

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS TODAY!  
FALL BACK ONE HOUR!



THE COVENANTER  
November 02, 2019

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



*All Saints' Day*

TODAY—NOVEMBER 3, 2019 AT 8:30AM & 10:45AM

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS GOES TO THE HEART OF OUR FAITH; DEATH HAS NOT WON (1 CORINTHIANS 15: 55-57); IN ALL WE DO WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY FELLOW CHRISTIANS, LIVING AND DEAD (HEBREWS 12: 1); AND IN THE END WE WILL JOIN OTHERS IN PRAISING GOD ETERNALLY (REVELATION 7: 9-10). IN WORSHIP WE WILL REFER TO THEM DURING A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION AND PRAYER.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S  
BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursday, November 14th**

**Lesson begins promptly at  
9:30am.**

Please read the Horizons study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 3, "Keep Sabbath". Study books are available in the copy room. \$11 each. *Join us for wonderful fellowship and light refreshments.*



For the month of

**November**

the Athens Area

Emergency Food Bank

needs these items: *canned soups, small boxes of rice, pasta and hamburger helper, and snack bags of chips.*

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

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon—November 12 at 12:30pm**

We will take this time to honor our veterans and have a special speaker, Speaker - Rev. Amy Hobby-Rickard, "Empowering Our Veterans". If you served in any branch of the military please call Karen Wetherington 706-548-2756 or email [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) and let her know the years you served your rank and the branch of the military in which you served. Please bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share. Beverages and Turkey will be provided. *See ya there!*

**Remember in Prayer:** Carol Wheeler at St. Mary's with complications from hip replacement surgery on 10/22, with a second surgery on 10/25; Mary Fenner diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer; Steve Rathbun's father hospitalized with sepsis; Greg McMinn with knee replacement; Ellie McMinn upcoming shoulder surgery; Deb Agostini recovering well from severe burns; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Morningside #108; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Anna Holshouser, John Brewer & John Scott at home.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

|           |         |                   |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Monday    | Nov. 4  | Mark 1: 14-15     |
| Tuesday   | Nov. 5  | Matthew 13: 1-16  |
| Wednesday | Nov. 6  | Matthew 13: 24-30 |
| Thursday  | Nov. 7  | Matthew 13: 47-52 |
| Friday    | Nov. 8  | Luke 17: 20-21    |
| Saturday  | Nov. 9  | Jeremiah 31: 1-4  |
| Sunday    | Nov. 10 | Isaiah 65: 17-25  |



Kingdom  
Of  
God

#### HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Please accept this invitation to offer your thoughts, ideas, concerns and wishes for responding to homelessness at Covenant. If you haven't already had an opportunity to share your thoughts, please take time to reach out to one of the Committee Members:

Paige Campbell, Hank Tweedell, Co-Chairs  
Chris Wilson, Tom & Sara Cooney, Linda & Phil Koehler,  
Brian Striggow, Chuck Rosenberger, Bert Ballard-Myer,  
Hilda & Alex Clark, Mark Harper, Rindy Trouteaud, Jacob  
Douylliez, Juergen Wiegel, Paige Cummings, Randy Parish,  
& Steve Rathbun

#### 2019-2020 Financial Summary

##### Week #17

Anticipated Pledges: \$151,620.39

Actual Pledges: \$153,167.68

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*



give the gift of warmth!

The Athens YMCA's 5th Annual

COAT DRIVE beginning November 1st

Please leave your clean, gently used coats in the box in the hallway across from the church office.

They will be taken to the YMCA on Nov. 25th!

Any questions see Marilyn Brown. *Thank You!*



Don't forget DST  
ends this weekend.  
FALL BACK one  
hour.

# *Covenant Presbyterian Holiday Progressive Dinner*



*Saturday, December 7, 2019 6:00PM*

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Covenant Holiday Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm.

For those who may not have attended previously the progressive dinner is an event where you share hors d'oeuvres at one home, have dinner at a second and finally enjoy dessert and coffee at a third location. As you progress through the night you will meet and dine with several different groups of people and everyone meets at the dessert home to finish off the night.

Covenant provides the ham and rolls, so dinner guests are encouraged to bring covered dishes to share. It's a great way to share food and fellowship before the busy holiday rush begins.

The progressive dinner signup sheet is on the bulletin board beside the church office. If you would like to host for hors d'oeuvres, dinner or dessert please include your phone number, address and how many guests you can accommodate on the signup sheet.

Thanks and Happy Holidays to All

*The Congregational Fellowship Committee*





### Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant  
(eastside)

Tuesday, December 24 at 11:30am

Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Separate checks!

**Want to give a helping hand?** Join our ministries at **Our Daily Bread**, the soup kitchen for Athens, based at First Baptist Church downtown. Dorothy Newland coordinates preparing lunch on fifth Wednesdays, arriving at 10am. The next day of service is Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Contact Dorothy at 706-202-0474 if you would like to help. Paige Cummings coordinates preparing lunch on first Fridays monthly, arriving at 11am. Contact Paige at paigemercercummings@gmail.com if you would like to help. The next day of service is Friday, December 6, 2019..



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:30am at the home of Georgianna Sumner's, 525 Westview Dr., 30606.

We will begin looking at our faith in a fresh way using Anne Lamott's book, *Grace (Eventually) : Thoughts on Faith*. Copies will be ordered, and if you would like a book, please call the church office, 706.548.2756.



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, November 4th at

8am. Cracker Barrel on

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

**SHORT TALK.** *Supply the initials for the following: ex. Sandwich favorite. Ans. BLT*

1. Addendum to a missive
2. Busy place in April
3. Quality TV

*By Marilyn Brown*

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**  
1. P.S. 2. IRS 3. PBS



### Congratulations to the Choir!

This past Sunday, the choir had lunch in the Fellowship Hall and the only thing that was thrown away was the paper napkins. For this achievement, the choir has earned the first Green Star from the Green Dream Team. Let the Green Dream Team know when your group does something "green" and your group will also earn a Green Star. Look for the Green Star poster on the Green Dream Team bulletin board.

*Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*



November 16 at 7:00am

November 28 & 29

December 7 at 6pm

December 13 at 10am

December 15

December 24 at 5:30pm

December 25th

FEAST food truck distribution

Church office closed for Thanksgiving

Covenant's Annual Progressive Dinner  
(please sign up on bulletin board)

Presbyterian Women Cookie Party at Jere Bowdens

Christmas Choral Worship & Luncheon

Christmas Eve Worship

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day  
(Office Closed)



*The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.*

## WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday November 03 at 9:30am we will look at the Lord's Prayer with activities planned by Paige Campbell and Betsy Pless.



### YOUTH GROUPS

Nov. 3—Middlers & High Schoolers will gather after church for lunch and a movie—noonish until 2:30pm

Nov. 10— while the high schoolers compete for the Frozen Chosen Cup, the Middlers will go letter boxing around Athens, 3-5pm. No meal, snacks will be provided

## Wonderful Wednesdays November 2!

10am Adult Bible Study in the Upper Room  
Using Miriam Dunson's book, *A Very Present Help*, the Wednesday morning Bible study which meets in the Upper Room, 10 - 11:15 a.m. continues to find connections between the Psalms and the issues - spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical - facing older adults.

Mark Harper leads the exploration.

### Covenant Connection

**5:30pm – 6pm Servant Time-** Canned food Drive.  
games, making posters, decorating brown paper bags for canned food

6:00pm – 6:30pm Family Dinner -6:30pm -7:00pm  
Carol/Joy Choir

Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9ab23a3f49-covenant>

to help Rindy with Servant Time and to make birthday cupcakes. *Thank you!*

### 6:30pm – 7:30pm Adult Bible Study

We will take a look at a wedding in Cana, John 2.

7:30pm Adult Choir

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH AT COVENANT CONNECTION!

*For middle and high school students.*

3:30pm—5:30pm Supervised fellowship/  
recreation in the youth rooms;  
5:30pm—6:00pm Bible Study;  
6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner;  
6:30pm—7:00pm Faith & Film



## ***JUST DO IT.....***

Nike had a good idea employing these 3 little words... *Just do it.*

Sometimes, that is all we need to say to ourselves to try something new or as they say *Take a leap of faith.* This is what I did recently by joining the newly formed Bell Choir! I invite *YOU* to consider it too. I am a newbie for sure, but those more experienced than I are so supportive, encouraging, and might I mention --- fun!! It doesn't hurt that I stand next to the ever upbeat, talented Betsy Burmeister; but David, the Bells Choir Director is also upbeat, encouraging, and very patient as are many others in the group (talking to you Katy, Georgiana, Chris, Paige, etc. etc). The music is fun too-- some traditional, and some more contemporary. They are a talented group for sure, but we can certainly use more people in order to have a full complement and also to have subs when needed. Practice will be every Wednesday at Covenant at 6:30 so if you go to Covenant Connection, you can just go from dinner to Bells Choir. (Currently we meet on Thursdays, but this will soon change).

So whether you are a newbie like me, or an experienced musician, PLEASE consider trying out the Bells Choir. It is uplifting and I promise---- you won't regret it!

Just do it..... take a leap of faith.....

Interested?--- email David Boardman at [makeminesupine@hotmail.com](mailto:makeminesupine@hotmail.com)

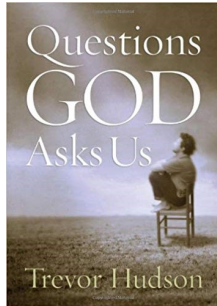
or call me and I can tell you more of my positive experience. (706-540-1719)

Sincerely, *Betsy Pless*

### **Emmaus Road Sunday School Class**

*(facilitated by Bob Trouteaud)*

The Emmaus Road class will be starting a new study on Sunday, November 3rd, using the book, *Questions God Asks Us*, by Trevor Hudson. "I thought the Bible existed to give me solutions to my everyday concerns and dilemmas," writes Hudson. "Then I realized I might be approaching God and the Bible from the wrong direction. It was as if God said to me, 'Trevor, rather than you always asking questions of me, start listening to the questions I have for you.'"



Each of 10 questions Hudson excerpts from the Old and New Testaments serve as a starting point for genuine conversation with the Creator. *Questions God Asks Us* offers a fresh approach for personal study and small group discussion. It's sure to bless anyone longing for a meaningful, growing relationship with God.

If you have been wanting, or waiting to join a Covenant Sunday School class, now is a good time! Come join us for worthy conversations based on *Questions God Asks Us*.

The book is available on Amazon in paperback for \$15, or Kindle version for \$4.99.



**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON NOVEMBER 16th!** 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 Goodyear, Nancy Omdahl, Ed Ralph or Mark Harper. *Let us pray for God's continued blessing on this ecumenical effort in our community!*

