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## The Pastor's Pen...

### Birthdays

- 04 ..... Lanier Adams  
Paul Volpitto
- 07..... Mark Walters
- 10..... Grace Goodell  
John Norkus
- 15 .....Martha Folley  
Kimberly Rackley
- 16..... Nancy Parks
- 17..... Melanie Jewett
- 19..... Mel Jewett
- 22 .....Emily Elizabeth Lyday
- 24..... Matthew Cornelison  
Ora Parish
- 25 ..... Ben Robeson
- 26 .....Margaret Doss  
Sarah Dunsmore
- 27..... Margaret Johnson
- 28 .....Joseph Cornelison
- 29 ..... Cheryl Manthei

### Why Do You Believe Jesus Rose from the Dead? by John Piper

The odd thing about this question is that I usually have to sit and ponder a while to remember some answers that begin to sound compelling to non-Christian seekers. At first this seems phony: If I believe it, why do I have to study-up to support it?

But when you think about it a little longer it's not phony at all. If I can't remember how I met my wife, it doesn't mean I'm not married. And if I can't find words to account for the affection in my heart, it doesn't mean there is no such thing as love. Memory lags. Words fail. But neither means I have no basis for love.

But still, shouldn't we be able to give a simple answer right off the bat? I mean, if we deal with Jesus as living every day, shouldn't we be able to say why in the world we do that? Yes, I suppose we should.

What kind of answer might that be? Well, we might say, "I believe Jesus rose from the dead because the Bible says so." Someone will object: "That's just an appeal to authority." So it is. But that's the way most people answer questions about why they believe things they can't see.

### Anniversaries

- 30 ...Jennifer & Charles Kimbrell  
Cathy & Ken Moody

Ask the typical secular American why he believes in viruses or radiation or pulsars or evolution. Virtually everyone will say something like this: "Because science has shown..."

What they mean is that they don't know how to demonstrate why certain unseen realities exist. So they are willing to base their belief on the testimony of an authority - in this case a group of scientists. This is especially true if the belief helps make sense out of the world.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to  
Allyn & Stephen Dyer  
on the birth of their son,  
William Gabriel,  
on February 21 in Augusta.

The reason that saying, "Because the Bible tells me so," sounds unacceptable while "Because the scientists tell me so" sounds acceptable is that more people appeal to scientific authority than to biblical authority. And large majorities always make opinions sound normative and obvious. But in principle you are both doing the same thing.

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# Why Do You Believe Jesus Rose from the Dead?

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Are the men who wrote the New Testament a good authority on the resurrection of Jesus? Are the scientists who tell about unseen viruses a good authority? That question must be answered. But now we see that we are playing fair. Most of us are more at home telling others why we trust a witness than we are at demonstrating resurrections or radiation.

At least for myself, I find Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude to be the sort of men I would trust with my life more quickly than a host of secular authorities. And when it comes to making sense out of the world (of guilt and fear and pain), the incarnation and the cross and the resurrection of Christ go a lot farther than viruses.

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## Missionary Spotlight

### Missions Update – April, 2013

Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies during April. As you pray, consider the needs you would have if you were in their places such as:

- Trusting the Lord in all things
- Having the spiritual and physical strength to complete the tasks before them
- Being patient, kind and gentle in their service
- Having courage in demonstrating the love of Christ

### Praise and Prayer Requests

**Paul & Laura Chinchen**, *African Bible Colleges (ABC), Malawi, Uganda and Liberia*

With “Faith In Action, God in Motion” being ABC’s motto, the Chinchens are rarely still!

- Pray for their efforts with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) to find someone who is willing to help train college students and help run a small Christian TV station in Malawi.
- Pray that God will aid them in filling many open positions: College English professors in Liberia and Malawi; Elementary school teachers for the ABC Christian Academy in Malawi; and Bible and Theology professors in Malawi.
- Pray for ABC’s medical ministry in Malawi, the ABC Community Clinic. March through April is the malaria season and they see patient numbers doubling during these months.

**Cheryl Crocker**, *Mission to the World, Medical Missionary/Recruiter*

- Pray for Cheryl as she travels April 4–22 with a medical team to the Philippines. Pray that the team would have the compassionate eyes of Christ, that team members would love one another well being in close quarters 24/7 for two weeks, and that the Lord would work in the hearts of those He has in the areas where the team will serve.
- Late April will have Cheryl in New Jersey, recruiting for medical personnel who can serve on one- and two-week mission trips.

**Karl & Debbie Dortzbach**, *Mission to the World (PCA), International Representative for Peacemaker Ministry*

- Praise for Debbie’s encouraging report received from a former HIV/AIDS program, particularly among youth.
- Pray for their ten-day trip to Israel in April to talk about peacemaking programs, that they might be of genuine help in some seminaries there.
- Pray for their next steps toward creating an international student ministry house.

## Inside Opportunities

Sunday is the starting point! Opportunities in the body of Christ Church abound during the week.

Find places to grow, serve and fellowship!

### Young Gatherings

Students gather every other Sunday following evening worship for a time of fellowship. On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., they join together for dinner, activities and a time of Bible study.

### Women's Bible Studies

Bible studies for ladies are offered both morning and evening throughout the month. Current studies are focusing on Philippians and the Psalms.

### Adult Bible Study

Studying through the book of Genesis, our Adults meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

### Men's Prayer

The men of Christ Church meet each Friday morning at 7:00 for breakfast, a devotion and a focused time of prayer.

### Young Couples & Young Families Bible Study

A monthly Bible study for our young couples and families meets the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided.

### Bread Breakers Ministry

Coordinated dinners for groups of six to eight are presently being planned. Sign up at the Welcome Table to host or participate in this opportunity for fellowship.

## Outside Opportunities

### Heritage Academy Golf Classic

Heritage Academy is hosting a golf tournament on April 29 at Belle Meade Country Club. There are several ways to participate, not the least of which is playing in the tournament! Get details on this fun way to support this important ministry in downtown Augusta at [www.heritageacademyaugusta.org](http://www.heritageacademyaugusta.org).

### Augusta Care Pregnancy Center Walk-for-Life

Augusta CPC's annual walkathon will be held Saturday, May 4. If you are interested in walking as part of a group from Christ Church, please contact Linda Jones.

### Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Martha Seward and family on the death of her daughter, Danielle Seward-Horne, on March 6 in Augusta.

## Save the Dates!

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming spring and summer events:

**Sunday, April 21, 5:00 p.m.**

### Augusta Youth Chorale Concert

The Augusta Youth Chorale concludes their 2012-13 season with a concert in the Sanctuary before Evening Worship.



**Sunday, May 19**

**4:30 p.m.**

### Dedicatory Recital

Join us for our Organ Dedicatory Recital (Cornell Zimmer, Opus 128) featuring Dr. Ronald Boud, guest organist.

**Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.**

### Choir in Concert

The Independent Presbyterian Church Youth Choir (Memphis, TN), under the direction of James Brown, will present a concert in the Sanctuary.

**Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21**

**9:00 a.m. until noon daily**

### Vacation Bible School

Children age 3 years through 5th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on our campus.



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## April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study (Jones home)	6:30 p.m. Wednesday Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Moncrief home)	7 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting	
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