

## THE COVENANTER

February 02, 2020

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



**Souper Bowl Of Caring, February 2nd.** Contributions will go to support **FEAST**, the East Athens Food Distribution, a partnership of local churches that purchase a truck load of food to distribute to hungry families in our community. Each truck load of food costs \$350. Covenant is the host of the food distribution the third Saturday of each month. Thank you!

### PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FEAST ON February 15, 2020!!

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!*



### Family Promise Opportunity to Help!!!

Covenant will be hosting overnight guests for Family Promise (IHN) the week of February 9-16. Please give thought and prayer of ways you can serve from the many options: set up, *take down*, provide a meal, *spend the night*, host for two hours one evening, transport guests to and from the Day Center. The sign-up board is in the Gallery (across from the office). Your help is needed and appreciated.



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### CLIMATE CRISIS – WORKING GROUP

Sunday, February 2, 2020

12:30pm with a lite lunch in the  
Conference Room!

See page 5 for more information.

## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We need your help to make our children and youth ministries vibrant, especially our Sunday morning WoRM program, Sunday afternoon youth groups, and Wednesday evening Covenant Connection. Here are some opportunities to serve our young people and (by the way!) honor your baptismal vows to raise our children in the Christian faith:

Are you willing to make a light lunch for our youth groups? If so, please contact our Lunch Volunteers Coordinator, DeLynda Tweedell, 706.540.2473. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the church office.

Are you interested in brightening the morning for our young people? Please consider bringing a snack for them to enjoy during the Sunday School hour. The box to receive donations is in the hall across from the church office. Thank you!

We continue to need volunteers to help with our vital Covenant Connection ministry which is serving our own young people, kindergarten – twelfth grade, but also young people from our neighborhoods. If you are able to assist with table set up, meal prep, or “hanging out” with our middle and high schoolers, please sign up on the CovConn Volunteers Sign -up on the bulletin board outside the church office. We especially need volunteers for table set-up and “hanging-out” with our young people.



## WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL - Sunday, February 2nd at 9:30am

We meet the boy Jesus in the temple with creative activities led by Rindy Trouteaud and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.

**YOUTH GROUPS** - The High School Youth Group will meet after worship, noonish - 2:30 p.m. for lunch and a conversation about faith, our world, and our lives prompted by the insights of Nadia Bolz-Weber.

## CONFIRMATION

We meet right after worship, noonish -2:30 p.m. for lunch in the fellowship hall and our session on the sovereignty of God, "Not the Boss of Me". We'll watch a film snippet , *In the Beginning*" and talk about what it means to be "large and in charge".

### Wednesday, February 05, 2020

**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 facilitates.

### **Covenant Connection**

**5:30pm - 7:00pm**

This month during Servant Time we will decorate Valentines cookies for our friends at Avery Place.

**6:30pm - 7:30pm ADULT BIBLE STUDY -**

Wednesday evening - - Join us in the church parlor, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., as we look at the story of the betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion of Jesus, John 18-19.

**6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30pm Adult Choir**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH AT  
COVENANT  
CONNECTION on  
Wed, Feb. 5th  
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



### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!**

We resume our ongoing study of Anne Lamott's book, *Grace Eventually*, Tuesday, February 4th, 10 a.m., in the home of Katy Terry, 105 VFW Dr., Watkinsville. This week we'll talk about the section, "Samwheel". Come join us for great conversation, fellowship, and refreshments!

*Rindy Trouteaud facilitates.*

# THE GRADUATES



## GRADUATES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

**FEBRUARY 11 at 12:30pm**

Join us for a travel log of Scotland and Wales presented by Phil & Linda Koehler. Bring your favorite dish to share (and bonus points or second helpings for folks that bring Scottish and/or Welsh dishes!)

Oh, and don't forget desserts.  
Tea, coffee and water will be provided.

## Knitters & Knotters

**Thursday, February 06 at 2pm**

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



## Covenant Breakfast Club

**Monday, Feb. 3rd at 8am.**

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



**Lunch Bunch**  
Let's meet for good food,  
great company, and  
interesting conversation

**Tuesday, February 25, 12:30 p.m.,**  
at

DePalma's Italian Café (eastside)  
1965 Barnett Shoals Rd

**DOUBLE HITS** — *the same words or phrases can share a common expression.*

*Example: Peter's Family; judge unfavorably. P A N*

1. Stretch one's neck; heavy lifter
2. Ayn; Pretoria currency
3. Fruit stone; excavation

*By Marilyn Brown*

**Answers to  
Double Hits:**  
1. crane  
2. Rand  
3. pit



We are making plans for a movie and lunch outing on Tuesday, February 18. Watch the *Covenanter* for further details!

**Memorial Service** at Lord & Stephens East  
on February 15 at 2pm for Grace Eubank.

## Graduate Gaming Group Will Meet February 4

The February meeting of the G3 (Graduate Gaming Group) will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 10 am. All ages of adults are welcome to participate in this group, so come and bring a friend.

*take them a*  
**meal**



For those times  
when filling their  
table will warm  
their hearts.

Please consider signing up to take a meal to the home of  
**Anna and Gene Holshouser.**

To sign up, go to the website [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com).

Under "Find", type in Holshouser and also type Holshouser for the password. Or, you can call Luanne Rigsby, (706) 224-3828 and she can sign you up or walk you through the website sign up process.





## ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

### Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, February 13th Beginning promptly at 9:30am.**

Please read the Horizon's study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 6. Soup & Bread luncheon will follow. You are invited to bring your favorite soup and/or bread to share.

Please come and be fed spiritually and physically.



The annual *La Table* luncheon will be held this year on February 25 at the Athens Country Club beginning at 11am. It is the major fund raiser for

Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospital-ity Network). You will enjoy beautiful and creatively set tables and a chance to visit with Covenant friends. Tom Rawlings, State Director of DFACS will be the key note speaker. Please sign up on the form on the bulletin board or call Ginger Davis-Beck or Ellen Stoneburner for information. \$50.00 per person check made out to Covenant with LaTable in the memo portion.



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Organizational Meeting

CLIMATE CRISIS – WORKING GROUP  
Sunday, February 2, 2020 (NEW DATE)  
12:30 PM - Lite Lunch - Conference Room

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.  
He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.  
All things bright ...*

– Cecil Alexander 1848, *Glory to God* #20

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*The primary mission of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, Georgia Climate Crisis Working Group is to offer education, resource information, and empowerment on the complex topic of climate change. The Ministry will encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, collaboration, and dialogue that are based on scripture and that demonstrate servant care for the great gift God has given us ... Planet Earth.*

After adopting a structure, attendees will be asked to join one of the three working groups underlined in the Mission Statement above. Working to save our planet will be a formidable task, but we resolve — with the help of God — to try. The meeting will last approximately one hour. Please bring your calendar! For Information: Carolyn 706/255-9021 [neverstopsearching@yahoo.com](mailto:neverstopsearching@yahoo.com), Steve 814/418-0785, [rathbun@uga.edu](mailto:rathbun@uga.edu) or or Ed 706/543-2760 [ralphsathens@att.net](mailto:ralphsathens@att.net).



### FEED MY SHEEP for February

Covenant is collecting these items for the Athens Emergency Food Bank:

*salty snacks, canned pork & beans,  
canned fruit with pop-top, and saltines.*

And as always brown paper bags.

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Louise Schimmel and family in the passing of her father on Monday, January 26 in the Netherlands; Joe Berry recovering from out patient eye surgery Friday, 1/31; Caren Snook feeling stronger; Ellie McMinn doing well at home; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at High Shoals #105; Ruth Brewster at Arbor Terrace #222; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; and John & Elizabeth Brewer, & Anna Holshouser at home.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS Feb. 3 – 9**

Monday	Psalm 112
Tuesday	Psalm 113
Wednesday	Isaiah 58: 1-9a
Thursday	Isaiah 58: 9b-12
Friday	I Corinthians 2: 1-12
Saturday	Matthew 5: 13-16
Sunday	Matthew 5: 17-20

**FINANCIAL REPORT** for  
Week Ending 01/26/2020

**ANTICIPATED PLEDGES:**

\$267,565.39

**ACTUAL PLEDGES:**

\$270,083.80

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

Joy Offering \$655.00

**GREEN DREAM TEAM MEETING**

**Thursday, February 6th at  
12:30pm**

All are invited to join us.  
We will meet in the Conference  
Room.

**PLEASE NOTE:** TERRACYCLE  
SUDDENLY STOPPED ACCEPTING  
CEREAL BAGS. BECAUSE OF THIS  
THE GREEN DREAM TEAM WILL NO  
LONGER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT  
CEREAL BAGS.

**Georgia Arbor Day**

**Friday, February 21, 2020**

The best time to plant trees in Georgia is between November and mid-March, because it gives trees a chance to become established before the hot, dry period of summer. This is why Arbor Day is celebrated every year in Georgia on the third Friday in February.

The first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly in December, 1890. In 1941, the General Assembly set the **third Friday in February as the day of our state Arbor Day**. While National Arbor Day is the third Friday in April, it is too warm at that time of the year to [plant trees in Georgia](#). Trees should be planted between November and mid-March so they will have a better chance of becoming established before the onset of summer heat.

Every tree planted on Arbor Day helps clean the air and water, beautify neighborhoods, provide homes for wildlife, conserve energy, and prevent soil erosion, among many other benefits. Arbor

Day gives everyone an opportunity to [learn about the benefits trees provide](#) to communities.

*The Green Dream Team*

### **Did you know that Covenant has an Emergency Food Pantry?**

*In partnership with the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, our Emergency Food Pantry exists to distribute food to families and individuals in need. For some, this need is on-going. For others, this need may be temporary.*

*Covenant's Food Pantry is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1PM-4PM.*

### **Did you know that we need volunteers to help distribute the food?**

#### **Here is what is needed:**

1. Two volunteers each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1-4. You can just sign up for 1 day, or for multiple days. You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!
2. When someone comes in requesting food, one person will assist the person in filling out the required one page form, and the other person will go to the food pantry, put the food in the bag, place it in the grocery cart and take the cart to the person.

#### **Interested?**

Call or email Betsy Pless 540-1719 [bppless@gmail.com](mailto:bppless@gmail.com)

OR- click the link below for an easy sign up.

Please sign up for Covenant Food Pantry!

**Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/611848298042>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

**Thanks so much for your willingness to assist our neighbors in need!**



### **Heart of Covenant Update**

Built into the practice of God's people is the idea of rest. Once a week we are given the gift of Sabbath (whether we take it or not); farmers know the value of letting a field lie fallow; and every now and then we take time off from our normal work and study to recharge out batteries during a sabbatical.

This year we're going to take a break from the Heart of Covenant games and dinner night that has traditionally happened close to Valentine's Day. Not because it's not a good idea or a good time, but because the Fellowship Ministry Team is rebuilding and reimagining it's mission. So this year we invite you to consider sharing your time and creative ideas with Fellowship; after all, the church is not only called to love it's neighbors but to be intentional about loving and enjoying one another.

**Please contact** our new Fellowship chair *Kay Brooks* ([kbrooks1471@charter.net](mailto:kbrooks1471@charter.net)) if the Fellowship Ministry Team tugs at your heart.



### GIRL SCOUT COOKIES – All Your Favorite Cookies!

Tagalongs, Samoas, Do-Si-Do's, Trefoils, Thin Mints, NEW Lemon Cookie are \$4.00 per box.

SPECIALTY COOKIES: Girl Scout S'More's, and Toffee-Tastic, are \$6.00 a box. See Carrie Tweedell to order.

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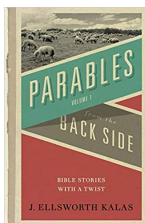
### BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPPORT

**When:** Friday, February 7 **Time:** 5:30 PM-9PM **Where:** Home of Tamara Stam, 245 S. Church Street (She lives off of Milledge Avenue not far from *The Tree That Owns Itself*.)

**Tamara's Phone:** 573-355-3681 This will be a casual pot-luck. If you're feeling excited about a new recipe and want to create a sensational dish, go for it! But if you want to slouch in wearing sweatpants and clutching a bag of store-bought chips and dip, that's fine too! **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 good too.



**CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM MEETING -FEBRUARY 9th after the 10:45am worship service. Join us as we prepare Valentine cards to send to our college students and home bound members and friends. We will also discuss activities for the upcoming year. Refreshments will be served. Luanne Rigby, Coordinator for the Congregational Care Ministry**



### NEW STUDY ON PARABLES (from the Back Side) The Emmaus Road Adult Sunday School Class - Sundays, 9:30am—10:30am

Come join our study of familiar bible stories from a whole new perspective. We will study "Parables from the Back Side Volume 1: Bible Stories with a Twist", by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Kalas creatively approaches Jesus' parables clarifying basic teachings while introducing new possibilities of meaning. The result will open us to new perspectives on these stories from Jesus. The Emmaus Road class features lively discussions and personal insights as we uncover how to trust in God and live our lives as authentic Christians in a world of constant change. The Emmaus Road Class, facilitated by Bob Trouteaud, meets in the conference room next to the church office on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Join us for worthy conversations on how the Bible speaks to us today. No pre-reading is needed for the class this Sunday. *Hope to see you there!*



## 2020 Ministry Teams

Building and Grounds—Rich Reaves, Brian Striggow

Care & Nurture of Young Children—Ellen Stoneburner

Christian Education—Mary Barnett, Sarah Shannon

Community Outreach—Paige Campbell, Steve Rathbun

Congregational Care—Luanne Rigsby, Don Bower

Congregational Fellowship—Kay Brooks

Finance—\*Bob Trouteaud

Worship—Jennifer Frey, Tamara Stam

Clerk of the Session: Luanne Rigsby

\*denotes not on session.

## Bowden Church Vocations Fund

### Covenant Presbyterian Church

February 2020

Named in honor of Jim & Jere Bowden's 35 year ministry at Covenant. The Bowden Church Vocations Fund was established in 1996 by our Session to support members who have been called to full-time employment in some form of Christian ministry.

A special offering for the Bowden Fund will be received in the month of February. There will be an insert and envelope in your mailbox February 9th. Thank you!



## Healing Grief Workshop

Wednesdays February 12, 2019 - April 8, 2019

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Griffin-DuBose Healing Lodge  
240 Talmadge Drive

A nine-week workshop for those who have lost someone through death.  
The loss does not have to be cancer related.

### Topics:

Getting Acquainted	Stress Management
Understanding Grief	Anniversaries
Remembering	Memorialization
Accepting	Role Changes

Pre-registration is required for this workshop.

Please call 706-475-4900

This free workshop is sponsored by the "In Their Shoes" Walk

**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, April 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, Feb. 7, 2020.

**WEEK OF February 02, 2020—****SUNDAY—8:30am Worship**

9:30 Church School for all  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:30pm Confirmation Class  
 12:30pm Climate Crisis-with lite lunch in Conf. Room  
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

**MONDAY—  
OFFICE CLOSED**

8am Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Rd  
 6:30pm Scouts  
 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 10am Adult Bible Study at Katy Terry's  
 8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—8:30am—9:30am New Freedom**

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
 5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection  
**6:00pm** Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
 7:30pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY—**

2pm Knitters and Knotters  
 6:15pm Yoga  
 7:30pm CR

**FRIDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 11am Our Daily Bread  
 3:30pm The Cave  
 5:30pm Building Relationships & Support *at Stam's residence*  
 8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—** 8am—5pm PL GROUP—Sarah Shannon in Fellowship Hall  
 10:30am OEA in Upper Room

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**WORSHIP—February 02, 2020****8:30am**

**Reader:** Wayne Crowell

**Ushers:** Wayne Crowell, Alan Edwards

**10:45am**

**Reader:** Carol Huber

**Ushers:** Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Jim McMinn, Betsy Pless

**Greeters:** Brian Herndon, Wyatt Herndon

**Congregational Care:** Bert Ballard-Myer

**Counters:** Bill Barstow, Randy Parish

**Flowers:** Juergen Wiegel

**Plant Care:** Frank Allen

**Open the Building:** Jim Bowden

**Close the Building:** Hank Tweedell

**Grounds Stewards:** Alex Clark (Feb. 3—9)

**Nursery/Super:** DeLynda Tweedell

**Birth—Walking:** DeLynda Tweedell

**Walking—5 years old:** Patrick, Alice, Lila, & George McMaster

**WEEK OF February 09, 2020— Family Promise Begins****SUNDAY—8:30am Worship**

9:30 Church School for all  
 10:45am Worship  
 12:30pm Confirmation Class  
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous

**MONDAY—  
OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30pm Scouts  
 7pm—8pm AA (New Freedom)

**TUESDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 10am Adult Bible Study at Katy Terry's  
 12:30pm Grad Covered Dish Luncheon  
 7:30pm Athens Stamp Club  
 8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY—8:30am—9:30am New Freedom**

10:00am Adult Bible Study  
 5:30pm—7:00pm Covenant Connection  
**6:00pm** Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
 7:30pm Adult Choir

**THURSDAY—9:30am PW Bible Study in the Gathering Room**

9:30am Presbytery E A T  
 11am Committee on Ministry  
 2pm Knitters and Knotters  
 6:15pm Yoga  
 7:30pm CR  
 8pm Happy Squares

**FRIDAY—**

9:30am Athens Mothers Center  
 3:30pm The Cave  
 8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—**

7:30am FEAST FOOD TRUCK DISTRIBUTION  
 Fellowship Hall Cleaned  
 10:30am OEA in Upper Room  
 2pm Grace Eubank Memorial Serve at Lord & Stephens (eastside)

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**WORSHIP—February 09, 2020****8:30am**

**Reader:** Sonja Holden

**Ushers:** Judy Capie,

**10:45am**

**Reader:** Juergen Wiegel

**Ushers:** Don Bower, Phil & Sallie Hale, Dianne Simpson

**Greeters:** Katy Terry, Gloria Pylant

**Congregational Care:** Bert Ballard-Myer

**Counters:** Ellen Stoneburner, Sue Loegel

**Flowers:** Juergen Wiegel

**Plant Care:** Frank Allen

**Open the Building:** Alan Edwards

**Close the Building:** Phil Koehler

**Grounds Stewards:** Don Bower (Feb. 10—16)

**Nursery/Super:** Don Bower

**Birth—Walking:** Don Bower

**Walking—5 years old:** Megan Sperr, Lily Herndon, Carrie Tweedell