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The Second Annual...

Birthdays

- 04 Jennifer Kimbrell
Mike Ladun
- 07 Jake Bailey
- 10 Adelynn Jones
- 11 Sinclair Foster
- 13 Nikki McGraw
- 15 Thomas Steed
- 17 Greg McGraw
Susan Walters
- 18 Harold Hyatt
- 20 Les Yerger
- 21 William Dyer
- 22 Audrey Lammie
- 23 Tony Miller
- 25 Josiah Jones
Jordy Rihl
- 26 Joyce Hyatt
- 27 Madison Steed
- 28 Ryan Dyer

Bible & Missions Conference: Spirit-Filled Ministry

Christ Church, Presbyterian will hold its second annual Bible & Missions Conference February 20–22. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss this weekend centered around God's Word and world evangelization.



Our Bible teacher will be The Reverend Todd Erickson, associate pastor for evangelism and discipleship at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Todd is well known to many of us from his years of youth ministry here in Augusta. Preaching from Acts 19, Rev. Erickson asks: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit?" That was the question that Paul had for those first "disciples" in Ephesus. They had some knowledge of repentance, but their lives had not been transformed by the Gospel. A Spirit-filled life involved in Spirit-filled ministry is certainly what we see in Scripture, but is it a reality in our own lives? In our church? The fascinating story of Paul's ministry in Ephesus provides challenging insights into the work of the Holy Spirit; and leads us to ask what Spirit-filled ministry should look like.



Our missionary speakers are Dr. Louis & Anne Carter serving under SIM, International and the Christian Medical and Dental Association. Louis is a surgeon specializing in plastic and hand surgery and Anne is an operating room registered nurse. They served for a number of years in Africa and now serve in an itinerant ministry teaching missionary and national doctors plastic, reconstructive and hand surgery and operating room procedures in mission hospitals. Dr. Carter received the Surgical Humanitarian Award from the American College of Surgeons in 2011, "in recognition of a veritable lifetime of service to the underserved; spanning nearly five decades, 20 countries and 74 mission trips. Dr. Carter has left a legacy of surgeons, nurses and other medical professionals who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to care for hand injuries, burn [injuries], cleft lips and palates, as well as other correctable debilitating conditions."

Conference Schedule

Friday, February 20	7:00 p.m.	Opening Worship Service with Rev. Todd Erickson
Saturday, February 21	9:00 a.m.	Session with Anne Carter (pastries, coffee, tea & juice)
	6:00 p.m.	Catered Dinner Session (RSVP with Church Office) with Dr. & Mrs. Carter, a Homily by Rev. Erickson; and a Children's Mission Conference with pizza in the Children's Department
Sunday, February 22	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Session for Adults and Youth with Dr. & Mrs. Carter in Covenant Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Rev. Todd Erickson
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship with Rev. Todd Erickson

Anniversaries

- 1 Cathie & Charles McClure
- 4 Betty & Phillip Stacy
- 6 Patty & Brian Marter
- 27 Anne & Gene Gojda

Maintaining Focus on God's Purpose and Priorities in the New Year

Christ Church, Presbyterian (CCP) exists for the great purpose of glorifying the God of heaven and earth. That is why we as individuals were created and redeemed. That is why CCP was planted and has been graciously preserved. Our God delights to display His glory and grace through sinners united to Christ and one another in the fellowship of the Gospel of His Son.

But how are we to order our lives together as a church in light of that great purpose? Or, to put the question differently: what are our priorities in light of that over-arching aim? That is where we have focused in preaching in morning worship throughout the month of January. We have centered our attention on three key biblical priorities: **Gathering in Worship**, **Growing in Community** and **Going in Witness**. To help fasten these priorities more securely in our minds and hearts as we progress through this new year of opportunity, I summarize them for you.

Gathering in Worship. Our number one priority as a congregation is to gather in worship. This is, after all, God's clear prescription for His people in both Old and New Testaments (Exodus. 20:8-11; Hebrews. 10:19-25). He doesn't merely commend corporate worship. He commands it! But worship is so much more than God's prescription. It is our highest privilege. We caught a glimpse of this mind-boggling privilege from Psalm 84, where we found that in worship we are actually welcomed into the very house of the King of the universe, not as mere servants or honored guests, but as family. Through Christ, we are at home in the Father's house, where we experience a small—though splendid—foretaste of the ocean of glory and joy that we will share with the whole number of the redeemed for all eternity in the presence of God Triune. **So, we are to make worship a priority by preparing for and participating fully each Lord's Day in God-centered, Christ-exalting, Word-saturated, Spirit-empowered and heart-gladdening worship.**

Growing in Community. Gathering in worship isn't our only priority, however. It can't be. If we are to glorify and enjoy God as we were intended, we must grow in Christ. We must grow in the community of believers. Saint Paul makes it clear that this is Christ's design and desire for us: "We are to grow up in every way into Him Who is the head, into Christ, from Whom the whole body, joined and held *together* by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body *grow* so that it builds itself up in love" (Ephesians. 4:15b-16; emphasis added). Christ's priority for us is that we *grow* in Him—and we do this *together* as a body, when each member is equipped for and engaged in ministry within the body. **Thus, it is both the duty and privilege of every member to find his or her part—and be fully engaged for the sake of the building up of the body.** Only then will we grow as Christ desires for the health and happiness of the church.

Going in Witness. Jesus' commission of His disciples—intended for true followers of Jesus in all ages—makes it absolutely clear that witness is a top priority for the church: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19a). Further, Jesus declares, "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8b-c). The One with all authority has given us a clear assignment with the marvelous assurance of His presence and power to enable us to carry out His great mission.

This priority of going in witness includes both local and global outreach, and every believer at CCP has a part to play. A wonderful way to be involved in local outreach is through Everyday Evangelism (EV2), which is beginning on February 10. This provides an opportunity for members to be further equipped for and engaged in sharing the Gospel of Christ in our community. Beyond our EV2 ministry, CCP will seek to provide ongoing opportunities throughout the year for equipping believers to share their faith in their sphere of influence, winsomely, clearly and confidently. Everyone has a part to play in global outreach as well. For some, this may involve accepting the call to go to a distant land. For others, this will involve sending and supporting those who hear and heed that call. During this year's Bible and Missions Conference, won't you join me in prayerfully seeking how we might more fully and faithfully carry out our part in Gospel witness both near and far in the power of the Spirit?

Much more could be said about each of these priorities—and, I trust, will be said in time to come. For now, however, I ask you to do three simple things. First, please set these priorities before the Lord in prayer, asking the Spirit of God to help you see where your priorities are not aligned with His and to enable you to make practical adjustments where He would have you. Second, please pray for me and the Session of CCP that we might be directed and enabled by the Spirit of God to provide exemplary, equipping and empowering leadership in the key areas of worship, Christian education, body-life and outreach. Third, please commit before the Lord, to prepare for and participate fully in worship; to be equipped for and engaged in ministry within the body, as training and ministry opportunities are provided; and to find your part in both the local and global outreach of CCP.

May God enable us as a local expression of the blood-bought church of Jesus Christ to glorify God by gathering in worship, growing in community and going in witness to our neighbors, the CSRA, and the world.

Everyday Evangelism

Everyday Evangelism (EV2) is a ministry that trains people—just like you—how to share their faith in Christ. Building on the Share Your Faith Workshop, EV2 utilizes a variety of components including prayer, on-the-job training where the experienced lead the inexperienced, and the principle of spiritual multiplication. In the Book of Acts we read that the disciples “multiplied” and “multiplied exceedingly.” This shift from addition to spiritual multiplication offers the one real hope of sharing the Gospel with a world population that is, itself, continually multiplying.

If you are interested in being further equipped to share the Good News and want to be a part of Christ Church’s Gospel outreach, join us on Tuesday evenings beginning February 10 at 6:30 p.m. for seven weeks where we will be spending time in preparatory devotions, classroom instruction and boots-on-the-ground training/evangelism. Scripture verses, stories and transitions will strengthen each person’s ability to communicate the Gospel message. We have the best news in all the world. Let us be a church equipped for and engaged in sharing that life-transforming, eternity-changing message of hope. To register please contact Mark Walters at 706-855-7080 or via markwalters@gmail.com.



Trail Life Tracks



In December, Trail Life Troop GA-2215 traveled to the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery to participate in the laying of Christmas wreaths in the Wreaths Across America program. Later in the month, the boys went to the DuPont Planetarium to see the show “’Tis the Season” and learn about the winter sky: how some winter festivals are connected to the stars and some ideas on the Star of Bethlehem.

January 2015 represents the one year anniversary of Trail Life USA. In that short period of time, 534 Troops have been chartered in 48 states with over nineteen thousand Trailmen. Additionally, there are currently 250 troops in the pre-charter phase and new troops being formed daily.

Please continue to pray for the Trail Life USA national team as well as the troop here at Christ Church. You can help by being a part of our troop committee or making a designated donation to support the troop’s activities. If you know of a boy who would want to become a Trailman, please have him contact Troopmaster John Norkus at 706-373-2173 or via email to thenorkusfamily@comcast.net. Walk worthy!

The King Is Coming!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMETH!

Attention all four-year-olds (by June 1) to fourth graders, as well as grownups! Mark the week of June 22–26 on your calendars as Christ Church, Presbyterian will be celebrating the Good News of a long awaited King! Volunteers are needed and there will be a meeting on Saturday, March 7, for any and all who are interested. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and last until noon. This will be an informational meeting and sign-up forms will be available.

Come and see the needs and then prayerfully consider where God can best use your talents. Please pray for the Lord to do a mighty work in sharing the good news of Jesus with many young and not-so-young! See you there!



Missionaries Prayer Focus

Please remember the following missionaries in your prayers throughout the month as they labor for the Lord, “Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart,” 2 Corinthians 4:1.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting	2 7 p.m. Trail Life	3 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans 7 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	4 6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	5 6 p.m. Young Families Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6	7 7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m. Church Workday
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