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Apologetics Conference – 2015

Birthdays

- 02 Jackson Barinowski
- 06 Charlotte Boyd
Will Boyd
Grey Steed
- 07 Claramae Parish
- 08 Mark Goodell
Mary Elizabeth Goodell
Martha Seward
- 09 Gloria Gill
William Jewett
Cathy Moody
- 10 Brandt Caldwell
- 14 Laura Caruso
- 18 Faye Robeson
- 20 Janet Ladun
Andrea Gray
- 22 Roy Emerson
Sam Myers
- 23 Cherry McPherson
- 24 Lex Bailey
- 26 George Doss
Becky Gianino
- 28 Monica Boyd
Dessa Edwards
- 29 Trina Davis

Anniversaries

- 04 Rita & Leon White
- 06 Anne & Mike Bowen
- 10 Lanier & Mark Goodell
- 11 Linda & Warren Jones
- 20 Emily & Paul Lyday
- 23 Lena & Glynn Dyer

Islam:

A Growing Challenge, A Great Opportunity!

According to a recent report by the Pew Research Center, Islam is the fastest growing major religion in the world today, and if current trends continue it will overtake Christianity as the largest world religion soon after 2050. On average, a new mosque opens every week in the United States. For Christians who take the Great Commission seriously, this is a time of great challenge and a time of great opportunity.

How should we face this growing challenge and seize this great opportunity? The Apostle Peter instructs Christians to “always [be] prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” Out of a desire to fulfill our Lord’s calling with regard to our Muslim friends and neighbors, the focus of this year’s apologetics conference is on equipping God’s people to understand the faith and practice of Islam accurately, answer the claims of Islam effectively, and most importantly, share the truth and love of Christ winsomely. Dr. James Anderson, our conference speaker, will explain what Muslims believe about God, Jesus, the Bible and the Qur’an, and give practical advice on how to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to Muslims.

Dr. James N. Anderson is Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC, and an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Dr. Anderson came to RTS from Edinburgh, Scotland, and specializes in philosophical theology, religious epistemology and Christian apologetics. He is the author of *Paradox in Christian Theology* (Wipf & Stock, 2007) and *What’s Your Worldview?* (Crossway, 2014), winner of *World Magazine’s* 2014 Book of the Year Award in Popular Theology. Before studying philosophy, Dr. Anderson also earned a Ph.D. in Computer Simulation from the University of Edinburgh. He is a member of the Society of Christian Philosophers, the British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, and the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Prior to joining RTS Charlotte, Dr. Anderson served as an assistant pastor at the historic Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh where he engaged in regular preaching, teaching and pastoral ministry. He is active now in service at Ballantyne Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He is married to Catriona and they have three children.

Don’t miss this opportunity to be better equipped to share your faith. Our Apologetics Conference will take place Saturday, September 26th, and Sunday, September 27th. See you there!

Saturday, September 26

- Dinner 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall
- Conference, Session 1 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Sunday, September 27

- Conference, Session 2 9:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall
- Conference, Session 3 11:00 a.m. in Sanctuary
- Conference, Session 4 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Children's Chatter: Let's Talk About...

Promotion Sunday: September 13th

It is almost here! Promotion Sunday is coming, some of our children will be moving up, some remaining for another year in their class and some will be beginning their Sunday school experience.

Letters have been sent out to our children giving them their class and teacher(s) as well as location.

We are excited about the new Preschool class, meeting in Covenant Hall. This is the first step in preparing them for formal Sunday school. There will be a brief meeting at 9:45 a.m. on the 13th for parents to meet teachers. If your child is in this class, please make an extra effort to attend.

For our classes using the One Story Ministries Curriculum begun last year, we are entering year two with new studies of God's Word. This study begins in kindergarten and goes all the way through 12th grade. How exciting to know the entirety of God's Word is being learned, memorized and loved!

The Children's Ministry Team is looking forward to welcoming our children as foundations are being set and good habits in learning and memorizing God's Word are being established. Please make every effort as parents to let us come alongside to partner with you in this essential endeavor.

Toddler Nursery News

With our four-year-olds now in their own Sunday school class and attending Catechism class during worship, only two- and three-year-olds will be in the nursery. Therefore, as soon as children turn two years old, they may come into the nursery. The month of their birthday, they may come over and not wait for the new year to begin on Promotion Sunday. Parents of four-year-olds who prefer them to come to nursery until Catechism begins during worship may do so. Mrs. Rihl will get them from nursery at that time.

Volunteers are still needed in our nurseries. Please prayerfully consider if this is a place where you might meet a great need. Contact Fay Deal (runningdeal@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Psalm 127:3**

TrailLife Troop GA-2215



Boys from TrailLife USA Troop GA-2215 participated in Survivor Island Fun Day on Saturday, August 1, with our friends from Grace Baptist of Evans (GA-413). The day involved a scavenger hunt, compass course, Native American games and team relays. Lots of fun.

Our Fall kickoff meeting on Monday, August 17, was extremely successful, with many new families showing interest. The troop has the potential

to triple in size over last year as well as starting the Navigator program with some middle school boys joining.

That all said, we need assistance in both the direct program area as well as committee administrative functions. If you are interested in raising the next generation of Christian young men, please contact John Norkus, Troopmaster (706-373-2173, thenorkusfamily@comcast.net) or Barry Smith, Committee Chairman, (barry@bardwith.net). Walk Worthy (Col. 1:10)!

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

Ladies, we are resuming our special time of fellowship and study of God's Word (Psalm 64 & 65) beginning Thursday, September 10, at 6:45 p.m. We will meet this week in the home of Monica Boyd located at 9 Summerville Lane in Augusta. We'll meet monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays. Please call Monica with any questions at 706-736-0004.

Adult Bible Study, Evans

We will resume this Bible study group on Tuesday, September 15, in the home of Linda and Warren Jones located at 503 Thompkins Lane. Fellowship and refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a study on Hebrews at 7:30 lead by Rev. Rick Hammond. Our monthly studies will be held on the first and third Tuesdays. Please phone the Jones' at 706-447-2546 with any questions.

Young Family Small Group Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, September 17, and meeting on the first and third Thursdays each month. A fellowship dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a study of David Platt's Book, *Counter Culture*, at 6:45. This study will meet in the home of Jennand Josiah Jones located at 1062 Conn Drive in Evans.

Adult Bible Study, Augusta

This study will begin Thursday, September 17, in the home of Sue and Ron Moncrief located at 2910 Mayfair Road. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30. Please phone the Moncrief's at 706-737-5953 with any questions. We will continue meeting monthly on the first and third Thursdays.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us to Christ Church over the last few weeks. To all those that helped us move in, contributed to the pounding, welcomed us in the August 23 Sunday service and have prayed for us in this transition; we simply want to express our gratitude. This has meant so much to us and we truly feel at home at Christ Church!

Andrea & Landon Gray

Missions Moment

Christ Church Members Appointed to Taiwan

We received word late in August that Mission to the World (MTW) has approved the appointment of Mark and Susan Walters as missionaries to labor at Christ's College in Taipei, Taiwan. Mark and Susan began seeking the Lord's guidance more than a year ago about the possibility of their serving as missionaries on a foreign field. MTW sent them to Taiwan last spring to consider the need for a couple to serve at Christ's College. While in Taiwan Mark taught classes and Susan was involved in ministry to the staff and students. At the conclusion of their stay, the staff of Christ's College extended a call to the Walters to return, appointing Mark as chairman of the English department and Susan to minister in hospitality and discipleship.

Next on the agenda for the Walters are a couple of conferences with MTW in September, then cross-cultural training early in 2016. As MTW is a faith mission, the Walters are responsible for raising their own support, which they will begin doing soon. First and foremost, they need partners who will pledge to pray regularly for them. Also needed is financial support to speed them on their way, and sustain them as they labor in the field. If you would like to learn more about Mark and Susan, their work and the need in Taiwan, contact them directly by phone 706-860-1731 or email at markwalters@gmail.com.

To sign up for their prayer letters, send an email to: markwalters@gmail.com. You may designate financial gifts for their support through the church office or directly to MTW.

Missionary Prayer

Dick and Nancy Baggé, *Wycliffe Bible Translators, Kenya*

- Pray for their home mission assignment

Bob and Andrea Burnham, *Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine*

- Praise for the ELEVATE ministry's successes

Student Ministries

The mission of Christ Church Student Ministry is to communicate the love and gospel of Christ while creating a community that glorifies God through worship, discipleship and outreach. You can find this, along with several other ministry outlines, in our new "Student Ministry Blueprint."

Our next Sunday night student fellowship will be on September 6th with our Wednesday night activities starting back on September 9th. You can connect with us through our church Facebook page, or on Instagram @ChristChurchStudents for upcoming information.

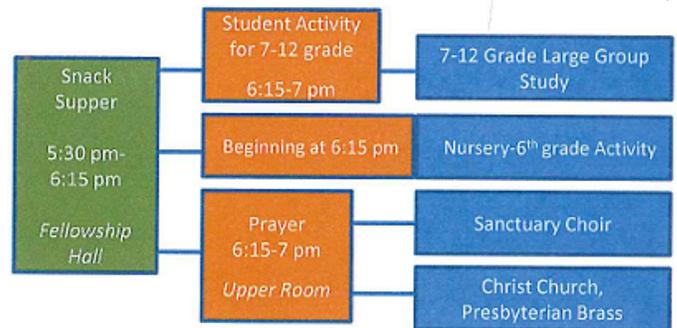
Landon Gray, *Dir. of Student Ministries*

Midweek Gathering

Acts 2:42 - The Fellowship of the Believers "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ."

God has ordained to transform His people through His Word, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer in Christ-centered community.

Beginning on Wednesday Evening, September 23 and on Wednesday evenings thereafter, join us for a time of Fellowship and Prayer as we grow in Christ-centered community.



Snack Supper: Join us for a meal in the Fellowship Hall to visit with friends before the activities of the evening (\$3 per person, \$15 max per family)

Prayer: Pastor Jones will lead us in a time of corporate prayer as we approach the throne of grace with rejoicing, repentance, and requests.

Student Activity: Students in Nursery-6th Grade will participate in a simple activity such as coloring pages in the nursery or an outdoor game in the courtyard while Students in 7-12 grade will join in a sports activity before beginning a time of studying God's Word.

For questions, please contact Ora Parish at 706.504.6274

Choir Chords

One of the great reformers of the church, Martin Luther, had a profound appreciation for music exclaiming; "Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." The church has always enjoyed this glorious gift. And Christ Church, Presbyterian is blessed with a wonderful music ministry.

I invite you to join us: The choir has resumed rehearsals on music for worship and is beginning work on Christmas music. The children's choir has also resumed their gatherings on Sunday evenings. The brass ensemble rehearses weekly preparing to lead in worship. The Augusta Youth Chorale is auditioning for new voices and begins rehearsals in September. So, vocalists and instrumentalists, please contact me with your interests in sharing your gifts.

The scriptural theme for the choir, is actually the Apostle Peter's admonition for the church: "God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another," (1 Peter 4:10, NLT). When we share our gifts, we are sharing ourselves. And this is where we find a source of joy.

Kirsten and I are enjoying our journey with you, this community of faith, known as Christ Church.

Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*

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September

Each Sunday's Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship • 6 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		7 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble			7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering	7 p.m. Session Meeting 7 p.m. Trail Life		6:30 Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble	6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
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