Today at First Presbyterian

1. Missionaries of the Week
Audrey and Nathan Wilson—Mission to the World, Peru
Pray for the Wilsons family worship time and that God would give them a strong sense of family unity. Pray that God would change students’ hearts before they are physicians, to have impact for Christ. Pray that La Fuente Clinic would be a light in the darkness. Pray for the Wilsons as they come to the States soon, that they would enjoy being here as a family, and that God would enrich their fellowship and their time with people.

2. Missions Conference Offering Update—Goal $60,000; Given to Date $45,253
Our Missions Conference offering provides support for strategic kingdom initiatives both locally and globally. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you give to support these efforts and meet our goal. You can give online, at the giving kiosk or by check with “Missions Conference” on the memo line of your check.

3. Parish Worship
The parish of the month for May is the National Parish. This parish is worshiping together at 11 a.m. in the Youth Ministry Building each Sunday this month to foster community, connection and fellowship. The parishes of the month for June are the Masters and Hill parishes.

4. Reception for the Lee and Williams Families, Tonight
Tonight we will bid a fond farewell to the Lee family and to Meredith and Robbie Williams who will be leaving us to serve the Lord in new ways and places. Please join us in the Youth Ministry Building following the evening service as we express our appreciation for the excellent ways they have served our congregation. Please remember to take your desserts to the Youth Ministry Building before the evening service.

Celebrating GeneroCity

5. Family Hymn-Sing, May 30
On Thursday, May 30, in eager anticipation of our re-entry to the sanctuary the following Sunday, we want to come together as a church family for a time of worship through hymns, prayer and observance of Holy Communion. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson will be our guest speaker. Please join us in St. Andrew’s Hall at 6:30 p.m.

6. Celebration Sunday, June 2
While our Building GeneroCity initiatives are far from over, on June 2 we will begin a year of Celebrating GeneroCity as we enter our newly-restored sanctuary for the first Sunday service in a year. We have a full year of exceptional services and concerts planned to help us worship and praise our faithful Father for his generosity through the resources he has provided. The festivities on June 2 will be marked with a worship service including testimonies and the message by Dr. Robertson. Between the morning services, in lieu of Sunday School, we will have a celebration on the lawn with a program, a timeline of our progress, refreshments and much more. Nurseries will be provided for children ages 3 and younger. You will not want to miss this historic day as we continue Looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God (Hebrews 11:10).
7. New Arrival
We congratulate Megan and Luke Shiver on the birth of their first child, Theodore James Shiver, on March 16 in Augusta.

8. Please Submit Graduate Information
On Sunday, May 19, we plan to have a special time of recognition for our 2013 graduates of high school, college and graduate school. We will be printing a list of the graduates in the bulletin, and members are asked to submit the names, schools and degrees of graduates in their families to Jess Romer, jromer@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8855, no later than Monday, May 13.

9. Church Office Hours
The main church office is now operating under new working hours, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–5 p.m. You will not be able to enter the building via the main office during the lunch hour, but if you need to drop something by the main office during this time, there is a mailbox outside the administrative entrance which will be checked after lunch each day. If you need to enter the building for an appointment with a staff member between 12 and 1 p.m., please call his or her direct phone line when you arrive.

Upcoming Events

10. Young Adult Gathering, May 7
Young adults who have a hunger to know God or who are investigating a relationship with Christ are invited to attend this Gathering on Tuesday, May 7, from 7–8:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall. This will be a great opportunity to connect with other twenty-somethings from First Pres and the Augusta area. For more information, please contact Jen Young, jyoung@visionpathways.org or 770.891.7882. Refreshments will be served.

Children’s Ministry

11. Children’s Missions in May
During May, the Children's Ministry is offering families the opportunity to cultivate a generous spirit by partnering with Hope for Augusta and Action Ministries to collect items they need to prepare 125 lunches for local children each weekday in June. Items needed are: brown lunch bags, ziplock sandwich bags, small water bottles, single serve packages of fruit or applesauce, jelly, peanut butter and individually wrapped salty snacks (such as crackers or trail mix). Collection bins are in the Welcome Center and outside of all children’s Sunday School classrooms.

12. Strawberry Picking
The Children’s Ministry invites families of all ages to gather at Gurosik’s Berry Plantation in North Augusta to pick strawberries at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10. Participants will need to pay $9.50 per gallon bucket of strawberries. For directions, visit firstpresaugusta.org/children.

13. Catequest Registration
The Children’s Ministry will host Catechism Camp June 12–15, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall. Children currently in kindergarten through fourth grades will review and recite the Westminster Shorter Catechism through high-energy activities followed by afternoons of fun-filled reward. The cost is $55. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, and May 20 is the final day to register. Parents may also register and pay online at firstpresaugusta.org/catequest2013.
Youth Ministry

14. Upward Bound at Carowinds
Upward Bound, for students in sixth through eighth grades, is going to Carowinds on Monday, June 10. The cost is $40 and covers ticket and transportation. If you are a parent and would like to drive, please contact Whitney Fee at 706.262.8849. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center, or you can register and pay online at firstpresaugusta.org/youth. The registration deadline is Monday, May 20, so sign up today!

15. Youth Missions Spaghetti Lunch and Cake Auction, June 2
The Youth Ministry will hold its annual spaghetti lunch and auction on June 2, with seatings at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in Murphy Hall. Tickets for the lunch and auction are $5 in advance (online) or $6 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in the Youth Ministry office or online at firstpresaugusta.org/youth. In July, high school students will travel to Trinidad, and middle school students will volunteer with the Mission to the World project in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Outreach

16. Fundraiser for Minus 1 Orphan Ministry and Cupcake Kids
Minus 1 Orphan Ministry is doing a fundraising cupcake sale at the Columbia County Arts in the Park festival at the Memorial Garden and Amphitheater on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Proceeds will go to Minus 1 and to Cupcake Kids, a ministry to children in Uganda. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please contact Jennifer Drake at tjd805@aol.com. As you attend the festival to enjoy the shows, art and activities for children, be sure to stop by the Minus 1 booth to show your support.

17. Summer Reading Tutors Needed
Hope for Augusta needs volunteers for its Reaching Higher summer reading program to help elementary students from our neighborhood improve their reading skills. Each student will work with a tutor doing activities centered on reading for the glory of God. It is helpful, but not required, for volunteers to commit to one whole week for consistency. The program will take place at Heritage Academy from 1–3 p.m., Monday–Friday, June 3–28. If you can help, please contact Stephen Pittman, stephen@hopeforaugusta.org or 678.234.9803.

Westminster Schools

18. Baccalaureate Service
You are cordially invited to attend Westminster Schools of Augusta’s 2013 Baccalaureate Service on Friday, May 17, at 5 p.m. in the Chapel at First Baptist Church, 3500 Walton Way Extension, Augusta, 30909.

Generous Giving Update

19. Financial Update
Ministry gifts for the week of April 28..........................$44,711
Year-to-date budget goal...........................................$1,176,923
Total ministry gifts .....................................................$970,030
Budget/giving position..............................................($206,893)
Total 2013 Building GeneroCity gifts..........................$212,080

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# Our Weekly Calendar

**Today**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship, St. Andrew’s Hall, Geneva Room or Young Married Classroom  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Various Locations  
9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, Geneva Room  
11 a.m. Morning Worship for the National Parish, Youth Ministry Building  
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir, Young Married Classroom  
5 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations  
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, St. Andrew’s Hall, Geneva Room or Young Married Classroom  
7:45 p.m. Lee and Williams Families Farewell Party, Youth Ministry Building

**Monday, May 6**

7-8:30 p.m. Upward Bound, Youth Ministry Building

**Tuesday, May 7**

6 a.m. High School Prayer, the Willis home, 414 Dorchester Drive, Augusta, 30909  
10 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers, Young Married Classroom  
7 p.m. Young Adults Gathering, Murphy Hall

**Wednesday, May 8**

7:30 p.m. Senior High Life, Youth Ministry Building

**Thursday, May 9**

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Meeting, Session Room  
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Adult Classroom  
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Young Married Classroom

**Sunday, May 12**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship, St. Andrew’s Hall, Geneva Room or Young Married Classroom  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Various Locations  
9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class, Geneva Room  
11 a.m. Morning Worship for the National Parish, Youth Ministry Building  
5 p.m. Frontline Prayer and Snack Supper, Murphy Hall  
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir, Young Married Classroom  
5 p.m. Youth D-Groups, Various Locations  
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship, St. Andrew’s Hall, Geneva Room or Young Married Classroom