Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week
Naia and Tim Byrd—Campus Outreach: Zambia
The Byrds serve with CO at the University of Zambia. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of the young people they are investing in and that students would also commit to life-on-life discipleship this year. Pray they would keep in step with the Holy Spirit personally and missionally. Ask the Lord to provide wisdom and patience as they craft an agreement with sensitivity and clarity between three cultures.

Our Church Family

2. New Arrival
We congratulate Candyn and Tevin Turman on the birth of their first child, Eliana Karis Turman, on February 12.

3. Sympathy
Christian sympathy is extended to Mel and Rick Keuroglian and family on the death of Mel’s father, James Goodman, on February 9 in Florida, and to Julie and Hank Rabun on the death of Hank’s mother, Edith Rabun, on February 12 in Augusta.

4. Welcome Team Volunteers Needed
Contact: Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org
You are encouraged to attend one of our two training opportunities available for the Welcome Team and those interested in joining the Welcome Team. The training sessions will be offered at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, and Sunday, March 10, in the Session Room, #102. If you attended the joint Sunday School vision meeting on Sunday, February 3, or watched it on our website, you heard Mike Phillips discuss the Connect goal for 2019: “to become a more welcoming community to new guests.” We encourage middle school students and older to attend the training and join the team.

5. Reception for Jakell and John Farmer, February 24
Please join us for a reception for Jakell and John Farmer following the evening service on February 24. We thank God for their service here and wish them Godspeed as they begin a new phase of ministry in Nashville.
Bible & Missionary Conference

6. Bible and Missionary Conference, February 24–March 3

Learn More: firstpresaugusta.org/BMC2019

The 2019 Bible and Missionary Conference theme is “Who Will Tell Them?” based on Acts 8:30-31. Our conference week starts with the joint Sunday School on February 24, and continues with our annual conference banquet on Wednesday. At the evening service at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1, and at each of the Sunday services, we are delighted to have Joshua Bogunjoko, M.D., as the speaker. His compelling testimony will inspire you to be more involved in missions, near and far. Now serving as SIM’s International Director, he brings an insightful, personal perspective on the needs and developments in modern missions.

7. Joint Sunday School, February 24

9:45 a.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall

Missions Conference week begins with a joint Sunday School gathering at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 24, led by Ruling Elder Jim Scarbrough with the help of a special missionary guest. Our time together will focus on FPC’s role in the past 50 years of mission work in Africa.

8. Covering the Conference in Prayer

Missionary Prayer Hour Kickoff to Conference, February 24

5:15 p.m. | Murphy Hall

Please join us for a special edition of the Missionary Prayer Hour as we pray for the Bible and Missionary Conference, the missionaries who will be visiting us, and for those unable to attend but faithfully serving on fields near and far. If you have not attended the Missionary Prayer Hour before, this is a great opportunity to get involved in regularly praying together for those who serve around the world.

Frontline Prayer, March 3

5:15 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall

On the final day of our Bible and Missionary Conference we will gather to pray for missionaries serving on the frontlines of gospel ministry locally, nationally, and globally. As we endeavor to be a house of prayer for all people, let’s join together to send off our visiting missionaries with our prayers.

9. Conference Offering Goal

This year our Bible and Missionary Conference offering goal is $55,000 focused on missions impacting the continent of Africa: MTW Church Planting; Banda Health Care Initiative; Campus Outreach Africa Indigenous Leaders; Sudanese Refugees; and Muslim Evangelism. You can give online or by check with “Missions Conference” noted on the memo line of your check. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you give to support these efforts.

Bible & Missionary Conference (cont.)

10. Bible and Missionary Conference Banquet, February 27

6 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall | Sixth grade–Adults, $7/person

Register Online by February 24: firstpresaugusta.org/BMC2019

Pre-K–Fifth grade: Dinner in Harmony Hall | Infants–Young 4s, No Dinner
Child Care Registration Required Online: firstpresaugusta.org/BMC2019

The Missions Banquet is a family event that will engage your mind and heart in what God is doing through missions. After the introduction of our visiting missionaries during dinner, we will hear from some of our missionaries serving in the African nations of Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, and Zambia.

Children’s Dinner. Children in Pre-K through fifth grade will have their own special dinner and program in Harmony Hall while their parents attend the banquet.

Nursery. Infants–young 4 year olds will not be served dinner; please feed the little ones at home.

11. Parish Gatherings With Missionary Guests, March 2

Learn more: firstpresaugusta.org/BMC2019

You will not want to miss the opportunity to gather with your parish on Saturday, March 2, for fellowship and an opportunity to hear from some of our visiting missionaries. Members can expect an email with specific details for their parishes.

Children’s Missions Conference

12. Children’s Missions Conference

Contact: Elizabeth Barone, 706.262.8832 or ebarone@firstpresaugusta.org

The Children’s Ministry will provide a children’s program during the evening services on February 27, March 1, and March 3 of the Bible and Missionary Conference. The children will hear testimonies and stories from different missionaries and learn how, even as children, they are called to be missionaries every day.

13. High School Mission Trip to Germany, July 12-22

Apply at firstpresaugusta.org/youth by February 22

Contact: Karen Crisler, kcrisler@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8849

High school students are encouraged to apply now to join the missions team headed to Dresden, Germany, this summer! Students will be working alongside the German church as they put on a sports and English camp aimed at reaching non-believers with the gospel. Deadline to apply is February 22.

Central America Mission Trips

14. Information Meeting, February 24

11 a.m. | Eve Room

Contact: John Weaver, 706.305.7616 or john.weaver.hxbg@statefarm.com

We have several opportunities this summer to support Kingdom work taking place in Central America. Our church is looking to send a group to House of Hope in Honduras to help build a much-needed ministry center in April. We are also looking for missionary working to rescue women from prostitution with the redeeming work of the gospel. We will also have a trip July 8-13 to Teculutan, Guatemala. We will be working with an orphanage there doing children’s ministry, food distribution, and some light construction work. There will be an informational meeting for both trips on Sunday, February 24, at 11 a.m. in the Eve Room. For more information contact John Weaver.

Conference Service Opportunities

15. Volunteers Needed for Children’s Missions Conference

Contact: Elizabeth Barone, 706.262.8832 or ebarone@firstpresaugusta.org

Anyone who has been a member for six months is asked to volunteer according to last name: S–Z, Wednesday; A–I, Friday; and J–R, Sunday. Please email Elizabeth Barone to confirm your serving time and learn more about what you will be doing. On Wednesday, volunteers should arrive early to eat in St. Andrew’s and go to Harmony Hall by 6:30 p.m. to help in classrooms afterward. On Friday and Sunday, please exit the sanctuary with the children and meet in the Children’s Lobby where you will be connected with a class.

16. Housing Needed for Visiting Missionaries

Contact: Drew Jackson, djackson@firstpresaugusta.org

If you would enjoy the opportunity to get to know our missionaries better and offer hospitality by hosting them in your home during their visit, please contact Drew Jackson.

17. Help Needed for Banquet to Decorate, Serve, and Clean Up

The conference banquet provides a fun opportunity for those who like to decorate, serve, and tidy up. Decorators are needed on Tuesday, February 26, and people are needed to help serve at and clean up after the banquet on February 27. Contact Drew Jackson to let him know you can help!

18. Missionary House Needs

Contact: Helen Morgan, 706.855.7218 or kmorgan@comcast.net

We are in the process of freshening our missionary houses, and are in need of several items. If you are able to donate any of the following items it would be a great help: bunk beds or trundle bed, neutral rugs in almost any size, small chest suitable for a child’s room, dining room side board (approximately 48 inches long and 18 inches deep), and pictures (preferably large). Please contact Helen Morgan at 706.855.7218 to donate or email a picture to helenmorgan@comcast.net.