

Sunday, May 5 **OLDER ADULT SUNDAY**  
*Love & Appreciation to our Older Adults!*

THE COVENANTER  
May 05, 2019

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod  
of the South Atlantic, General  
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church  
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PRESBYTERIAN HOMES  
OF GEORGIA

### ***Caring Hands Offering***

The *Caring Hands Fund* benefits our most vulnerable residents. Money is used largely to bridge the \$3 million gap between Medicaid reimbursement and the actual cost of the high-quality care we provide for our health services residents. Almost 85 percent of our charitable expenditures are used to cover this cost. *Caring Hands* donations also allow in-home services to help residents in independent apartment homes maintain their independence.

More than 200 Presbyterian churches along with hundreds of individual donors statewide participate in the annual *Caring Hands Offering*, which benefits the *Caring Hands Fund*. One of life's great blessings is the opportunity to honor those who touched our lives by giving back to God's senior adults. Your support enables Presbyterian Homes to provide exceptional care for our aging residents. We can provide materials to help every church make the *Caring Hands* offering a success. You will find an envelope in your mailbox.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON **May 18th!** Covenant Presbyterian Church in conjunction with other local churches will join together to distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the mailboxes. Volunteers will need to arrive as early as 7:00 am with the distribution itself beginning at 9 a.m. for approximately 200 people. It is estimated that we will wrap things up around 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating in FEAST please visit our sign-up sheet in the hallway. For more information contact Sue Rathbun, Nancy Omdahl, Ed Ralph or Mark Harper. *Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this ecumenical effort in our community!*

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Everyone's invited to the **Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon** on Tuesday, May 14, in Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages and Ann Anderson's delicious meatballs will be provided. Our program will welcome back former Covenant member and Elder, Geof Gilland, who is now the Public Information Assistant at the ACC Police Department, sharing stories of interest about the department and his new position, leaving time for Q&A as well. We hope you'll be able to attend!

**Remember in Prayer:** Coffee Worth (and her caregiver Sara Boggs), moving to Florida to live with her daughter, Evelyn (& husband Cary) McMullen, 1323 Timberidge Drive, Lakeland, FL 33809-0806; Patti Huberty & Jennifer Lloyd & family, in the death of their great-aunt Doris DeAngelo on April 30 (Ed Davis' aunt); Jim Bowden, healing well from pneumonia; Mrs. Bowen's home & community; Dianne Ralph and Elsie Bothwell, at home; and Ben Bruner, in continued healing from a motorcycle accident – please send cheer & blessings to this address, 86 Sleepy Hollow Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	May 06	Psalm 23
Tuesday	May 07	Psalm 24
Wednesday	May 08	Psalm 25
Thursday	May 09	Revelation 7: 9-17
Friday	May 10	John 10: 1-21
Saturday	May 11	John 10: 22-30
Sunday	May 12	Acts 9: 36-43

**DOING  
GOOD  
TOGETHER™**

#### Upcoming Events!

Sun. May 5	Older Adult Sunday celebrating Christian Education volunteers and saying goodbye to Coffee Worth
Sat. May 11	2-4pm, goodbye party for Coffee Worth at Jubilee Partners
Sat. May 18	The FEAST Food Distribution
Sun. May 19	9:30am, FINAL Church School for WoRM
Sun. May 26	8:30am, FINAL early worship 9:30am, FINAL Adult Church School 10:45am FINAL worship
Sun. June 2	9:45am, Summer Worship begins
Sat., June 29	6pm Covenant's Coffee House

#### 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

Fiscal Year to Date: Week #44  
Anticipated Pledges: \$393,844.85  
Received Pledges: \$376,161.18

*It is time to catch up on pledges.*

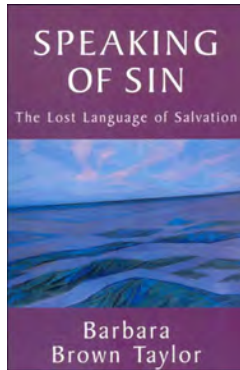
You will find your July 2018 – March 2019 statements in your mailbox.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** to Garrett Devaney.

He was commissioned as an officer Friday, 5/3 at Georgia Tech and has been assigned active duty in the Cyber Corps at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia Tech Saturday with an information Technology Management Business degree and a minor in Computers Science. *Way to go Garrett!*

**WHO'S WHO at Covenant?** Who at Covenant served in ministry lifelong ; 20 years at Koinonia Farm, Americus, GA + 20 years in South Korea as a missionary + 20 years at Jubilee Partners in Comer + married to a fifth generation missionary?

WHO'S WHO: Coffee Worth our oldest  
Covenant member at age 99 1/2.



EMMAUS ROAD CLASS is now discussing *Speaking of Sin: the Lost Language of Salvation* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contrary to prevailing view, Taylor calls sin “a helpful, hopeful word.” Naming our sins, she contends, enables us to move from “guilt to grace.” In recovering this “lost language of salvation” in our worship and in the fabric of our individual lives, we have an opportunity to “take part in the divine work of redemption.” If you would like a copy of this book you can order it online. Class facilitated by Mark Harper, except when it isn’t.



You are invited to drop by Jubilee Partners, (427 Jubilee Rd, Comer, Georgia) on Saturday, May 11th, between 2-4pm. Bring a finger food and a hug for Coffee Worth as she sets off for her daughter’s house in Florida.



Covenant’s **Lunch Bunch** meets every final Tuesday at 11:30am at DePalma’s

Eastside, for great food & fellowship. Come and see on Tuesday, May 28th! Lots of laughter & good stories. Separate checks.



### ATHENS AREA EMERGENCY FOOD BANK!

The month of MAY Covenant is collecting these items for the AAEFB: (they are in desperate need of) **canned pork and beans and**

**saltine crackers.** Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!



We would like to thank Justin Molinar, Waddell Fellow, who has volunteered at Covenant in the Music Department for the past two years. Justin graduates from UGA in May and will move to Pennsylvania where his family lives.

Juergen Wiegel who so lovingly provides the floral arrangements each Sunday will be gone for several weeks.

If you would like to provide flowers for worship please sign up on the sheet next to the mailboxes.

Available dates are:

June 2 & 16

Thank you!

Chuck and Chandler Rosenberger would like to share a video for the **JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes**. It stars our precious granddaughter Laurel (Clair's daughter), who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in December. Her father, Ryan Bertram, is hoping to participate in this 100 mile ride to help raise funds to cure diabetes. He and Clair live in Suwanee and he is a middle school band teacher in Gwinnett County. He produced the video, and also composed the music for it. Thanks for watching. Here is the link: [https://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=7733&pg=personal&px=12590804](https://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr_id=7733&pg=personal&px=12590804)

Colleen Cook needs a new used vehicle that is large enough to accommodate a wheel chair. If you have one and/or know of one you can email her at [cujocook@gmail.com](mailto:cujocook@gmail.com).

# Learn more about the Bible!

**B.A.S.I.C.** on Sunday mornings from 9:40 - 10:30.

Lead by Abby Horvath

**Middler Fundraiser for Montreat:** Middlers are earning some money for Montreat! They're helping out with projects around the church, led by Building and Grounds Chair, Richard Reaves.

Proposed work dates are May 5 from 3-5pm, and May 18, June 8 and June 15 from 10am - noon. Also, the CovPres community is being asked to "hire a middler!" Do you have a project you could use a Middler or two to help with? Those who "hire" the middlers are asked to pay \$10/hr, and provide a minimum of 2 hours of work.

The work is to be supervised and there must be two adults present at the place of work. All jobs will be approved by an adult youth leader and a parent/caregiver of the youth. Get your "Hiring" on!



## Sunday Evening Programming - School's out for summer!

**May 5:** End of Year Party for Senior Highs at Huberty's!

**MIDDLER GROUP** will continue to meet for special events over the summer including: Workdays, May 5 and 18th, and June 8th and 15th; Helen tubing, June 1; and Montreat Middle Conference. See below.

### *Just Around the Corner!*

**Montreat High School Conference, June 2-8.** We are less than two months away from this fun filled, faith forming event. Nine youth from Covenant, Athens, will share lodging at the GA Lodge with youth from Covenant, Augusta who together will join youth from across the region for week 1 programming. This year's theme is "Let Love Lead" (read more on the Montreat website). Thanks to the church's generosity, and the Lasagna Lunch fundraiser, youth and their parents are only responsible for paying approximately 25% of the cost. What a gift. We will commission the youth on Sunday, June 2, after which they will head to the hills!

**Middle School Conference--Montreat at Maryville College, July 17-21.** Six youth will travel with Sarah Shannon, Mary Barnett, and Jeremy Reaves to Maryville College for five days of fun and faith formation. This year's theme is "For Such a Time is This" (read more on at [montreat.org](http://montreat.org)). It's not too late to sign up. If you know you (your child) want to go, please speak with Craig.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 16-20.** Four youth, plus Brian Hernden will travel to Purdue University for this special event (which in my humble opinion is one of the best events of the denomination). What is Presbyterian Youth Triennium? A *gathering of* over 3000 students from PCUSA churches all over the country. The Northeast Georgia Presbytery delegation will travel on a charter bus with the delegation from Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Please **contact Brian Herndon** with youth from Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Any rising 9th - graduated HS student wants to attend, please **contact Brian Herndon** for more information.

**The Building & Grounds Ministry Team** now has its own bulletin board, which is located in the bulletin board hallway opposite the Gathering Room restrooms. Check there to see about projects pending before the B&G MT, as well as whom to query about campus maintenance or improvement projects of greatest interest to you.

**A sign-up form** seeking flower bed stewards is now posted on the Building & Grounds Ministry Team bulletin board. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Alice Rose, 678-886-8680.





### Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)

5/5 Isaac, 5/12 Eli *Instructions:* As the school year concludes, instead of a rotation, child liturgists will be on a volunteer basis. If your child would like to lead a particular Sunday during break please contact the church office, at the latest, midweek of the Sunday before your child would lead. The bulletin will be emailed to you by the end of the week so your child can practice. 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."

**Covenant Connection has concluded for the school year.** "I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped in any way with Covenant Connection this year! It's a big effort every week but we always find a way to make it work together. *Sarah Shannon*

### A more formal recognition will be Sunday, May 12th.

In the spirit of mother's day, we want to thank all who have offered nurturing and guidance to our children over the year in any and all of the youth and children's ministries.

### Going underground with WoRM! "let the little children come unto me." - Jesus

*Easter Scripture: John 21:1-19*

*Memory Verse: Jesus said..."Do you love me?" John 21:17c*

### WoRM Rotation for upcoming Sundays:

Date	Teacher/Shepherd	Teacher/Shepherd	Music	Story Teller
5/05/19	Luanne/Susan (Potters Workshop)	Patrick/Jere (Loaves and Fish)	Betsy	Susan
5/12/19	Megan/Jennifer	Craig/Jere	TBD	Craig
5/19/19	TBD	Combined	Betsy	

**Parents Corner:** Last summer, pop-musician Drake issued a viral challenge called the "Kiki challenge" which featured his hit song, "In My Feelings." [Note: It's a fun song, but look up clean version if you want to listen. Also, there were creative ways people responded to the challenge on youtube, but be aware police had to issue a warning against some dangerous ways people were living into the challenge.] Anyhoo, in the song Drake asks a key question: "Do you love me?" This is a question we have all asked at some point or another. It's very likely that even our children have asked that of us, their parents! "Do you love me?" It could be asked of anyone by anyone? Even Jesus asked this deep and intimate question of his closest disciple, Peter. Peter had denied knowing him three times on Good Friday. Our Easter story in WoRM over the next few weeks explores John 21:1-19, in which Jesus appears before disciples in a dramatic way by fostering in a huge catch of fish, he grills fish for them on the beach, and he asks Peter three times: "do you love me?" The way we will encourage our children to respond to that question of Jesus is in the affirmative (of course), and to show they love Jesus by sharing God's love through care of others. "Feed my sheep," is how Jesus puts it. Maybe we'll start a new fad this summer. Instead of the "Kiki challenge" it will be the "Jesus challenge" to feed sheep as we are inspired by our children to care for those who are most vulnerable among us.

**Vacation Bible School** - First Pres will once again be hosting VBS May 28 - 31st, and CovPres Children are invited to sign up through [their website: https://firstpresathens.org/z\\_extra\\_pages/vacation-bible-school-form/](https://firstpresathens.org/z_extra_pages/vacation-bible-school-form/) Any youth or adults who want to volunteer are welcome to do so.



**Kickin' It at Covenant** will happen again this summer for three evenings in June and three evenings in July. Many thanks to Jerry Shannon for again helping organize these events! If you have ideas, let him know. More info to follow!

## New Packaging to Collect for TerraCycle!

The Green Dream Team has signed up to collect 2 new types of packaging for TerraCycle.

**Gillette Razor Recycling Program.** Accepted waste: All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units), rigid plastic packaging and flexible plastic bag packaging.

**Calbee Recycling Program.** You may not know the brand name, but you may buy the products. Acceptable Waste: plastic bags from these specific snacks: Harvest Snaps Green Pea Snack Crisps and Black Bean Snack Crisps, Popper Duos snacks, Whole Cuts snacks, Shrimp Chips.

Look for new collection boxes for these products next to the TerraCycle collection drawers.

The boxes feature posters that picture the acceptable packaging materials.

*Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*

*Colleen Cook invites you to attend*



*The Class of 2019  
with the Trustees and Faculty  
of  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
request the honor of your presence  
at the Commencement Service on  
Saturday, the eighteenth of May  
Two thousand and nineteen  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
  
Peachtree Presbyterian Church  
3434 Roswell Road NW  
Atlanta, Georgia  
  
Reception immediately following  
Fellowship Hall*

**Many thanks** to Dick Zimdars (chair), Judy Capie, and Wayne Crowell (elected by the congregation on April 14) for their willingness to serve as our 2019 Nominating Committee, now seeking a slate of 4 Elders to serve on the Session in the Class of 2022. Please help them in this process, by turning in suggestions of members you would like to have on the Session. Forms are available in your church mailboxes, and a drop box is on the dining table in the Gathering Room.

**Congratulations** to our sister congregation at East Friendship Baptist Church upon the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Kendrick's ministry there on April 28. The Session has sent them a dogwood tree on behalf of Covenant – and all our best wishes for years to come.

Great discussion about the new plant zones from UGA Agricultural Climatologist **Pam Knox**! She was on the Weather Channel with Jim Cantore and Stephanie Abrams! Click on the link below to see the interview.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qIXWdb-yzEGebs1DYj1cgvXeZr8VGz8e/view?fbclid=IwAR2EhfK8JHk0zJi8CZZTkn-hSt\\_OSaT3HoxXN1hvEFrREfUGofWhJ9MQN4A](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qIXWdb-yzEGebs1DYj1cgvXeZr8VGz8e/view?fbclid=IwAR2EhfK8JHk0zJi8CZZTkn-hSt_OSaT3HoxXN1hvEFrREfUGofWhJ9MQN4A)

**Highlights of the stated Session meeting** on Tues. April 23 include: 1) welcome to new member Julie Akins, received by reaffirmation of faith; 2) approval of job descriptions for 4 new staff members now being sought = CE & Congregational Life Coordinator, Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator, Director of Music Ministry, and Piano Accompanist; 3) approval of purchase of a NOAA weather radio, as our presbytery encourages congregations to be prepared for weather disasters; 4) continued discussion on how Central Presbyterian Church and Covenant might work together; and 5) approval of fall kickoff dates = Sun. Aug. 11 (11am) Annual Congregational Meeting followed by brunch; Sun. Sept. 1, 8:30am & 10:45am worship resume; Sun. Sept. 8, Rally Day; and Sun. Sept. 15, Church School for all ages resumes. *Ongoing copies of the minutes of Session meetings, as well as Ministry Team minutes, can be found on the table in the narthex. All Session meetings are open to anyone's attendance.*

**Welcome to our newest member** Julie Akins, who was received by reaffirmation of faith at the Session meeting on Tuesday, April 23. Julie has had a faith journey of many beliefs and experiences, most recently being a member of First Baptist in Winder. She grew up in Alaska and is the mother of 3 grown children. Julie and her partner Helen Springs, who owns A.C.T. Home Care next door to Covenant, live in Lexington and have been worshipping regularly with us this past year. Introduce yourself to them – and add their contact info to your church directory 1628 Elberton Road, Lexington, GA 30648. email: julieaakins@gmail.com.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, May 18th 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 Sue Rathbun or Jere Bowden.



Covenant  
Breakfast Club  
Monday, May  
6th at 8am.

Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.

*Save the Date:*



**COVENANT'S COFFEE  
HOUSE And TALENT SHOW!**

**Saturday, June 29 at 6pm**

**WEEK OF May 05, 2019 -**

**SUNDAY— OLDER ADULT SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Church School  
10:45am Worship, celebrating Coffee Worth  
12:15pm Outreach Luncheon  
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous  
3pm—5pm Middle School Youth  
5:00pm High School Youth Group—Final



**MONDAY—**

8am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Rd.  
6:30pm Scouts  
OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
8pm New Freedom in Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY—**

8:30am—9:30am AA  
10am Adult Bible Study  
7pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY—**

9:30am Examination Board NEGA PRESBY  
2pm Knitters & Knotters  
6:30pm YOGA 7pm Celebrate Recovery  
7:30am Happy Squares

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—**

8am—5pm Quality Care for Children in Fellowship Hall  
2-4pm Party for Coffee Worth at Jubilee Partners—Covenant is invited!  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

**WEEK OF May 12, 2019 -**

**SUNDAY— HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

8:30am Worship  
9:30am Church School  
10:45am Worship  
2:30pm Debtors Anonymous  
3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY—**

6:30pm Scouts (final)  
OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY-**

8:30am—2:30pm Presbytery Meeting in Gainesville  
9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
12:30pm Graduate Covered Dish Luncheon  
8pm New Freedom in Fellowship Hall

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7:00am—10:30am FEAST Food Truck Distribution  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—May 05, 2019**

8:30am Worship

Reader: Bruce Menke

Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Cheryl Devaney

Coffee: Shirley Hunt

**10:45am-**

Reader: Jim Newland

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

Greeters: Phil & Sallie Hale

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner (May 1-7);

Ann Anderson (May 7-14) Luanne Rigsby (May 15-31)

Counters: Paige Campbell, Randy Parish

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (May 6—12)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

Walking—5 years old: TBD

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**WORSHIP—May 12, 2019**

8:30am Worship

Reader: Wayne Crowell

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

Coffee: Lola Bell

**10:45am-**

Reader: Phil Hale

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

Greeters: Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby

Congregational Care: Ann Anderson (May 7-14)

Luanne Rigsby (May 15-31)

Counters: Caren Snook, Pam Knox

Flowers: Jennifer Frey

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (May 13—19)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Sarah Shannon, Susan Parish, Tim Foutz