

## Generous Giving

### 20. Year-end Giving Update

We are pleased to report giving numbers will exceed our budget goal, and the church's year-end net will be in the black for 2018. We give all thanks and praise to our gracious God for this blessing. Final giving numbers will be published in the near future. After the Session approves the 2019 budget, we will resume our weekly generous giving updates. Please continue to pray asking the Lord how he would have you participate in the growth and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).*

## Our Weekly Calendar

### Today

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services  
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations  
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, January 7

7 p.m. Men's Event, The Depot

### Wednesday, January 9

7:30 p.m. HighLife, The Depot

### Thursday, January 10

11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room  
6 p.m. New Town Leaders Meeting, The Depot  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 13

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Services  
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, various locations  
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

## Save the Date

Joint Adult Sunday School Gathering.....February 3  
Bible & Missionary Conference.....February 24-March 3

## Church Office

The church office is located across the street from the sanctuary in the McKnight Building, 615 Telfair Street.

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
1 – 4 p.m.

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# Announcements

Sunday, January 6, 2019

## Today at First Presbyterian

### 1. Missionaries of the Week

#### Hope for Augusta—Augusta, Georgia

Hope for Augusta's vision is to bring the hope of the gospel to students of downtown Augusta and encourage flourishing through education initiatives, personal relationships, and Bible-centered teaching. Pray for productive results from the staff planning retreat January 2-3. Pray for the students involved in the tutoring and Bible study programs to grow mentally and spiritually. Pray for relationships with area churches and schools to develop and strengthen to help amplify the gospel's impact on this community.

### 2. January Series: "A House of Prayer for All People"

In our annual January series on Gospel Priorities, we are once again pleased to welcome some highly regarded guest preachers. Today, our guest preacher in our morning and evening services will be Dr. Carl Ellis, Assistant to the Chancellor, Senior Fellow of the African American Leadership Initiative, and Provost's Professor of Theology and Culture for Reformed Theological Seminary. Other speakers for the month include Rev. Mike Aitchison, and Rev. David Cho. On January 27, Rev. Hearon will preach on "What It Means to Be a House of Prayer for All People." Please make it a personal priority to attend these services as we consider as a church our gospel priorities for 2019.

## Our Church Family

### 3. Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Camilla and Ira Beaufort on the death of Ira's brother, Bowman Beaufort, on December 24 in North Augusta.

### 4. Congregational Meeting, January 20

The election of church officers is one of the most significant privileges of membership at First Presbyterian Church. Members are urged to pray earnestly in preparation for Officer Elections, which will be held during a congregational meeting following the evening worship service on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

### 5. Staff Update

John Farmer, pastoral intern, has accepted a call to serve as an assistant pastor at a church in Nashville. While we will be sad to see John, Jakell and baby John go, we rejoice to see them following God's call on their lives. John has served us well in both his role with Campus Outreach and the relationships he has built with students at Paine College, and in his role as pastoral intern. John has been a valuable asset for our initiatives, and we expect to see long-term benefits from his contributions here. The Farmers will be with us until February 28.

## Upcoming Events

### 6. Men's Event, January 7

7 p.m. | *The Depot* | Cost for dinner: \$5

The men of First Pres are invited to a viewing of the College National Championship football game on Monday, January 7, in the Depot. A hearty supper will be served, so arrive with an appetite at 7 p.m. to watch the game. Come prepared to play some games before kick-off. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner.

### 7. Holy Communion, January 13

**8:30 and 11 a.m. services.** The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered next Sunday in both morning services, and you will have an opportunity to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund.

**6 p.m. Communion service.** For those unable to attend one of the morning services, another opportunity to partake in The Lord's Supper will be offered at 6 p.m. in the Eve Room. This is a sweet gathering, ideal for catechism teachers, nursery volunteers, and others who are serving and cannot receive communion in the morning services.

### 8. Mercy Ministry Fund

On Communion Sundays we collect an offering for our Diaconate Mercy Ministry to help relieve the burdens and hearts of those in our fellowship with financial need. If you or anyone you know needs help from this ministry of the deacons, please make your parish elder or deacon aware of the need, or contact your class elder or other class leader. All requests are handled with confidentiality and sensitivity.

### 9. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin January 20

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. | *Session Room* |

Register Online: [firstpresaugusta.org/join-fpc](http://firstpresaugusta.org/join-fpc)

Contact: Jess Romer, [jromer@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:jromer@firstpresaugusta.org) or 706.262.8855

If you are interested in making First Presbyterian your church home, or are interested simply in knowing more about our church, you are encouraged to attend an Inquirers Class. The next class begins January 20 and will continue for the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and opportunities to serve in the church. Please contact Jess Romer for more information.

### 10. Faith and Finance Classes begin January 24

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. | *Murphy Hall*

Cost: \$20, Includes Materials and Dinners | *Child Care Available*

RSVP: Luke Niday, [lniday@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:lniday@firstpresaugusta.org)

Faith and Finance classes start January 24 to help those interested in exploring how their faith and their finances intersect. In this 10-week class, participants will learn to overcome financial obstacles, set savings goals, make spending plans, manage debt and loans, and more! Space is limited; email Luke Niday to reserve your spot.

## Children's Ministry

### 11. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, January 13

Drop-in: 8-11:30 a.m. | *Room 209, Reese Hall West*

The Children's Ministry would like to thank the many members of First Presbyterian who selflessly give their time to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our little ones! Please join us for breakfast any time between 8 and 11:30 a.m. on January 13 in room 209, Reese Hall West.

### 12. Quarterly Volunteer Training Begins January 13

5 p.m. | *St. Andrew's Hall* | \$5 Snack Supper, Registration Required by January 7

Register for Training, Dinner and Child Care: [firstpresaugusta.org/children](http://firstpresaugusta.org/children)  
The Children's Ministry will begin hosting quarterly volunteer training beginning in January of 2019. In addition to the online training which is in production and will be available soon, they will offer training in various topics that they hope will better equip our volunteers to minister to our youngest members. The first training will be held on January 13, at 5 p.m. A \$5 snack supper will be available by registration for volunteers only. Child care will also be provided by reservation. Please plan to feed children at home ahead of the training.

## Youth Ministry

### 13. High Life Kicks Off Wednesday, January 9

All high school students are invited to attend the first High Life of 2019 from 7:30-9 p.m. on January 9 in the Depot. Invite a friend to come with you!

### 14. Upward Bound Starts Back Monday, January 14

All middle school students are invited to attend the 2019 kickoff of Upward Bound from 7-8:30 p.m. on January 14 in the Westminster Lower School Gym. Exciting things are planned, so don't miss out!

### 15. Save the Date! Middle School Winter Retreat, February 22-24

The middle school Winter Retreat is just around the corner, February 22-24. Students and leaders will be traveling to Ridge Haven in Brevard, North Carolina, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. Watch for more information coming soon!

## Outreach

### 16. Teach English to Adult Internationals

Training on January 25 and 26 | *Murphy Hall* | Cost \$45

Register/Contact: Beth Gore, [beth.gore4@gmail.com](mailto:beth.gore4@gmail.com), or 706.840.2897

International Link invites you to attend an ESL (English as a Second Language) Certification Event on January 25 and 26. Registration is \$45 and covers everything for this two-day course. Being an English teacher is a great way to make friends from other countries and help the strangers in our midst become more acclimated to life in America. For more information and to register, contact Beth Gore.

## Bible Studies

### 17. Save the Date: Spring Bible Studies Begin with Kickoff, January 16

7 p.m. | *St. Andrew's Hall* | Contact: Jess Romer, [jromer@firstpresaugusta.org](mailto:jromer@firstpresaugusta.org)

Register for Studies: [firstpresaugusta.org/small-group-Bible-studies](http://firstpresaugusta.org/small-group-Bible-studies)

On Wednesday evening, January 16, Dr. Mark Ross, professor of Systematic Theology and director of the Institute for Reformed Worship at Erskine Theological Seminary, will introduce the spring Bible study series on Colossians, "Alive in Christ." In this study we will discuss what it means to be rooted in Christ, established in the faith, and how that union empowers us to not be taken captive by philosophy, empty deceit, and human tradition.

The Children's Ministry will also be hosting a study on Sundays at 5 p.m. titled "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" with video by Paul Tripp beginning January 20. This is a small group discussion study led by two couples on grace-based parenting. Learn more and register online at [firstpresaugusta.org/children](http://firstpresaugusta.org/children).

### 18. Daytime Bible Study for Medical/Dental Wives Begins Jan 15

9:30 a.m. | *Warren Baptist Family Life Center, 3203 Washington Road*

Contact: Anna Bolduc, 678.687.9487 or [akbolduc@gmail.com](mailto:akbolduc@gmail.com)

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Side by Side is a ministry that encourages, supports, and ministers to women married to medical and dental students, residents and fellows, as well as doctors early in their professional years. The ministry seeks to help them handle the unique demands of this time in their lives. The next study begins January 15, and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Warren Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Anna Bolduc.

## Westminster Schools of Augusta

### 19. Open House Events, January 22 & 24

6th - 12th grades: Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.

PK3 - 5th grades: Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.

Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Road

RSVP: [wsa.net/openhouse](http://wsa.net/openhouse)

Contact: Kristin Wolf, [kwolf@wsa.net](mailto:kwolf@wsa.net) or 706.731.5260, ext. 2254

Your family is invited to Open House to learn more about Westminster, take a campus tour, and hear from faculty, students, and parents. With programs for 3-year-olds through 12th grade, this Christ-centered community partners with families to inspire and equip students to grow and develop emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. Special financial assistance and tuition reduction benefits are available for First Presbyterian Church of Augusta members. Representatives from the school will also be in the Commons area on January 13 and 20 to provide information and answer questions about Westminster.