

THE COVENANTER

August 12, 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, Join us for a breakfast courtesy of the fellowship Ministry Team, of grits and biscuits for each table with jams and condiments. (fruit or pastry donations appreciated).

9:45am, Mary Barnett & Katy McGill, CE Co-Chairs, will say a few words about the Christian Education Ministries. Enjoy this time for visiting too!

10:45am, Worship

FIRST GRADE BREAKFAST for Covenant's first graders.

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

The parents attended a special parent's workshop, while the children enjoyed breakfast with the Pastors. The children had a special tour of the Worship Center, during which time was 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*.



Covenant's **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Session for **Sunday, August 19**, in Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be provided by the Session and served at 9:00am, with the meeting following shortly after. We will review the budget for 2018-19 and consider the pastors' terms of call, as well as hear from various Ministry Teams and programs about their plans for the coming year. Childcare will be provided. We hope you will be able to attend! **10:45am Worship** will resume in the Worship Center, as we celebrate with a Hymnsing.

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 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 and families, as the new school year begins; those who are in difficult situations, near & far; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Ashley Wolfe returning to work this past week.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday,	Aug. 13	Psalm 19: 7-10, 14
Tuesday,	Aug. 14	Psalm 85
Wednesday,	Aug 15	Psalm 51: 10-12
Thursday,	Aug 16	Psalm 23
Friday,	Aug 17	I Peter 5: 6-11
Saturday,	Aug 18	Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Sunday,	Aug 19	Ephesians 5: 15-20



TITLE: *Revive Us Again!*

Theme: Our songs of grace & gratitude lift the heart and renew our soul.

WHO'S WHO: Who at Covenant is tagging alligators this summer for research?

**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. blow _____ and cold.
2. For _____ or money.
3. _____ and kicking.

WHO'S WHO: Anje Kidd Weaver

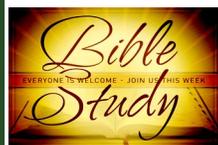


Answers to Life's A Zoo!
1. hot
2. Love
3. olive



ONLINE READERS: no one is scheduled for our final punch and cookies reception this coming Sunday, August 12. So check with the pastors over the weekend, if you'd like to do this one.

The Fall Brochure is in your church mailboxes and on our church website, with all the new beginnings for our ministries at Covenant. You'll want to read it carefully and put some dates on your own calendars. Enjoy!



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

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 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.*



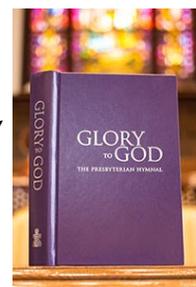
Saturday, Aug. 25 Covenant BRAS performing at Groovy Nights for Project Safe
 Sunday, Sept. 2 8:30 & 10:45am, Worship
 9:30am, Church School for all ages
 Thursday, Sept. 6 7:00pm, Worship team meeting

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.

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.



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!



I am Here! Yes I am Here! Come and find me in the gathering room!

There are oodles of yarn given to the Knitters and Knitters over the years. Please come and take All that you want!



Wyatt Herndon is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 777 which serves youth from the southern portion of Madison County. In July the Troop's trailer and equipment were stolen. The trailer contained equipment and supplies used on a regular basis to support most Scouting activities, particularly the time honored tradition of camping. A GoFundMe campaign has been started on behalf of the Troop and can provide additional information about the needs of the Troop.

<https://www.gofundme.com/nega-troop-777-trailerequip-drive?teamInvite=oeTPPfG6ieaEx27aiCn4LYmSdqXlqESmOzX77GFCf6byB8SoGWZ548evHknsE8U6>

Also, Athen's Public Radio station WUGA conducted an interview with the Troop's Scoutmaster. An article that includes the interview and a list of stolen items can be found at this link: <http://www.wuga.org/post/trailer-full-camping-gear-stolen-boy-scout-troop#stream/o>

Any questions can be answered by Brian: herndon.brian1@gmail.com Any way that you can help is greatly appreciated. -The Herndon Family"

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.



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STAR WATCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12th 9pm—11pm at Sandy Creek Park, to watch the meteor shower. Maurice Snook and 2 of his friends will be there with their telescopes to view Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn – the Green Dream Team encourages you to attend and enjoy this beautiful view from Earth. There is a small entrance fee.

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!



5th Sunday Worship Experience -

Thank you everyone for a really great job Sunday for 5th Sunday, July 29th. Next 5th Sunday, September 30th.

Going underground with WoRM! The designated downstairs Sunday School space has murals painted on the walls (some of which were painted by Pastor Mark Harper) which invite anyone who descends to enter into a sacred story. It is within these walls that songs and stories of faith are learned for a lifetime.

Lives with young children are busy to be sure! If my daughters participate in something, I want to have confidence it is worth the time and effort. Each teacher and helper seeks to meet that expectation, as they delight in the privilege of being part of nurturing our children's faith. WoRM becomes one of the few opportunities our children have to learn about the Bible and how the stories begin to shape their lives and the way they see the world. We see it as a foundational part of their development.

WoRM, stands for Workshop Rotation Model. Grouped as K-2nd and 3rd-5th graders, children rotate each month to the four workshops:

Oasis Theatre--the Story through drama;

Temple Courtyard--The Story through creative games;

Loaves and Fishes--the Story through cooking and/or science;

Potters Workshop--The Story through crafts.



Teachers and Shepherds for this school year include: *Christine Carpenter, Kay and Adam Brooks, Patrick and Alice McMaster, Jere Bowden, Megan Sperr, Cary and John Ritzler, Luanne Riggsby, Susan Parish, Jennifer Frey, Jerry Shannon, and Craig and Trasie Topple.* If your name was accidentally left off this list and/or if you'd like to teach and/or shepherd, please let Craig Topple know as soon as possible.

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.

YOUTH GROUPS coming soon !

THE CAVE begins Friday, August 17th at 3:30pm.

THE CAVE VOLUNTEERS will meet with this year's director, Dibenhi Renya, on Friday, Aug.17, at 3:00pm. We need you! See Craig Topple.

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.*

Are you interested in becoming more physically active and functionally fit?

Participants needed for a UGA Kinesiology research study involving a group exercise program for older adults:

CHAMPS: Changing Activity, Maintaining Physical function Study

Who? Couples 60-80 years old with internet access.

What? Complete initial online screening (takes ~10 minutes) to determine possible eligibility.

Visit our lab in UGA's Ramsey Center, for baseline physical function testing visits (~2 hours).

The exercise program will last about 10 weeks with classes twice per week on TUES/THURS for ~1.5 hours between 8:00AM and 11:00AM, and will be held in the Center for Physical Activity and Health.

What do I gain? In addition to meeting new friends and gaining exercise education and health benefits, upon successful completion of initial visits, physical activity classes, and follow-up visits, you will be provided with a Fitbit and a free 2-month membership to the Center for Physical Activity and Health (CPAH), which is valued at \$70.00.

I want to participate! Follow the link(<https://bit.ly/2MAzutN>) or scan the QR code to see the screening questions:

Questions? Email CHAMPS.UGA.17@gmail.com



WEEK OF August 12, 2018

SUNDAY- 8:30am First Grade Breakfast
9:45am Worship (final)
11:00am Punch and Cookies (final)
1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

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 LAG Meeting
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

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

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SUNDAY

9am Breakfast & Annual Congregational Meeting
10:45am HYMNSING Worship
1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED

8:00am Covenant’s Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel Epps Bridge Road
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY-

9:30am Athens Mother’s Center
6:30pm Stated Session Meeting
8pm New Freedom

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8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY-

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—August 19, 2018

10:45am-

Liturgist—

Reader: Jim Newland

Ushers: Julie & Don Bower, Robyn Malone, Phil & Linda Koehler

Greeters: The Cobb Family

Congregational Care: Marilyn Brown

Counters: Caren Snook, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (August 20-26)

Nursery/Super: Pam Knox

Birth—Walking: Pam Knox

Walking—5 years old: Lola Bell, Sandy Whitney,
Sarah Shannon