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## THE COVENANTER April 04, 2021

*He is Risen!*

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



**Family Promise®**  
Building community, strengthening lives.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

-April 11-17 Covenant hosts three homeless families in the Family Promise program, but not in our facility. Because of COVID, Milledge Ave Baptist will continue to serve as their temporary home, for which

we are thankful, but members of Covenant will serve as hosts. We need volunteers to be present throughout our week along with an evening meal. The meal preparers leave the meal inside the door. We also need church members to serve as morning hosts, afternoon hosts, evening hosts, and over-night hosts. Hosts remain in a room on the first floor of the church, and the families reside on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This church facility enables everyone to remain a safe distance from each other. As a result, the COVID germ has infected NO ONE. Please click on this link to sign up.

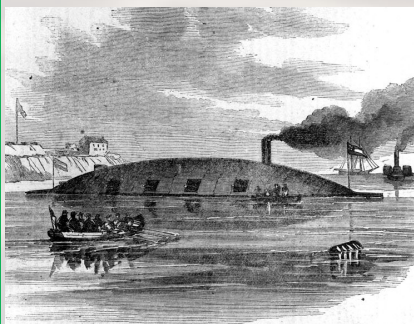
Please note that spots are still open for overnight hosts, and meal prep <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-fpainterfaith>. our help is needed, so use this unique opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.



### Presbyterian Women Bible Study

**Thursday, April 8 at 9:30am**

Rindy Trouteaud will lead us in the study of Lesson 8 entitled "God Laments", using our Horizon's Bible Study book. Please email Karen at [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) if you would like an invite. You will receive your Zoom invite the day before so it won't get lost in email land.



### RETIREE'S LUNCHEON (formerly know as The Graduates)

**Tuesday, April 13 at 12:30pm via ZOOM**

Join us for our monthly virtual luncheon and a program presented by Caren & Maurice Snook, "The Story of an Ironclad Ship in the Savannah Harbor". Zoom Invitations will be sent out the day before and if you would like to hear more about this little known historical event in our "backyard" please contact Rindy, [rindy@troueaud.com](mailto:rindy@troueaud.com). If you are a "luncheon regular", no need to request an invitation. You are on the list!



## Adult Sunday School Classes

Emmaus Road Class, Upper Room Class & Journey Class

We will not meet this Sunday. Enjoy Easter Sunday with family and friends - masked and socially-distanced, of course! Classes will resume Sunday, April 11th.

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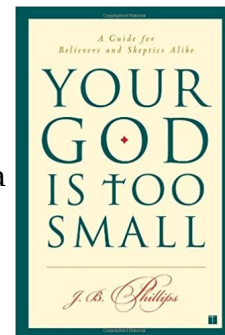
### WEEK DAY BOOK STUDIES

#### TUESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY—

**Next Zoom Book Study, Tuesday, April 13 at 10am (no class for April 6)**

Join us as we look at the book, *Your God is Too Small!*. A groundbreaking work of faith which challenges the constraints of traditional religion. In his discussion of God author J.B. Phillips encourages Christians to redefine their understanding of a creator without labels or earthly constraints and instead search for a meaningful concept of God. Facilitated by Mark Harper.

Please email Karen at [karenwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:karenwetherington@covpresathens.org) for a zoom invitation.



IN DEFENSE OF  
**KINDNESS**

Why It Matters,  
How It Changes Our Lives, and  
How It Can Save the World



Bruce Reyes-Chow

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK STUDY—

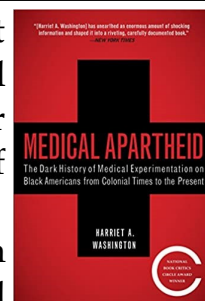
**next Zoom Book Study Wednesday, April 7 at 4p.m.**

When did kindness become a sign of weakness? What if kindness actually has the power to change the world? Join us as we share a conversation about kindness using Bruce Reyes-Chow's book, *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Lives, and How It Can Save the World*. According to Reyes-Chow, culture is at a crossroads when it comes to kindness. These days we either view kindness as an inert act based on the absence of being a jerk, or we see acts of kindness as heroic

and herculean, beyond the reach and capability of mere mortals. *In Defense of Kindness* makes a case that we each can choose kindness as a way to experience community and wholeness in new ways. With a playful spirit, tender heart, and unwavering commitment to justice, "kindness enthusiast" Reyes-Chow explores the many ways in which kindness can bring about healing, wholeness, and hope in ourselves and the world. If you would like a copy of this book, please call the church office and speak with Karen Wetherington, 706.548.2756. If you would like a ZOOM invitation for our conversations, please contact Rindy Trouteaud, [rindy@trouteaud.com](mailto:rindy@trouteaud.com).

Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club as we explore Harriet Washington's, *Medical Apartheid*. This book details the ways both slaves and freedmen were used in hospitals for experiments conducted without their knowledge and tackles modern issues, revealing the root causes of many of the disparities that we see today with COVID-19.

No one concerned with issues of public health and racial justice can afford not to read this eye-opening book. So Join us starting **Monday, April 26th @ 7 PM** as we embark on a powerful journey. Send Karen an email if you would like to receive a ZOOM invitation for this book study, [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org).





**Thank you** to all who have provided floral arrangements in the past. We especially appreciate the amazing talent of Juergen Wiegel, who has contributed his time and skill to provide beautiful arrangements and to coordinating the floral schedule for many years. If you would be willing to provide a flower arrangement for weekly virtual worship services, please check the dates below. We are now hoping to provide arrangements for Mar 21 through June 27. It is important to note that the services are actually recorded on Fridays, every week. This means that the flowers need to be placed in the worship center on Friday morning, by 10 AM. Please use the following link to view the available dates and to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-provide>

. For further information please contact Julie Bower (bower.julie@gmail.com) or Karen Wetherington (kwetherington@covpresathens.org) The Worship Ministry Team appreciates each one who contributes to the beauty of our worship services in this way. Thank you!

#### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY:

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##### effective April 23 :

##### Carolyn & Larry Hatfield

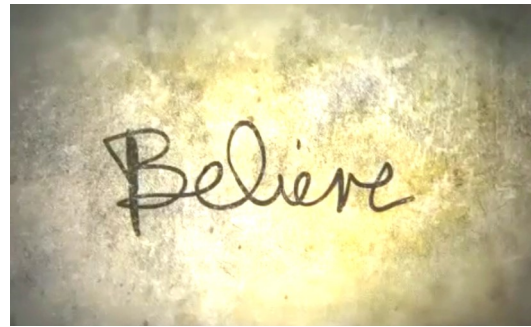
1865 Birchwood Lane  
Athens, GA 30606-5485

*Our friend Reginald Willis from East Friendship Baptist Church is inviting us to a celebration honoring the 60th anniversary -- yes, 60th! -- of the Rev. James Kendrick as their pastor. Please contact Reginald through Facebook if you would like to participate in any of the virtual events. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS PASTOR OF EAST FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH. APRIL 17-18, 2021. ON APRIL 17 AT 11AM THERE WILL BE A DRIVE BY PARADE IN HONOR OF PASTOR AND 1ST LADY KENDRICK. WE ARE INVITING ALL OF ATHENS TO JOIN US IN THIS PARADE. (details will be coming soon) Feel free to inbox me. ALSO ON APRIL 17TH at 6:00pm THERE WILL BE A VIRTUAL BANQUET (via Zoom) TO HONOR PASTOR AND 1ST LADY KENDRICK. WE WILL CULMINATE WITH MORNING WORSHIP ON APRIL 18 AT 11AM (via Zoom) with Dr. Derrick Dewitt Sr, Pastor of First Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland bringing the message. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU ALL SHARING WITH US. (if you plan to participate in the parade, please inbox me so I will be sure to get detailed info to you)*

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Alan Edwards and family in the passing of his sister, Barbara Taylor, April 1 from COPD at Cape Girardeau, MO; the family of Charlotte Johnson, Chris Wilson's neighbor, who died from cancer at age 42; Anna Holshouser at Piedmont with low oxygen due to Parkinson's; Anne Page with a hip infection and in hospice care at Avery Place; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112.

**Daily Bible Readings—April 5—11**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Psalm 133</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 4: 32-35</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>I John 1: 1-2:2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 14: 1-7</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 11: 1-16</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>John 16</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 20: 19-31</b>

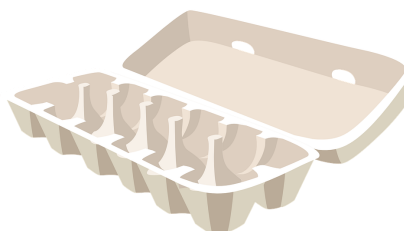


**Little Food Pantry** – We encourage you to help us keep our Little Food Pantry stocked with pop-top single serve canned goods that do not require cooking, peanut butter, packaged crackers, healthy snack items. Small individual personal hygiene items (ie: soap, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, and shampoos) in a zip lock bag with a granola bar of some kind is also needed. Please remember everything must be sealed (air tight) to prevent ant infestations...*Please no raisins. Thank you to all that help keep the Little Food Pantry stocked.*

**HOW TO GIVE.** There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <http://covpresathens.org/wp/contributions/> . Or you can click on this link [www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org) and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #40**  
**Anticipated Pledges \$ 346,153.85**  
**Actual Pledges— \$ 354,263.07**  
*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in need of Egg cartons! You can bring them by the church, Tuesdays 10am—12 noon, Thursdays, 1pm—4pm or on Fridays, 10am—4pm. Thanks!







**ITEMS NEEDED!** Yes! Covenant is still collecting these items for families in need. They will be distributed during the food pantry distribution.

**Gently used:** COATS for ADULTS & KIDS, WARM SOCKS, WARM HATS and SCARFS.

**Also needed are sweatpants, sweatshirts and socks! AND.....**

*Personal size shampoos and conditioners, lotions, toothpastes, etc (like you get by staying at a hotel) for distribution during the Thursday food distributions.*

Please drop them off at the church during Food Pantry hours, Thursdays 1pm – 4pm or Office hours, Tuesday 10am – noon, and Fridays 10am – 4pm. Thanks!

**TerraCycle: Spotlight on Toothbrushes, etc.** Are you wondering what the best thing is that you can save for TerraCycle? If so, the answer is worn-out toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and empty floss containers. Why is that? TerraCycle provides UPS shipping labels for boxes of these items and it also pays the Green Dream Team 2 cents for each item sent. This does not sound like much, but between October 2012 and March 2020, TerraCycle paid the GDT a total of \$166.02. This is important because



TerraCycle does not provide shipping labels for other packaging materials such as cheese and candy bags and wrappers. The GDT uses the \$\$ that it earns from some items to pay the shipping cost for other items. I have an almost-full box of toothbrushes, etc. and I want to ship it soon! Please bring all that you can to either the church or my house! *Caren Snook* for the Green Dream Team

### *Going solar" at Covenant Presbyterian . . .*

1. 1. Reflects a witness statement by the faith community, affirming God's Grace remains with us today and in future, with improved campus operations for the next 30 years.
2. 2. Represents a concrete and redemptive act taken locally, while being globally mindful as to better practices of stewardship for the earth and all of its creatures
3. 3. Removes from the carbon / greenhouse gas footprint created by the Georgia Power grid that portion associated with the church's electric power usage.
4. 4. Enables noticeable financial savings away from continued purchase of electricity over the next 30 years, creating a potential for alternative use of such financial resources.
5. 5. Provides a site-based and church-owned source of electric power, along with added capacity to convert the campus's natural gas heating of space and water, more economically to electrical units over future time, again reducing undesired carbon / greenhouse gas residuals from use of fossil fuel.



## **Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry**

*Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."* Members, and friends of Covenant have been giving generously of their time and talents to the Emergency Food Pantry. As you can imagine, the need is great.

**Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry days and hours have changed.**

***It is now on THURSDAYS, 1pm—4pm.***

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**STAY SAFE**—If there is any reason at all that you should NOT physically volunteer-consider the following:

Make a financial donation to the Food Pantry by sending a check to Covenant and write "food pantry" in the subject line. (*You could send it in at the same time you send in your pledge*).

We can use grocery bags (paper or plastic), and small boxes to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.

If you are able to physically be present as a volunteer:

Click the link below for an easy sign up or call or email Betsy Pless 540-1719  
[bppless@gmail.com](mailto:bppless@gmail.com)

You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!

### **HOW TO 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.*

*For the month of March, Covenant volunteers distributed food to 898 food insecure neighbors which included 204 children and 98 senior adults. Thank you volunteers and everyone who contributed to this ongoing ministry!*