

THE COVENANTER  
August 05, 2018

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,  
Synod of the South Atlantic, General  
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church  
(USA)



Sunday, August 26 **RALLY DAY**

8:30am, Worship

9:15am, Covered Dish Breakfast and CE Rally Day Program

10:45am, Worship

Hello! If you are planning for your young person to take part in the Rally Day skit, rehearsals will be August 8th, 15th and 22nd at 6:30 (all Wednesdays) *"I've decided to let the children help me write the skit, so even if your child doesn't want to perform, if they would like to come and help out with the story, we will be doing some creative games and storytelling activities and all are welcome to join."* Christine Carpenter

**COVENANT CONNECTION**  
**COMING SOON!** We need your help so please consider being a blessing during the Covenant Connection season! There are many ways to help. Check out the Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions please see Katy McGill. Thanks!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th

9:00am, Annual Congregational Meeting, with light breakfast by the Session

10:45am, Hymnsing Worship



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*"If you love me, feed my sheep."*  
John 21:15-19

Covenant is collecting for the Athens Area Emergency Food bank for the month of **August:**  
*1# packages of pasta, cold boxed cereal and as always brown paper bags.*

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

**Remember in Prayer:** Students and teachers as the new school year begins; Caren Snook's daughter-in-law Shoko & family, in the death of her aunt in Japan; the Weigle family in Augusta (mother Joy is DCE at Reid Memorial Pres Church), in the sudden death of their 17-year-old daughter Sarah Rhoads in an auto accident; the Silver family's friends, whose 18-month-old child was injured by a nail-gun; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topples's sister Genia in Atlanta; Ashley Wolfe, at home.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday,	Aug. 06	Psalm 130
Tuesday,	Aug. 07	Psalm 131
Wednesday,	Aug 08	Isaiah 55
Thursday,	Aug 09	Isaiah 56
Friday,	Aug 10	Ephesians 4: 17-24
Saturday,	Aug 11	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2
Sunday,	Aug 12	John 6: 35-38, 41-59



**WHO'S WHO:** Who at Covenant once stole a Mickey Mantle baseball card in the mid-1950's?

**2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD**  
**WEEK #05**

Anticipated Pledges: \$44,755.10  
 Received Pledges: \$32,692.93

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

**TWO BY TWO** by Marilyn Brown. Many expressions come in pairs. Example: aid & abet. Complete the following:

1. Rack and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and tear.
3. A thing or \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHO'S WHO:** Dick Zimdars

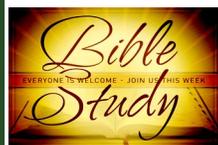


**Answers to Life's A Zoo!**

1. Ruin
2. wear
3. two

**DID YOU KNOW!**

The FEAST food distribution on Saturday, July 21 served 120 families, with 40 volunteers, including 24 from Covenant, even through the thunderstorm!



The **10:00 Wednesday morning Bible Study** continues in July, viewing the PBS Frontline video, “**From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians.**” You’re welcome to join in the good discussion!



**Adult choir will start on August 15th at 7:30.** I welcome anyone interested in this valuable ministry. We learn about reading music, we sing a diverse array of anthems, and we warm up with back-rubs and chocolate. Text or e-mail Cliff for more information: 706-206-7099 or [cbrock@covpresathens.org](mailto:cbrock@covpresathens.org)

**Soul Shop – Ministering to Suicidal Desperation**

*Life-Saving Culture. Life-Saving Conversations.*

**Soul Shop for the Public – Sun, Sept 16, 3-5pm no charge!** *Suicide awareness training for the entire community.*

**Soul Shop for Faith Leaders-Mon, Sept 17, 9-5pm \$10 included boxed lunch.** Suicide awareness training for lay and professional leaders in faith communities.

Register at [milledge.org/soulshop](http://milledge.org/soulshop) or by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13th.

**GLASSES FOR HONDURAS!** Rich Kimmich is traveling to Honduras in October and is collecting reading, sun, or prescription glasses. *Please donate glasses that are in good condition.* There is a box on the congregational desk for your donations! *Last year Rich reached 500 low income residents of Roatan and provided them with eye glasses and medications.*



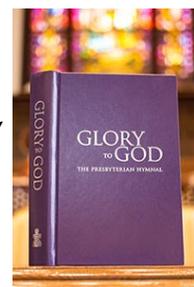
Saturday, Aug. 25 Covenant BRAS performing at Groovy Nights for Project Safe  
 Sunday, Sept. 2 8:30 & 10:45am, Worship  
 9:30am, Church School for all ages  
 Thursday, Sept. 6 7:00pm, Worship team meeting

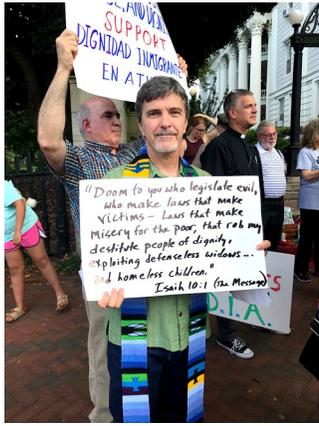
The Restaurant Roadtrip is heading to Em’s Kitchen at Hawthorne Drugs near Prince Avenue to eat lunch together at 11:30am on Tuesday, August 14. Come and join us! You can meet us there - or meet at the church for a carpool leaving at 11:15am. Separate checks. Please SIGNUP on the bulletin board, so we’ll know how many to expect.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Carrie Tweedell** competing in the National Twirling Championship in South Bend, Indiana. Carrie got 4th out of 36 in the Beginner Pageant! 2nd in modeling and 3rd in strut in the title. Way to go!



The Worship Ministry team recently purchased an additional 10 copies of the hymnals. To make them accessible to anyone who might need to have their own copy during worship, they will be placed at the main aisle ends of the last 5 rows of pews, on both sides. Thanks to the Graduates, who pointed out that there is a growing number of us whose vision requires that we have our own hymnal. Please return them to the same location at the end of the service. *Julie Bower*





**Meet Our Neighbor Katia** – Covenant has recently become a member congregation of the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (ISC), a group of Athens area faith communities committed to offering friendship, hope, and compassionate support to our undocumented neighbors. Through ISC we have met Katia, a 19 year-old mother of two who has lived in Athens for 17 years. Her husband was deported to Mexico a few months ago, leaving Katia with her mother and sister to try and make ends meet. Currently Katia is working some shifts at a local flea market. In the fall she will be returning to school, seeking to complete her high school education through an on-site, on-line program at the ACC School District office. Here are some ways we can help Katia immediately and in the months to come:

\*By providing Lyft gift cards or a bus pass so that she can get to work and run errands

\*By offering rides to school several times a week in the fall (once we know her schedule we will set up a Sign-Up genius for volunteer drivers)

\*By supplying her with plastic storage bins and age-appropriate books for her children (she has a one year-old boy and a three year-old girl)

\*By sharing information about local, private cosmetology schools and helping fund her tuition

Thank you for prayerfully considering entering into this relationship with Katia and her family. In these days when many of us are rightly focused on legislative efforts to enable parents and children to stay together along our borders, this is a chance to extend gospel love to a vulnerable family that is already here.

As one of my teachers likes to say, “Justice is good, but supper is essential!”

**“Try it - you may like it!”**

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help in the nursery one time between September and December. It’s a great way to meet Covenant’s youngest and get to better know other adults.”  
Let me know at [ellenstoneburner@gmail.com](mailto:ellenstoneburner@gmail.com).

Join us for Lunch Bunch, every final Tuesday of the month, at DePalma’s Eastside at 11:30am. Next one is Tuesday, August 28th. Always good food & fellowship to share. Separate checks – meet you there.



**Make an American Dream Come True!**

Aspect Foundation is currently seeing volunteer host families for international exchange students from nearly 30 countries. Our families are loving families who can give a student a place to sleep/study, daily meals and a loving home. These students are aged 15 to 18, speak English, and have their own spending money and insurance. For more information, please call

**Mackenzie Battista at (770) 757-4656** or visit [www.aspectfoundation.org](http://www.aspectfoundation.org)



For the month of **AUGUST** Covenant will be collecting:

*1# packages of pasta, cold cereal*

and as always brown paper bags.

*Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Ruth Hocking

4 Kay Millar

6 Paige Campbell

Hank Tweedell

14 Jim Verbrugge

15 Katie Bemisderfer

Annemarie Braswell

16 Susan Shealy

Carolyn Steuer

Kathi Van Wicklen

19 Karen Foutz

Thomas Sperr

22 Rich Reaves

Vera Simpson

23 Gloria Pylant

Jeremy Mote

24 Barbara Burnett

25 Bob Placek

28 Claude Burnett

Chandler Rosenberger

29 Kirk Cureton

31 Carol Huber

Mary Ann Johnson



## Back to School CELEBRATION

For the Clarke County School District

**Sunday, August 5, 5:30 pm**

At the Meetinghouse, Piedmont College, 595 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA

**Please bring for donation #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, crayons, and/or markers.**

*The Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens sponsors this special event to affirm our support of Clarke County schools and our community.*

***All are welcome!***

God of our past, our present and our future, God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,  
Be love in us as we journey through this new school year.  
Be our inner vision, that we may see life through your eyes,  
Be our inner hearing, that we may listen well for your call,  
Be our inner judgment, so we may discern clearly that which gives life,  
Promotes growth, and nurtures love. As we move into this school year, fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,  
So that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope. Amen

- author unknown

### WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, August 18 at EAST FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

400 Arch Street  
9:00 am

All women are invited to this monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast at EFBC. If you have questions (or want to carpool), see Coffee Worth, Sue Rathbun, or Jere Bowden.





**5th Sunday Worship Experience -**  
*5th SUNDAY July 29!*

*Thank you everyone for a really great job Sunday!*

**Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)** 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. *Summer NOTE:* As we move into the summer months, child liturgists will come on a volunteer basis. If you would like your child to lead the call to worship over the summer, contact Karen in the office and let her know which Sundays work for your family. *Instructions:* The bulletin will be emailed by the end of the week on your week. Practice with your child. During the “Voluntary” of the worship service, the liturgist may join the pastors in the chancel. To begin, your child can invite the congregation, “Please join me in the Call to Worship.” *Need to switch weeks? Please do so with someone who is leading in weeks after your child and let the office know.*

**Going underground with WoRM**

“let the little children come unto me.” - *Jesus*

The teachers and shepherds of this joy-filled time of providing for the Christian education of our children are such a blessing. *Do you have a sense of call to participate in this ministry?* The leaders for the next school year will meet for a planning session over the summer (date: TBD, late July/early August) in preparation for the school year. If you are interested in learning more about how you can offer your gifts and fulfill your sense of call in this way, please contact Craig: [ctopple@covpresathens.org](mailto:ctopple@covpresathens.org)



**WoRM WORKDAY!** Sundays **August 5 & 12** after worship until 1pm. If you are able, please come and help organize as we prepare for the Children’s Christian Education Program. We will meet in the “Temple Courtyard” right after worship!

**FIRST GRADE BREAKFAST** for Covenant’s first graders.

**Sunday, August 12th** is a special day for our First Graders, **River Bowen, William Sperr & Zia Topple.**

The parents will attend a special parent’s workshop, while the children enjoy breakfast with the Pastors. The children will have a special tour of the Worship Center, during which time will be spent talking about baptism and communion. Our first graders will be introduced to the congregation during the service and will be presented with their very own copy of our Presbyterian Hymnal, *Glory to God.* *(If you know of any first graders that are not listed above and would like to be included please let the church office know.)*



**YOUTH NEWS!**

**YOUTH LEADERS MEETING!** Wednesday, August 15th, 6pm—9pm at Ted’s Most Best to plan for the upcoming Sunday evening programming for youth.

**WEEK OF August 05, 2018**

**SUNDAY-**

9:45am Worship  
following worship—**WoRM** work day  
11:00am Punch and Cookies  
1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel , Epps Bridge Road

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study

**THURSDAY-**

10am COM Meeting  
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters  
6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA  
7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-**

1:00pm Climate Change Lobby Meeting  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—August 05, 2018**

**9:45am-**

Liturgist—

Reader: Sandy Whitney

Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Julie & Don Bower

Greeters: Brian, Wyatt & Alice Herndon

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Sue Loegel, Judy Capie

Punch & Cookies: TBD

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (August 6—12)

Nursery/Super: Annemarie Braswell

Birth—Walking: Annemarie Braswell

Walking—5 years old: Brian & Lily Herndon, Anna Cobb

**WEEK OF August 12, 2018**

**SUNDAY-** 8:30am First Grade Breakfast

9:45am Worship (final)  
following worship—**WoRM** Work Day  
11:00am Punch and Cookies (final)  
1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
11:30am Restaurant Road Trip to Em's Kitchen  
7pm Athens Stamp Club in FH  
7:00pm CE Meeting  
7pm New Freedom Council Meeting  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study  
**7:30pm Adult Choir resumes**

**THURSDAY-**

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters  
6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA  
7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY-**

9:00 NEGA Presbytery Meeting (Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, Winder, GA)  
9am EFBC Women's Prayer Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—August 12, 2018**

**9:45am-**

Liturgist—

Reader: Juergen Wiegel

Ushers: Kent Silver, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert, Steve Rathbun

Greeters: Maurine Wathen, Gloria Pylant

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Sue Loegel, Pam Knox

Punch & Cookies: TBD

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Ed & Dianne Ralph (Aug 13—19)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Adam & Rebecca Rea, Adam Brooks,  
Lindsey Bowden