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Birthdays

- 01.....Jill Bowen
Anna Butler
- 05.....Martha Holley
- 06.....Allyn Dyer
- 07.....Sarah Claire Doss
- 08.....McDonald Law
Devin Volant
- 09.....John Clark
Santonio Carter
- 11.....John Bodie
Paul Lyday
Natalie Parish
- 12.....Michael Boyd
Oliver Brown
Joshua Doss
- 15.....Fionna Chew
- 16.....Victoria Hulsebus
Charlotte Mellick
- 18.....Al Lovingood
- 19.....Cassie Carter
- 22.....Jay Dyer
- 25.....Caia Valdejuli
- 26.....Gabe Zamora
- 27.....David Chew
Rich Fishel
Terry Volant
- 29.....Noah Doss
Carol Rezzelle
Gloria Smits

Augusta Youth Chorale's Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Evening Worship beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Missionary Love Gift Dinner

Friday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m.

A time of fellowship and worship of our Savior as we remember supported missionaries in the field through collecting a monetary Christmas gift.

Evensong: A Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of worship and praise with our Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and Orchestra, and of singing carols together on Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your family and friends for this special time of honoring our Savior's birth. Nursery will be provided.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve worship service. The celebration will include an instrumental ensemble, soloist, Brianna Pylant and singing of carols, and Rev. Robbie Hendrick will share from the Word. We will conclude the service with singing Silent Night together by candlelight.



Children's Ministry News

All children 4 year olds to 5th grade are invited to a Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 1st (6:00 - 8:00P.M) in Covenant Hall. We will celebrate the season with a pizza dinner, games, crafts and more! If your child is able to join us please sign up in the Children's Building or email Frances Gojda (childrensministry@christchurchpres.org). Parents, you are of course welcome to stay and join in the fun or you may use those two hours to do some Christmas shopping! Looking forward to celebrating this wonderful season with you all!



Youth News

Our youth group had an eventful November! We enjoyed lessons on the Westminster Shorter Catechism and Letter of James and had fun at the Columbia County Fair, decorating the Youth House for Christmas, and a few other events.

As we enter the Advent Season, we look forward to spending a lot of time in fellowship! Please be in prayer for our Winter Camp trip to Ridge Haven at the end of the year! We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to this congregation for its generosity because all of the funds raised at the Wednesday night dinners was just enough to fund our transportation and tuition for the 29 youth attending the camp!



Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Shoebox Project!!! The members of Christ Church, Presbyterian, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life packed **132** gift-filled shoeboxes to be delivered to boys and girls all around the world. Whether they receive them by plane, boat, oxcart, horseback, or camel, 132 children will not only receive carefully selected gifts, but they will have the opportunity to hear the true meaning Christmas. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this amazing missions project that is reaching boys and girls around the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and please pray that God will use these gifts to bring many to a personal relationship with the Savior.

Ruth Ann Fiermans & Martha Calderwood



CHRIS & CARY DRINKARD
Manila, Philippines
Campus Outreach

Chris and Cary Drinkard joined Campus Outreach staff in 1998 and served in various roles in the Campus Outreach Augusta region for 16 years. In July of 2014, the Drinkards moved to Manila, Philippines where they helped launch a Campus Outreach ministry on two universities in the city in partnership with a local reformed Filipino church. Chris now serves as coordinator for the CO LEAD Initiative, a 2-year international ministry and development program for CO graduates. Their vision is to see hundreds of CO alumni serve and strengthen CO International ministries around the globe. Chris and Cary have three children: Susanna, Daniel, and Mary Beth.

Cary grew up in First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, and Chris became a Christian through the ministry of Campus Outreach as a college student. Their vision is to establish a multiplying movement of Filipino laborers on campuses partnered with local churches in Manila, surrounding cities and throughout Southeast Asia. Chris and Cary have three children: Susanna, Daniel, and Mary Beth.

Ministry:

- Provide more gospel conversations as classes will be fully in-person
- Bring students to Christ who are currently investigating
- Double the amount of new students on our Leadership Project (30+)
- Develop and strengthen our current Filipino staff (3)
- Raise up new Filipino staff interns
- Deepen our partnership with our Filipino church
- Expand our connection and support of CO Manila alumni

Prayer:

- Our family and staff would love Christ wholeheartedly and daily abide in Him.
- Wisdom to lead a healthy and growing multicultural team that is increasingly Filipino.
- Fruitful evangelism and discipleship produce multiplying movements on campuses in Manila and surrounding areas.

Anyone wishing to receive regular ministry updates from the Drinkards can request this by email at chris.drinkard@campusoutreach.org.

Music Ministry News

The Augusta Youth Chorale's Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 pm in our Sanctuary. The concert is a colorful collection of Christmas music.

Evensong: A Christmas Celebration is Sunday evening, December 17 at 6:00. Join us for a time of worship and praise with our Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and Orchestra, and of singing carols together on Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to invite your family and friends for this special time of honoring our Savior's birth. Nursery will be provided.

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American Heritage Girls

Our troop has worked on a couple of different service projects recently. Girls made blankets for the local chapter of Project Linus and gave all the blankets extra hugs and love before they will be distributed to children in the Augusta area. We also wrote letters and made cards for service members who will be away from their families for the holidays to encourage them and express our gratitude and appreciation for their service to our country. Our fall campout was a big hit with the girls and they were able to work on activities for the Women patch, which is our theme for this year. Another highlight of the month was our troop Thanksgiving feast where we came together to enjoy yummy food and celebrate all we have to be thankful to God for. This month all units will begin working on the Caring for Creation Badge and we look forward to our annual cookie exchange before we break for Christmas and New Years. We are very thankful for all the support and prayers we receive from our church! If you are interested in joining our troop or volunteering, please contact Jen Zamora at zamora.jeni@gmail.com or 954-478-2611.



Trail Life

Trail Life GA-2215 participated in the 3rd Annual Coastal Plains Trail Junction at 7th Mile Farm in Statesboro. The troop ran a compass course and a team of Navigators and Adventurers won Best Dessert Presentation in a Dutch Oven “Chopped” competition. We had a visit from Falconquest who showed God’s special design in nature.

The troop continued to support Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. TLUSA has been a national partner with Samaritan’s Purse OCC since our founding conference in 2013.

On November 15, the troop conducted a flag retirement ceremony.



Our annual campaign for Wreaths Across America is underway. WAA provides and places the wreaths in all our national cemeteries. You can sponsor a wreath this year for \$17 each. Check with a trainman or Trail Life leader and they can help you.



Ladies Online Prayer Group

“...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Philippians 4:6

Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America).



Contact Charlotte Jewett (cjjewett@att.net; 706-731-0191)
or Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

Servants Schedule

Elder Greeters

December 3: Charles McClure & Mike Boyd
December 10: Ken Moody & John Dunsmore
December 17: John Norkus & Glynn Dyer
December 24: Ora Parish & Mel Jewett
December 31: Rick Rezzelle & Charles McClure

House Deacon

Hank Gautreaux
Gene Gojda
Matt Linton
Ed Russell
Eddie Zamora

Morning Prayer

Communion
Ora Parish
Ken Moody
Rick Rezzelle
Derrick Smits

Ushers

December 3: Matt Linton, Gene Gojda, Stephen Dyer
December 10: Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux, Marion Butler
December 17: Marion Butler
December 24: Charles Kimbrell, Rich Fishel, Joe Beasley
December 31: Stephen Dyer, Marion Butler, Ed Russell



DECEMBER

Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray for our CCP supported missionaries.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. AVC Concert  Doug & Amy Nunziato	7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls & Trail Life		6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. -- Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m. -- Missionary Love Dinner 6:00 p.m. -- Young Adults Dinner	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. -- Worship  John & Cris Oliver	7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls & Trail Life		6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer	10:00 a.m. -- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11:00 a.m. -- Worship  Stephen Smith Stephen Smith	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED					

Women of Christ Church

We had 30 ladies gather together to enjoy a lovely, refreshing day retreat at the beautiful Old Timber Lodge in Edgefield, SC on November 4th. Not only did we have gorgeous weather, yummy homemade food, and lovely fellowship, but we were blessed to hear Barbara Wannemacher share and encourage us from the book "Side by Side" about walking with others in wisdom and love. We answered questions in small groups to get to know each other better and also participated in table discussions to deepen our relationships based on Barbara's teaching. In addition, we worked alongside each other completing a fall themed craft - either a wooden plaque or a set of 3 fabric pumpkins! We enjoyed free time outdoors exploring the lovely grounds and are looking forward to possibly returning to the Lodge for future retreats. We were blessed and encouraged by our time together and grateful to God for blessing our retreat and providing a time for the women in the church to gather together, be refreshed, and grow closer together in order to walk along side each other in love.



Local Evangelism Update

"You might recognize this. Your table needs dusting in your living room. So you dust it clean; all the dust is gone. Then you draw back the curtains and let in the early morning sunlight. What do you see on the table? Dust. What do you see in the air? Dust. Did the light create the dust? No, the light merely exposed the dust. And when you and I take the time to draw back the curtains of the holy of holies and let the light of God's law shine upon the sinner's heart, all that happens, is that he sees himself in truth. "The commandment is a lamp and the law is light" (Prov. 6:23). That's why Paul said, "By the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). That's why he said, "By the commandment sin became exceedingly sinful" (Rom. 7:13). In other words, the law showed him sin in its true light.

Now, I'm a strong believer in following in the footsteps of Jesus. Never, ever, would I approach someone and say, "Jesus loves you." Totally unbiblical; there's no precedent for that in Scripture. Neither would I go up to someone and say, "I'd like to talk to you about Jesus Christ." Why? Because if I wanted to awaken you from a deep sleep, I wouldn't use a flashlight in your eyes. That will offend you. I'd turn on the light dimmer very gently. First, the natural, then the spiritual. Why? Because "the natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God; neither can he know them. They are foolishness to him because they are spiritually understood" (1Cor. 2:14). The precedent in Scripture is given in John 4 for personal witness. You can see Jesus' example with the woman at the well. He started in the natural realm, swung to the spiritual, brought conviction using the seventh commandment, and then revealed Himself as the Messiah. So, when I meet someone, I'll talk about the weather, I'll talk about sport: let them feel a little bit of sanity. Get to know them; maybe joke here and there and then deliberately swing from the natural to the spiritual." Hell's Best Kept Secret - Ray Comfort





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