

THE COVENANTER
November 17, 2019

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

THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Hope and Joy***Come from the overflow of giving***

Today, we highlight the mission of Thornwell to raise awareness and funds for children and families in need. Thornwell began in 1875 in Clinton, SC by a Presbyterian minister, Reverend

Jacobs, who felt a call from God to care for the orphans of the Civil War. The ministry of Thornwell has grown and evolved over its nearly 150-year history to be a leader in the call to care for children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. What was once a dream in the heart of a young man, God anointed and blessed to become a transformative ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands. We celebrate Thornwell Emphasis

Month with a single focus: "Hope and Joy come from the Overflow of Giving." You get to be part of this. You can make a difference. You are giving hope and joy to families through the overflow of your giving. Don't forget to pick up a Turkey to fill with coins. You will find an envelope and insert in your mailbox. Thank you for your generous giving!

**CHRISTMAS
Progressive Dinner****Covenant's Annual
Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, December 7
at 6:00pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual progressive dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes. *For more information please see page 3.*

**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**

1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
706-548-2756 or 706-613-2344
www.covpresathens.org
covenantp@covpresathens.org

**Covenant's Annual Christmas Choral Worship**

Sunday, December 15 at 10:45am promptly

Join us for a morning of carols and festive music. This is our annual tradition of Christmas Choral Worship and there will be offerings from our chime choir, handbell choir, children's choir and adult choir as well as solos and instrumental pieces. A catered luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall hosted by Congregational Fellowship.

Remember in Prayer: Ann Anderson at The Oaks for rehab; Carol Wheeler at St. Mary's; Mary Fenner diagnosed with a reoccurrence of cancer; Steve Rathbun's father hospitalized with sepsis; 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 at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS for November 18-24

Monday	Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Tuesday	Luke 1 68-79
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1: 26-30
Friday	Colossians 1: 11-20
Sunday	Matthew 25: 31-46
Sunday	Luke 23: 33-43



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 #19

Anticipated Pledges: \$169,458.07

Actual Pledges: \$183,434.61

Thank you for your faithful giving!



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!*

HELP WANTED! Family seeking female support staff to work one to one or two to one with individual diagnosed with intellectual/developmental disabilities/autism in their home and community setting. Staff to provide assistance to individual female including but not limited to: personal care, social activities, dressing, light meals, and supervise daily independent living skills. Care needed mornings, after school & every other weekend. Qualifications: 2 year experience working with individuals with disabilities, state/FBI background check, drug free, insured and reliable vehicle/valid drivers license, employment & personal references required. Send resume to: mason2p826@gmail.com

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





INTERFAITH
Thanksgiving Worship
Sunday, November 24,
 at 4 p.m., at the Pied-
 mont College Meeting
 House, 595 Prince Ave.
 Athens, 30601, join Rev.
 Eskildsen and members
 of the UUFA Chalice Choir for the 4th Annual
 Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship service.

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..



Congratulations to the Graduates' Lunch!

For quite a while now, the gradu-
 ates have used all washable
 plates, cups and utensils at their monthly
 lunch. For this achievement, the group has
 earned a 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 posters on the Green Dream Team
 bulletin board.

Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team

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

1. Promissory note
2. Include this for an answer
3. Where sawbones work

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**
 1. IOU 2. SASE 3. ER



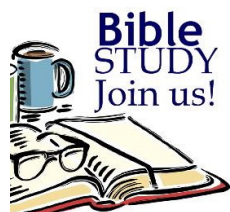
November 24	begin reading the Advent Devotional
November 28 & 29	Church office closed for Thanksgiving
December 7 at 6pm	Covenant's Annual Progressive Dinner <i>sign up on bulletin board</i>
December 08	Final 8:30am worship
December 10 at 12:30pm	Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon
December 13 at 10am	Presbyterian Women Cookie Party at home of Jere Bowden
December 15 at 10:45am	Christmas Choral Worship & Luncheon
December 22 at 10:45am	Child Friendly Program
December 24 at 5:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship
December 25th	Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day (Office Closed)

THE GRADUATES

RESTAURANT ROAD TRIP PLANNING LUNCHEON!

Tuesday, November 19th at 12noon

There will be a luncheon/planning meeting for future Restaurant Road trips to Fatz Restaurant, noon, Tuesday, Nov. 19. If you are interested in planning for these trips - which may include sightseeing, overnights, concerts, and out-of-town meals - please make plans to attend this outing. If you cannot come, but are interested in planning future events, contact Betsy Pless and share your ideas with her. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hallway for this planning luncheon.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study 11/19 at 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.

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, Nov. 21 at 2pm

Join us for a great time of fel-
lowship & ministry as we join
together to make blankets,
hat, scarves, pillows, etc. for
those in need. Everyone is
invited, beginners welcome!



Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside)

Tuesday, November 26 at 11:30am

Join us for a great time of food and fellow-
ship. Separate checks!



Covenant Breakfast

Club Monday, November

18th at 8am. Cracker

Barrel on Epps Bridge Road. Join
us for a good time of conversa-
tion and food.



Everyone is invited to help the
Worship Ministry Team decorate the
Christmas Tree in the worship Center
Tuesday, December 3 at 9:30am.
Refreshments will be served!

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL November 17th at 9:30am

We continue learning more about the Lord's Prayer, and this week Luanne Rigsby and Susan Parish will lead us through some creative and fun activities



YOUTH GROUPS NOVEMBER 17th 5pm—7pm

Middle school youth group - we continue looking at the stories in Exodus using the film, Raiders of the Lost Ark.

High school youth group - we'll make dinner for the university students worshipping at the Presbyterian Student Center. Come prepared for some kitchen mission!

Mary Barnett is the dinner volunteer.

Parents - please be sure to reserve your young person's spot for our Montreat youth conferences for high schoolers (June 7 - 13, 2020) and middle schoolers (July 15-19, 2020) by November 24. A deposit of \$100 will secure your reservation, and if you pay by check, please note in the left corner, "Montreat Youth Conference - your young person's name" or "Montreat Middle School Conference - your young person's name".

Wonderful Wednesdays November 20!

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.

Mark Harper leads the exploration.

Covenant Connection

5:30pm—6pm Servant Time—

During Servant Time we will look at how our church helps our hungry neighbors. We will sort and restock our church food pantry.

6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner—

Pork Chops, Mac/Cheese, Broccoli, Apple crisp

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 continue our study of John and will look at the story of the woman at the well, Chapter 4.

6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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



deck the halls...

The Congregational Fellowship Ministry Team will be decorating in the Fellowship Hall on **November 30th** (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). Come and join us at 11:00am as we **DECK THE HALLS!**

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Kenyan student to attend

Athens Tech this Spring 2020 and he needs housing.

If you are interested or need more information please contact Rose Chepyator-Thomson at jchepyat@uga.edu.



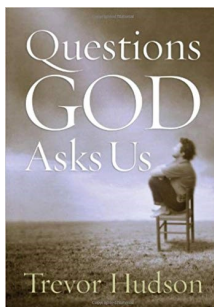
Solarize Athens Townhall Meeting

November 19 at 6:30pm

Covenant Fellowship Hall

Emmaus Road Sunday School Class

(facilitated by Bob Trouteaud)



The Emmaus Road class is on Sunday 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.

Building Relationships And Support -- humorously known as "BRAS" -- is an informal group of Covenant women who gather a few times per year for fun and fellowship. All are welcome! Most often we meet at a member's home for a potluck, but other ideas for social gatherings or events are welcome. Our Fall Potluck will be November 22nd from 6:00 until 9:00 for an evening of fun, fellowship, laughter, and delicious food. Please come and bring whatever food and/or drink you would like to share - it doesn't have to be fancy! We have tried to add all the women from Central to our email list but may have inadvertently left out some names. Pass this on to anyone we might have missed and please RSVP to me by Nov 20th. Hope to see you on the 22nd!

My address is:

1800 Broadlands Drive

Watkinsville, GA 30677

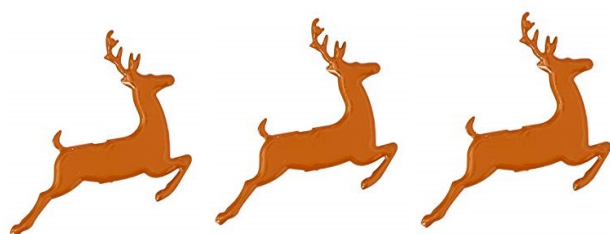
706-769-1066 home

706- -224-3828 cell

NOTE: Please watch out for deer in our neighborhood!



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS.



WEEK OF November 17, 2019—

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship
9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship
12:15pm Visitor Luncheon
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
6:30pm Session Meeting
6:30pm Solarize Athens in FH
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
10am Adult Bible Study with Mark Harper
5:30pm—7pm Covenant Connection 6pm—8pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm—7:30pm Evening Adult Bible Study with Rindy Trouteaud
7:30pm Adult Choir
7:30pm LAG

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm—8pm YOGA
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
3:30pm The Cave 6:00pm Building Relationships & Support
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY— 9am—12noon Session Training
Fellowship Hall Cleaned
10:30am OEA in Upper Room

WORSHIP—November 17, 2019

8:30am

Reader: Wayne Crowell

Ushers: Steve Bell

10:45am

Reader: Steve Follin

Ushers: Don Bower, Heide Wiegel, James & Robyn Malone,
Dianne Simpson

Greeters: Katy Terry, Gloria Pylant

Congregational Care: November—Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Randy Parish, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (Nov. 17-24)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Juergen Wiegel

Walking—5 years old: Brian, Valerie & Eli Stone, Ellen Stoneburner

WEEK OF November 24, 2019—

SUNDAY—

8:30am Worship
9:30 Church School for all
10:45am Worship
12:15pm Visitor Luncheon
3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
5pm Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
8pm New Freedom in FH

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
No Morning or Evening Adult Bible Study, No Handbell Rehearsal
No Covenant Connection, No Adult Choir

THURSDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
7:30pm CR

FRIDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

8pm New Freedom in FH

SATURDAY— Fellowship Hall Cleaned



WORSHIP—November 24, 2019

8:30am

Reader: Dennis Calbos

Coffee: Dennis Calbos

Ushers: Heidi & Kent Wolfe

10:45am

Reader: Jim Newland

Ushers: Robyn Malone, Juergen Wiegel, Tweedell Family

Greeters: Shari Cobb

Congregational Care: November—Carolyn Hatfield
(Dec. C. Rosenberger)

Counters: Katy Terry, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (Nov. 25—Dec. 1)

Nursery/Super: Don Bower

Birth—Walking: Don Bower

Walking—5 years old: Lindsey & Thomas Bowden, Sue Loegel