Pray for Gary as he seeks to build relationships with the guys through playing soccer. Ask the Lord to strengthen new believers and equip them to boldly share with others. Pray for Robin as she opens their home and extends Christian hospitality to the students. Pray that the Alwards four children, Robert, Ellie, John and Becca, will see their parents' love for the Savior and they too will joyfully follow Christ.

2. DEATH

Christian Sympathy is extended to Alice Barbee and her family on the death of Alice's husband, Dr. Richard Barbee, who died December 9, in Augusta; and to Margaret Kim and her daughter, Annie Kim, and their family on the death of Margaret's father, Annie's grandfather, John Hardy, who died Sunday, December 14, in Appling, Georgia.

3. INTERESTED IN JOINING?

If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, you are encouraged to attend an Inquirers class. Our next class begins with supper on Friday night, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. The following six Sundays during the Sunday School hour the Pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision and opportunities to serve in the church. Please call Joan at 706-823-2455 or email jgay@firstpresaugusta.org if you would like to attend.

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. Attend and 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE WITH GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor and congregation of Greater Faith Baptist Church have extended an invitation for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church to join them for their New Year's Eve service on December 31, 2008, at 8 p.m. Greater Faith is located at 516 Forsyth Street, near the corner of Telfair and First streets. George Robertson will be the guest preacher.

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

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer

Wednesday, December 24

12:00 Noon Church Offices will Close
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Festival Service

Thursday, December 25

All Day Church Offices Closed

Friday, December 26

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Sunday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Communities, Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour
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 HearonExecutive Director of Outreach
 Rick KeuroglanDirector of Evangelism
 Emily FreemanDirector of Women's Discipleship
 Cassie DankovichWomen's Coordinator, Youth Ministry
 Jay MillerDirector, Youth Ministry
 Kay HarrisChildren's Ministry
 Paul RobertsMusic Ministry
 Jonathan McGuireChoir
 Clark NewtonMedical Campus Outreach
 Kevin FigginsPastoral Intern
 Anne ClarkWomen'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	

