



Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008

1. MISSIONARIES IN FOCUS

Charles & Antonine Amicy - Mission to the World - Haiti

Charles and Antonine seek to minister to the people of their home country of Haiti. Charles has worked to establish five churches, four Christian schools, and an orphanage for forty boys who will be trained as future leaders. Pray for the Amicys as they seek to rebuild the mission compound they live on which has suffered the effects of a tropical storm and three hurricanes between August and October 2008. Pray for needed manpower and financial assistance to accomplish this goal of restoration. Pray for the good works that have begun in the churches, schools and orphanage to continue, and that many will hear the name of Jesus and turn to him and be saved. Ask the Lord to provide all that is needed for life and godliness for the Amicys and their four children, Alexandra, Alexander, Alex, and Allen.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 December 21, 2008, this year's totals for unrestricted donations include:

	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
YTD Budget	\$ 3,336,873	\$ 3,632,480
YTD Actual Income	\$ 2,819,560	\$ 3,370,305
YTD Actual Expenses	(\$ 3,120,097)	(\$ 3,479,062)
(Deficit) Income Over Expenses	(\$ 300,537)	(\$ 108,757)

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 30

7:00 a.m. Medical Campus Outreach Prayer

Thursday, January 1

All Day Church Offices Closed

Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Joint AEC
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00 p.m. Campus Outreach Prayer

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.