Generous Giving

**17. Financial Update**

Ministry gifts for the week of July 28................................. $49,299
Year-to-Date budget goal ........................................ $2,578,627
Total ministry gifts ................................................. $2,398,880
Budget/giving position ........................................... ($179,747)

**Our Weekly Calendar**

**Today, August 4 (Promotion Sunday)**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. McKnight Lectures, St. Andrew's Hall
9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School, various locations
5 p.m. McKnight Coffee Hour, Murphy Hall
5 p.m. Middle School McKnight Coffee Hour, The Depot
5 p.m. High School McKnight Coffee Hour, Baker House
6:30 p.m. Evening Service with Communion

**Thursday, August 8**

11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
7 p.m. Ladies Night Out Dinner for Eight, various locations

**Friday, August 9**

7 p.m. Pilgrim’s Progress Movie Night, St. Andrew’s Hall

**Sunday, August 11**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Joint Adult Sunday School with Dr. Carl Ellis
St. Andrew’s Hall
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, various locations
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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.
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Save the Date

**Fall Bible Study Kickoff**...August 25
Women’s Conference: What’s Your Story?...September 13 – 14

For more information on the mission, ministries and events at First Presbyterian Church, please visit firstpresaugusta.org.

**Today at First Presbyterian**

1. Missionaries of the Week

Clark Boutwell—Young Life; Latin America
Clark worked for five years with Young Life in the Atlanta area but is now with Young Life Latin America/Caribbean. Pray for the gospel to take hold in the lives of teenagers and also for the staff and volunteers to disciple them as they grow in their faith. Pray for leaders to be raised up in Latin American countries who love Jesus wholeheartedly and who will continue the vision of reaching the next generation with the gospel. Pray for wisdom and direction for Young Life leaders, especially in the midst of volatile political and economic situations.


During evening worship this summer our sermon series is “The God You Can Know.” Our pastors will preach on the attributes of God presented in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 4: What is God? Answer: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. We will learn how each attribute reveals God’s presence and work in our daily lives. Tonight, Andy Lee, will preach from Genesis 1:16, Colossians 1:16-17 and Philippians 3:10 on “God Is All-Powerful.”

3. Promotion Sunday, Today

Children ages 4 through 12th grade will promote to their new Sunday School classes today.

4. College Ministry Student Send-Off

After 8:30 and 11 a.m. Services | Session Room
College students returning to classes, and those going to college for the first time, are invited to stop by the Session Room (#102) today to receive a small gift and to have the pastors pray with them. We look forward to keeping in touch with our students throughout their collegiate years, and want to send them off this year with our prayers and blessings.

5. The Lord’s Supper and Healing Prayer, Tonight

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be administered in the 6:30 p.m. service tonight. Following the service, elders will be available to pray with you and anoint you with oil. As you experience the mercy of God through his sacraments we invite you to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund. You may use the pew envelope or write a check, clearly indicating that your gift is for the Diaconate Mercy Fund.
**Our Church Family**

6. New Arrivals
We congratulate Amanda and Chad Hubbard on the birth of their second and third children, twin boys, Ethan McKnight Hubbard and Peter Andrew Hubbard, on July 26; and Mallory and Josh Click on the birth of their third child, Benjamin Stephen Click, on July 30.

**Upcoming Events**

7. Faith and Finance Classes begin August 28
Thursdays, 6–8 p.m. | Murphy Hall
Cost: $20, includes materials and dinners | Child care available
RSVP: Luke Niday, lunday@firstpresaugusta.org
Faith and Finance classes start August 28 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.

8. Interested in Joining? Inquirers Classes Begin September 9
Sundays, 9:45 a.m. | Session Room
Contact: Jess Romer, 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 September 9 and will continue for the next three Sundays during the Sunday School hour. The pastors will lead you in understanding our doctrine, vision, and goals, and opportunities to serve in the church. Please contact Jess Romer if you would like to attend.

7 p.m. | Tickets: $25 | $5 off with discount code "WORSHIP"
Purchase Tickets: warrenbaptist.org/sing2019
Location: Warren Baptist Worship Center | 3203 Washington Rd
Warren Baptist Church has graciously invited us to join them for "Sing! Augusta," an evening of worship featuring Keith and Kristyn Getty and various CSRA church choirs at 7 p.m. on October 10. Tickets are $25. Get $5 off your ticket by using the discount code "WORSHIP." Purchase your tickets today! You won't want to miss this incredible night of worship.

**Children’s Ministry**

10. Movie Night, Friday, August 9
7 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall | For Families of Rising Second Graders and Above
This summer our elementary aged children (1st–4th) have been studying Pilgrim’s Progress, and on Friday, August 9, they and their families are invited to a special showing of the animated movie Pilgrim’s Progress. The movie is recommended for ages 8 and up. Parents are encouraged to see the movie with their children to maximize opportunities for interaction and discussion. No drop-offs, please.

**Outreach**

11. 2019 McKnight Lectures, July 14–August 4
Being Known: Shame, Sexuality, and Community
More information/resources: firstpresaugusta.org
Deep in all of us there is a desire to be known and loved, right? Or could it be that if you really knew me, I would feel unsafe and exposed? This is our dilemma; God created us to be known and loved, but brokenness becomes a barrier. This year, the McKnight Lectures has focused on what it means to be known by God and others and the obstacles that prevent us from accepting God’s extravagant love. All adult and high school Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend the final lecture today at 9:45 a.m. in St. Andrew’s Hall, and the Coffeehouse Gathering at 5 p.m. in Murphy Hall to process and informally discuss the McKnight Lectures.

Sunday, August 4 – McKnight Lecture | 9:45 a.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall
“Being Known: Gospel-Centered Community” | Speaker: Jason Kovacs
Coffeehouse Gathering | 5 p.m. | Murphy Hall

12. English Teachers Needed; Training August 22
For more information and to register, contact: beth.gore4@gmail.com
Imagining living in a city where you understand only a few words of what anyone says to you. This is everyday life for thousands of internationals living in Augusta. You could help them by teaching conversational English in International Link’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program. If you are interested in volunteering, International Link is offering an intro course for those new to ESL. This three-hour mini-course covers the basics to begin teaching conversational English, on August 22 from 6–9 p.m. Please note: this is not a certification course. Your ESL program may require you to take the full certification course which will be offered later this fall.

**Staff Updates**

13. Dr. Carl Ellis to Serve as Pastoral Advisor for Strategic Initiatives
We are pleased to announce that God has provided a mentor to help us in our mission to become a multicultural church. Dr. Carl Ellis Jr. will be working with us for the next two years as Pastoral Advisor for Strategic Initiatives. As leader of the African American Leadership Initiative at Reformed Theological Seminary, he has collaborated extensively to mentor and create models for those aspiring to serve in multicultural contexts. As Pastoral Advisor for Strategic Initiatives, Dr. Ellis will visit our church several times between now and August 2021 to preach, lead seminars, meet with church leadership, and participate in other applicable activities. He will be available to our pastors and other leaders via phone and video conferencing as needed.

Sunday, August 11. Dr. Ellis will be preaching during both morning services on August 11, and leading a 5 p.m. seminar in St. Andrew’s Hall. There will also be a joint adult Sunday School gathering in St. Andrew’s Hall to get to know Carl and understand how his role as Pastoral Advisor for Strategic Initiatives will impact our leadership and plans as we seek to restore people and rebuild places through the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God. The topic of the Sunday sermon and 5 p.m. seminar will be “Becoming a Cross-Cultural Disciple.” The Scriptures are clear that every believer and every church is called to be cross-cultural in order to share the love of Christ with the world.

14. Chris Williams Transitions to Director of Young Professionals and Cultural Engagement
Chris Williams joined our staff last year as a pastoral intern and also worked with Hope for Augusta. He is now transitioning to Director of Young Professionals and Cultural Engagement. As he continues his pastoral internship and seminary studies, he will lead our young professionals and work closely with our pastors to help implement our goals of multicultural inclusion.

15. Dr. Leigh Fluery Accepts Position as Director of Music Ministries
We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Leigh Fluery has agreed to serve as our Director of Music Ministries. He has been serving at Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Clinton, South Carolina, for the past 13 years, and has more than 30 years experience serving in both large and small churches. He has a Master of Music degree in organ performance and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music. He is proficient on piano and organ and highly skilled in directing choirs. Leigh is married to Tacy, and they have three children: Grayson (13), Clara (11), and Marianne (9). Tacy is a voice teacher and gifted singer as well.

16. Search Continues for Additional Pastor
The search for the next member of our regular preaching team is still underway and progressing steadily. Please continue to pray for the next man to partner with our other pastors in leading our church.