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Look For:

- New website for Christ Church: myccp.faith
- The Augusta Youth Chorale & the Children's Choir assisting in worship this month.
- Opportunity to join the Sanctuary Choir for the Easter Evensong.
- Vacation Bible School information—June 10 thru 14 – volunteer request.
- An opportunity to support the Broad Street Ministry Center's endeavors.

Community Impact

Broad Street Ministry Center, Augusta, GA

Broad Street Ministry Center is a benevolence ministry created to share the love of Jesus by meeting various individual/family needs.

Our purpose is to share with the CSRA the gospel of Jesus through ministry evangelism. Ministry evangelism is best defined as meeting needs while sharing the love of Christ. The second part of our purpose is to strive to provide a place where Christian churches, organizations, groups or individuals can serve through local missions. You may contact Linda Jones for more information at 706-231-3758 or visit bsmcaugusta.org. If you feel led to partner with this ministry, please join us on one of the following training dates from 2:15 until 3:45 p.m.: March 4, 5, 6, & 7.

Christ Church, Presbyterian's new website . . .

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Be sure to visit our new website and tell your family, friends, and neighbors so that they can be a part of what God is doing at Christ Church.

Here, you'll find the pastor's sermons and be able to listen to them, current bulletins and newsletters, information on each of the ministries offered and ways to get involved, upcoming events, and so much more. Come see our new look. You'll be glad that you did.



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Birthdays

- 01 Charles Kimbrell
Richard Turner
- 02 Noah Stephens
- 04 Paul Caruso
- 05 Lynn Black
Laura Doss
- 06 Andrew Norkus
- 07 Emaline Fliermans
- 08 Tambrey Fliermans
Leanora Parish
- 09 Carswell Steed
- 10 Ivy Jewett
- 12 Thelma Nunziato
- 13 Francesca Valldejuli
- 15 Sarah Hatcher
- 16 Abigail Doss
- 17 Anne Bowen
Charlie Rector
- 20 Jill Ivory
- 21 Carol Mauldin
- 22 Carl Fliermans
- 23 Gabi Wiggill
- 24 David Dyer
- 25 Maria Russell
- 26 Karleigh Stephens
- 27 Anneka Fliermans
Graham Fliermans
Kay Lovingood
- 29 Ed Evans
- 31 Jonathan Kimbrell

Saint Patrick (425 – 493)

“The Lord is greater than I, I have said enough.”

“I have cast myself into the hands of God almighty Who rules everywhere.”

As we begin our trek into March (Can you believe how quickly it is going by?), we come to one of the most confusing “celebrations” on the American calendar: St. Patrick's Day. In an effort to know the truth, here are my thoughts on Patrick, and the day of green shamrocks.

Patrick, is remembered today as the saint who drove the snakes out of Ireland (not true), the teacher who used the shamrock to explain the Trinity (doubtful), and the namesake of annual parades in New York and Boston. What is less well-known is that Patrick was a humble missionary of enormous courage. When he evangelized Ireland, he set in motion a series of events that impacted all of Europe. It all started when he was carried off into slavery around 430.

A 16-year-old from Britain, Patrick was sold to a cruel warrior chief, whose opponents' heads sat atop sharp poles around his palisade in Northern Ireland. While Patrick minded his master's pigs in the nearby hills, he lived like an animal himself, enduring long bouts of hunger and thirst. Worst of all, he was isolated from other human beings for months at a time. He eventually turned to the Christian God of his fathers for comfort. “I would pray constantly during the daylight hours,” he later recalled. “The love of God and the fear of Him surrounded me more and more. And faith grew. And the spirit roused so that in one day I would say as many as a hundred prayers, and at night only slightly less.”

After six years of slavery, Patrick received a supernatural message. “You do well to fast,” a mysterious voice said to him. “Soon you will return to your homeland.” Before long, the voice spoke again: “Come and see, your ship is waiting for you.” So Patrick fled and ran 200 miles to a southeastern harbor. There he boarded a ship of traders.

Within a few years, Patrick returned to his family in England, only to be called back to Ireland as an evangelist after a vision of a man handing him a letter that started: “the voice of the Irish...we appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.”

Once arriving back in Ireland, paganism was still dominant. “I dwell among gentiles,” he wrote, “in the midst of pagan barbarians, worshipers of idols, and of unclean things.”

Patrick concentrated the bulk of his missionary efforts on the country's one hundred or so tribal kings. If the king became a Christian, he reasoned, the people would too. This strategy was a success. Once he converted a number of pagans, he built a church, ordained deacons, priests, or bishops, and left them in charge.

According to the Irish annals, Patrick died in 493, when he would have been in his seventies. But we do not know for sure when, where, or how he died. Monasteries at Armagh, Downpatrick, and Saul have all claimed his remains.

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Set your clocks ahead one hour
on Saturday, March 16.

Plan to hear two of our wonderful musical groups as they share in evening worship: the **Children's Choir** sings Sunday, March 17 and the **Augusta Youth Chorale** sings Sunday, March 24.

The **Sanctuary Choir** will be a part of the chorus singing Elijah, A Symphonic Suite by Mendelssohn with the Columbia County Orchestra on Friday evening, March 29, at the Appling Baptist Church. Come celebrate with us.

LAST CALL if you are interested in singing celebratory Easter music with the Christ Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. We continue to rehearse each Wednesday evening and you are cordially invited. Our extra rehearsal highlighting Easter music is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 16, at 10:30. Contact me for further information. Our *Evensong: An Easter Celebration*, will be Sunday evening, April 21.

Vacation Bible School

It's Coming! Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars today for the week of June 10 – 14. VBS will present another case to be solved with our Super Bible Sleuths, Angela McTavish and Professor Darla Thornwell. "The Case of the Hidden Hero" will help us uncover a real Hero. Our sleuths will investigate several suspects to find the One True hero.

All hands needed! Please fill out the volunteer form on the table in the narthex and place in the VBS basket.

Missions Matters: Paul & Laura Chinchon, African Bible Colleges, Malawi, S. Africa

The Chinchens met at Biola University in Southern California. They have five children, three of whom were born in Africa. Their eldest daughter, Ashley, is a Covenant College graduate, and helped establish ABC's TV station in Malawi in 2012. Number two daughter Annabelle graduated with a degree in Intercultural Studies and works full time for ABC. Levi is 19 and a first-year cadet at West Point in New York. Bess is in 10th Grade and Vanndel is in 8th Grade.

Paul and Laura have been missionaries with African Bible Colleges (ABC) for almost 30 years. The Chinchens have served with the mission in Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia. The purpose of ABC is to train Christian young men and women at the university level to supply the evangelical churches in Africa with much needed leadership. Paul has been head of the mission since 2008, and oversees ABC's work in Africa, which includes three Christian universities in Malawi, Uganda, and Liberia, as well as the ABC Mission Hospital in Malawi, the ABC Christian Academy in Lilongwe, and the mission's four Christian radio stations and one television station. Paul also founded ABC's Masters of Arts in Christian Leadership program in 2012, and in 2017 co-founded the African Business Institute with Cambridge MBA graduate Jon Shiomitsu. Laura is Vice Principle of Recruiting and Curriculum Development for the ABC Christian Academy in Lilongwe, Malawi; an international mission school the Chinchens founded in 1998.

Prayer:

- ◆ Pray for a new doctor for ABC's Mission Hospital in Malawi. Our long-serving doctor from New Zealand recently retired.
- ◆ Paul's parents, Jack and Nell Chinchon, are in the final stages of serving in Africa. Please pray for their health and strength.
- ◆ The need for visiting instructors for our ABI (African Business Institute) and our Master's Program in Malawi.
- ◆ Pray for elementary and high school teachers for the ABC Christian Academy that has 300 children enrolled from 28 countries.
- ◆ Pray for Laura as she struggles physically with a knee that needs to be replaced.

St. Patrick (continued)

Patrick was one of the first great missionaries who brought the gospel beyond the boundaries of Roman civilization. He became the example of future evangelism. Hundreds of Celtic monks, in emulation of Patrick, left their homeland to spread the gospel to Scotland, England, and continental Europe.

His feast day (St. Patrick's Day) is recorded as early as March 17 (the supposed day of his death), 797 AD, with the annotation; "The flame of a splendid sun, the apostle of Ireland, may Patrick with many thousands be the shelter of our wickedness." It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a **solemnity** and a **holy day of obligation**; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.

So let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day as we should, remember not the green beverages, the shamrocks, the parades, the parties, or green attire, but let us celebrate the one-time slave in Ireland who actually went back into Ireland to share the gospel to a lost world. Let us thank God for Patrick, His instrument of gospel declaration to Ireland.

The Augusta Youth Chorale is celebrating 10 years and is planning an anniversary celebration concert on Saturday, June 1. All alumni are invited to participate and may obtain more information and register to join us by visiting our website, www.augustayouthchorale.org. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the celebration concert at 7:00 p.m.

March

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. Church-wide Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray daily for our CC,P supported missionaries and missions agencies listed in italics. Those listed without their last name are serving in harm's way. Also, if their name is underlined, it's their birthday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Sunday Prayer	7:00 p.m. Trail Life	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	<i>Noah & Karleigh Stephens (Karleigh's birthday is 3/26)</i>
<i>Karl & Debbie Dortzbach</i>	<i>Tim & Lana Higginbotham</i>	<i>Dick & Nancy Baggé</i>	<i>Steven & Rachelle Smith</i>	<i>Heritage Academy</i>	<i>Rick & Betty Aschmann Palmer Home for Children</i>	<i>Doug & Amy Nunziato & Agape Ministries</i>
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Sunday Prayer	6:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting		7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Chris & Cary Drinkard</i>	<i>Martin Click & Institute for Creation Research</i>	<i>Josh Keel & Clay & Darlene Quarterman</i>	<i>Bob & Andrea Burnham & Paul Volpitta</i>	<i>Paul & Laura Chinchon & Trail Life</i>	<i>Greg & Julieann</i>	<i>Jenn & David & Erin Pervis</i>
Daylight Savings Time	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trail Life	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	Set your clocks back one hour at bed time.
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Missions Prayer Bands	<i>Glenn & Sharlene</i>	<i>Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher</i>	<i>Steve & Kellie Kermit & Cheryl</i>			
<i>Charles Rector</i>	6:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans 10:30 a.m. Community Service	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Kurt & Pat Nelson</i>	<i>Steve & Sherri Letchford</i>	<i>Augusta Care Pregnancy Center</i>
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	<i>Jews for Jesus</i>	<i>Gordon K. & Miriam Reed</i>	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	
<i>Kim Green</i>			<i>Joy & Nancy</i>	<i>John & Cris Oliver</i>	<i>Cheryl Crocker</i>	<i>American Heritage Girls</i>
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting						
<i>Eliseo & Paula Guadagno</i>						