Birthdays

May 02 ..................... Liz Marlowe
08 ..................... Amy Bailey
10 ..................... Ted Jones
13 ..................... Doug Tice
14 ..................... Fran Nabholz
15 ..................... Joey Johnson
16 ..................... Brian Marter
21 ..................... Meredith Tice
21 ..................... George Bowen
24 ..................... Robert Long
24 ..................... Eugene Long
25 ..................... Julianne Norkus
25 ..................... Chris Nabholz
28 ..................... Helen Caldwell
28 ..................... Maria Emerson
29 ..................... Kathryn Noblett

The Pastor’s Pen...

On Tuesday, April 17th, our Pastor-elect, Mr. Josiah Jones, preached at the Stated Presbytery Meeting held at Christ Church. He was also examined.

With great joy the Session reports that he was approved by Presbytery for ordination and installation into the Gospel Ministry pending graduation.

Praise be to God for the care that He has shown this flock as we have waited for this day!

Josiah preached from Ephesians 2:11-13:

We have been brought near by the blood of Christ. How does the blood of Christ remedy this awful alienation from God and the covenant community? He took the guilt, the shame and the penalty of alienation that should have been mine, that should have been yours.

He was taken outside of the city, where the worst of criminals were punished. Outside as well, those who were removed from the covenant community were taken. The leaders of Israel spat upon, mocked, ridiculed, rejected the Lord Jesus. Even among his own disciples, one betrayed him, another denied him, the rest abandoned him. Do you see that the Lord Jesus, standing in our place, endured alienation from the covenant community? But that’s not the worst of it.

Somehow, Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead, for my sake experienced alienation from God Almighty Himself. Remember those dreadful words that He uttered from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Those are the words, “the hellish cry,” uttered when the undiluted wrath of God overwhelms the soul. It is heart piercing, it is heaven piercing, it is hell piercing!

For as the steady bow of God’s justice was raised and pointed straight at you, straight at me, and the razor sharp arrow of his wrath was released for the target, the Lord Jesus Christ stepped in front of you and me and took that arrow to the heart. My friends, He took the arrow of God’s wrath and alienation that we deserved! That’s the perfect atonement that reconciles us to God.

Oh, the grace of God that He would provide such an atoning sacrifice for sinners who deserve His wrath. We dare not forget the price that Jesus paid as the remedy to our past alienation.

Anniversaries

May 11 ........ Debra & Billy Hatcher
12 ........ Jenny & Dan Kaminstein
20 ...... Diane & John Dunsmore
26 ...... Laura & Charles Caruso

Congratulations

Congratulations to Martha Folley on the birth of her granddaughter, Grace Hendon Hulsebus, on Thursday, April 19 in Augusta, to her daughter and son-in-law, Victoria and Tyson Hulsebus!
Building Update

- A third riding lawnmower has been donated to the church. We have a fleet of fully operational riding lawnmowers to keep the grass on the property trimmed. We are still in need of volunteers to assist in mowing the church lawn. Our current rotation enables volunteers to assist in mowing the property one time per month. If you are able to assist, please contact Charles Kimbrell at (706) 738-6065.
- On Saturday, April 28, there will be a work day at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a projected finish time of Noon. We will focus on a detailed cleaning of the inside of the church sanctuary building including spot removal and polishing the pews, window cleaning, furniture dusting and polishing, scuff mark removal from the walls, minor door repairs, deep cleaning of the restrooms and nurseries, sweeping and mopping stairwell floors, etc. We will also be coordinating the laying of mulch for the few areas of the church that have a need. We will have doughnuts and coffee for breakfast. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. We hope that you will join us for this time of fellowship! Questions should be directed to Charles Kimbrell at (706) 738-6065.
- We are finalizing the plans for planting grass on the newly contoured hillside (both nearby the church and by the sign on Furys Ferry) in preparation for grass planting season towards the end of April.

Mercy & Hospitality Update

- The Diaconate Widow Visitation Ministry has been created as an outreach to widows, shut-ins, the bereaved, and those in our midst needing encouragement and comfort. In the upcoming weeks, an announcement will be forthcoming about a Training Class for all of those who have volunteered to participate in this ministry. For those who would like to serve as a volunteer, please contact John Norkus at (706) 860-4311.
- Additional Ushers are needed to assist in the Morning or Evening Worship Service. For those who would like to assist, please contact John Norkus at (706) 860-4311.
On Sunday, May 6, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during morning worship. All communing members of Christ Church are encouraged to be present. Following the service we will enjoy our monthly Fellowship Luncheon in Covenant Hall. Fried chicken will be provided for a donation of any amount. Members are asked to bring a generous side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Welcome Our Pastor’s Family

Let’s extend a warm welcome to the Jones family by helping to stock their pantry! Sign up at the Fellowship Luncheon on May 6. Details will be available at that time.

A Little Levity

"Now, while the instruments play, please shake hands with two people who aren’t in your clique."

Augusta Care Pregnancy Center Walk for Life

Psalm 139:15-16 “My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written every one of the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”

On Saturday, May 5, the Augusta Care Pregnancy Center will host its annual Walk for Life. All funds raised will be used to support a comprehensive and practical response to crisis pregnancies in our community. All services provided by the Center are free of charge. A brochure with pledge form is available at the back of Covenant Hall. Please consider supporting this ministry. For more information contact Lana Hopkins (706) 288-7643.

Missionary Spotlight

Please be in prayer for the missionaries and agencies listed below. Ask the Lord: to strengthen their abilities to complete the tasks set before them; to give them patience, kindness and gentleness with those they would serve; to help them trust in Him for all their needs; to give them the courage to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Missionaries and Agencies Receiving Support from Christ Church, Presbyterian

- Missionaries in harm’s way are not listed.
- AGAPE Ministry, Augusta, Georgia
- Alliance Defense Fund, Scottsdale, Arizona
- Rick and Betty Aschmann, Mission to the World (PCA), Ecuador
- Dick and Nancy Bagge, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Kenya
- Bob and Andrea Burnham, Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine
- Louis and Anne Carter, SIM, Kenya and Papua New Guinea
- Child Evangelism Fellowship, Augusta, Georgia
- Paul and Laura Chinchen, African Bible Colleges, Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia
- Cheryl Crocker, Mission to the World (PCA)
- Karl and Debbie Dortzbach, Mission to the World (PCA), Kenya
- Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine, Mission to the World (PCA)
- Glenn and Sharlene Grubb, Wycliffe Bible Translators/Mission to the World (PCA)
- Eliseo and Paula Guadagno, Operation Mobilization, Italy
- Heritage Academy, Augusta, Georgia
- Tim and Lana Higginbotham, NAIM, Vancouver, Canada
- Institute for Creation Research (ICR)
- Jay and Nancy Matsinger, Mission to the World (PCA), France
- Kurt and Pat Nelson, East–West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba
- Doug and Amy Nunziato, World Team, Spain
- Clay and Darlene Quarterman, Mission to the World (PCA), Ukraine
- Charles Rector, Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship (PEF), Augusta, Georgia
- Twin Lakes Fellowship, Jackson, Mississippi
- Paul Volpitto, Augusta School of Biblical Studies (ASBS), Augusta, Georgia
- Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher, Mission to the World (PCA), South Africa
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