



Announcements

Sunday, February 19, 2012

1. Missionaries in Focus

Git and Moe Montenegro — Campus Outreach, Thailand

Git and Moe minister to university students at Khon Kaen University in northeast Thailand. Moe works on the campus to evangelize Thai men and to disciple those who come to faith. Git ministers to Christian women who have graduated and are now trying to learn how to have a ministry in their work places. Pray that God would provide some individuals from the U.S. to join their team and teach the children of Campus Outreach workers in Thailand. Git and Moe have three children: Sam, Rae and Lee.

2. New Arrivals

We congratulate Kathy and Will Schafer on the birth of their fifth child, Samuel McLellan Schafer, on January 18 in Augusta.

3. Wedding

We express best wishes to Barbara (Miller) and David Leverett who were married on January 28 in Charleston, South Carolina.

4. Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Jill and Frank Stafford and family on the death of Frank's mother, Carolyn Owens Stafford on February 7 in Augusta.

5. Kindergarten Catechism Begins Today

The Kindergarten Class will begin learning questions 1-10 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism this week during children's church. Each child will be sent home with a list of the questions and answers as well as a CD recording of the questions and answers in song. Parents are encouraged to spend time with their children throughout the week reviewing the question taught each Sunday.

6. Youth Ministry Winter Break Cancellations

Students in grades 6 - 12 will not meet tonight for Discipleship Groups, and Upward Bound will not meet tomorrow night because of winter break in the local schools.

7. Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered next Sunday, February 26, in the evening service. You will have an opportunity to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund.

8. Joint Adult Sunday School on Building GeneroCity Progress, February 26

All adult Sunday School classes will be attending a joint gathering on February 26 to receive an update on Building GeneroCity. Building committee chairman Mike Harris and our staff have been busy meeting with architects to establish the best plan for meeting the strategic objectives of Building GeneroCity with the gifts and pledges God has provided so far. Refreshments will be served.

9. Bible and Missionary Conference, February 27 - March 11

Please prayerfully consider how you will participate in the 2012 Bible and Missionary Conference, February 27 - March 11. The conference theme is "Next Generation," *One generation will commend your works to the next generation; they will tell of your mighty acts* (Psalm 145:4). The guest speaker for the morning services on Sunday, March 6, will be Rev. Stephen Phelan, church planter and pastor of Harbor Mid-City Church in San Diego, California. Dr. Richard Pratt, founder and president of Third Millennium Ministries, will preach in the evening service. Dr. Sandy Willson, senior pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, will be the guest speaker for the Friday night service at 6:30 p.m., and for all three services on Sunday, March 11. You will have opportunities to hear from our missionary guests at the noonday meals on Thursday and Friday in St. Andrew's Hall and at the Friday night café after the evening service in St. Andrew's Hall. For more information and the conference schedule please visit firstpresaugusta.org/missions-conference.

Partnership Development Service Week, February 27 – March 3

As part of our ongoing goal of *Restoring People and Rebuilding Places with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*, this year's Bible and Missionary Conference will include a week-long service component aimed at developing strategic partnerships with existing ministries in the Augusta area.

Bible and Missionary Conference Banquet Tickets on Sale

The Missions Conference Banquet will be Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Rev. Scotty Smith, founding pastor of Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee, will be the evening's speaker. This year's banquet will focus on our Minus 1 Adoption Ministry, with the theme, "A Church for Every Child." Tickets are required and are on sale online, at the giving kiosk, and in the Welcome Center after both morning services and before and after the evening service. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for Pre-K thru second grade, with a family maximum of \$35.

Children's Bible and Missionary Conference

The Children's Ministry will provide a children's program during the evening services on March 7, 9 and 11 of the Bible and Missionary Conference. To make this possible, parents are asked to help according to last name: A-I, Wednesday; J-R, Friday; S-Z, Sunday. If you are available to help, please contact Jessica Tatro, jtatro@firstpresaugusta.org, 706.262.8832.

Children's Bible and Missionary Conference Offering

Children in Pre-K through fifth grades will be assembling snack bags and toiletry bags for First Pres to hand out to the needy in our community. Collection bins will be available outside of each Sunday School classroom from February 26 to March 11. For the snack bags, please bring non-perishable items including single-serving pudding, Vienna sausage, canned fruit (with pop top) raisins, trail mix, tuna and crackers, granola bars, spoons, wet wipes, and small bottled waters, etc. Toiletry items needed are travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste, and washcloths, socks, combs and toothbrushes.

10. Youth Missions Applications

There will be several opportunities for teens to serve in missions this summer. Youth Summer Missions applications are available online at firstpresaugusta.org/youth. Please call the Youth Ministry office for further questions, 706.262.8849.

11. Resources for Parents

Parents are encouraged to visit the church website to obtain devotional and memory verse materials to help their children review throughout the week. Show Me Jesus Sunday School materials (Pre-K - 5 grade) for this spring quarter have been posted on the Children's Ministry web page, firstpresaugusta.org/children.

12. Save the Date: Children's CateQuest, June 12-15

Parents are encouraged to mark their family's summer calendar to include CateQuest from June 12-15. During this fun-filled week, children in kindergarten through fourth grades will review and recite the Westminster Shorter Catechism through high-energy activities and afternoons of reward. Updates will be posted on the church website at firstpresaugusta.org/catequest2012.

Our Weekly Calendar

Today

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, Session Room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 5 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Telfair Room; Contact: Lesley Hamm, 706.262.8831
- 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Young Married Classroom: Lesley Hamm, 706.262.8831
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, February 20

- 7 p.m. Perspectives Class, 623 Building; Contact: Danny Armstrong, 803.221.9609

Tuesday, February 21

- 10 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers, St. Andrew's Hall; Contact: Amy Toney, 803.341.1904
- 7 p.m. Young Adult D-Groups, Various Locations; Contact: Jen Young, 770.891.7882
- 8:30 p.m. Campus Outreach Meeting, Augusta State; Contact: Evan Morgan, 706.331.5886

Wednesday, February 22

- 9 a.m. Women's Bible, St. Andrew's Hall; Contact: Lesley Hamm, 706.262.8831
- 7 p.m. High Life (grades 9-12), Youth Ministry Building;
Contact: Whitney Fee, 706.262.8849

Thursday, February 23

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting, Session Room
- 11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
- 5:45 p.m. New Towne Children's Bible Study

Sunday, February 26

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, Session Room
- 9:45 a.m. Joint Sunday School: Building GeneroCity Update, St. Andrew's Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Downtown Parish Luncheon, Youth Ministry Building
- 5 p.m. Youth Discipleship Groups, Various Locations
- 5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 5 p.m. Session Shepherding Meeting, Session Room
- 5 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Telfair Room; Contact: Lesley Hamm, 706.262.8831
- 5 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Young Married Classroom: Lesley Hamm, 706.262.8831
- 5:15 p.m. Missionary Prayer Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Communion, Sanctuary