



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

John and Liz - Mission to the World - West Africa

John and Liz work with the West Africa Theological Institute, a non-traditional seminary whose goal is to train and prepare pastors and church leaders throughout West Africa. John serves as treasurer for the MTW missionaries in their country, and in addition he and Liz tend to administrative details involving medical mission teams coming to their area. Pray for wisdom for John and Liz as they handle the administrative aspects of their team. Pray that love and mercy will be their signature as they help organize theological classes and hold medical clinics. Pray for opportunities, boldness, and wisdom as they share the gospel. John and Liz have three children: Barbara and her husband Kevin and three sons, Paul and his wife Gretchen, and daughter Mary who is a member of our church.

2. A MERRY MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION TODAY

Today 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and 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian will present a live dramatic portrayal of biblical Creation, Fall and Incarnation as originally enacted by 14th century English villagers in town squares.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 a theater orchestra. Nursery will be provided for both presentations. Admission is free, but tickets are required, and are available in the Welcome Center.

3. 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.

4. JOINT AEC JANUARY 3

Just before Joshua placed his feet in the Jordan River, God reminded him of the promise, "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you." Please join us next Sunday in St. Andrew's Hall at 9:45 a.m. as we look at the implications of this verse with a view toward the new year and our upcoming missions conference. All adult classes are encouraged to attend.

5. PARENTING TEENS CONFERENCE

West Acres Baptist Church and Crossroads Counseling Center are hosting a free conference on January 15 and 16, 2009, led by Paul David Tripp, speaker and author of *Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens*. This conference will offer biblical wisdom, goals and strategies for parenting during the teen years. Parents of younger children are also strongly encouraged to attend the conference. The teaching on sin, discipline and gospel application are important for even the earliest "age of opportunity." Childcare is provided. Conference check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and the conference runs from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday at West Acres, 555 Gibbs Road, Evans. Information cards are available in the Welcome Center. Please RSVP with West Acres Baptist Church, 706-860-6573 or Melissa@WestAcres.org.

6. SIDE BY SIDE BIBLE STUDY

The Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA) is offering a SideBySide Bible Study at Warren Baptist Church to support and encourage women whose husbands are in medical or dental training. Starting Friday, January 15, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., this weekly study will focus on the lives of 14 different women in the Bible. Childcare is provided without cost by reservation only; call Warren at 706-860-1586 by January 6. For more information, contact Ilene Sanders, ileneroses@gmail.com, or call 706-855-1713.

7. 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.

8. WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE, JANUARY 21

Westminster Schools of Augusta will be holding their annual Open House on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to meet the teachers, tour the campus and hear about Westminster's exceptional Christ-centered college preparatory PK - 12th grade curriculum. There will also be an opportunity to learn about Westminster's new Honors Scholarship program for ninth grade students. To RSVP, please call 706-731-5260 ext. 2220 or email admissions@wsa.net.

9. UPWARD BOUND WINTER RETREAT

The Upward Bound Winter Retreat is planned for February 19-21. Middle school students will travel to Black Mountain, NC and will ski at Beech Mountain. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or on the What's Going On page at www.firstpresaugusta.org/youth. The registration deadline is January 31.

10. SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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



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. A Merry Medieval Christmas Dramatic Presentation
6:30 p.m. A Merry Medieval Christmas Dramatic Presentation

Monday, December 28

7:15 a.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

Tuesday, December 29

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

Friday, January 1

All Day Church Offices Closed for New Year's Day

Sunday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Joint Adult Education Communities, St. Andrew's Hall
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Missions Volunteer Meeting
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

FUTURE EVENTS

Officer ElectionsSunday, January 10, 2010; 6:30 p.m.
Bible & Missionary ConferenceMarch 14-21, 2010

The New Testament Lesson..... Matthew 5:6, 8
page 1501 in the pew Bible

The Response

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to you, O God.

The Sermon - Real Reality According to JesusDr. George Robertson

I. Hunger (6)

II. Purify (8)