

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, October 13 & 20, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER OCTOBER 13 & 20, 2024

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



AFRICAN GOSPEL CELEBRATION



SUNDAY | OCTOBER 13 | 5 PM
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1065 GAINES SCHOOL RD | ATHENS, GA
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
WWW.COVPRESATHENS.ORG



Covenant PW will meet Thursday, Oct 17, at 9:30am in the Covenant Library. There will be a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person. Gloria will lead our lesson and Caly and Jennifer will provide refreshments. Please read Lesson #2, Land Justice, prior to our meeting. We are off to a great start this year in PW! Please join us each third Thursday of the month for fellowship, and Bible Study. We also have plans for some service projects and possible field trips to supplement our Bible Study on Environmental Justice. Hope to see you there! - Jennifer Frey and Gloria Pylant, Co-Leaders (jenofrey@gmail.com)

Peace and Global Witness Offering For the month of October we will receive an offering for Peace & Global Witness. These gifts are helping our neighbors in need—those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe. 25% of this offering stays with our congregation, and 25% of this offering goes to the mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! **Ways to give:** through your congregation, or donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE:


Immediate donations can be made [online](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/), or <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device, calling (800) 728-7228, ext. 5885 or mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Sara Cooney and family in the passing of her sister, Debra Kay Lucas Fagher, who lost her 40 year battle with breast cancer; June Meyers and family in the passing of her sister, Fae Keeney; Willene O'Neal with a recently placed pacemaker: Bert Ballard-Myer recovering from knee surgery; Bert & Marie's friend, Trish Ingram undergoing cancer treatment; Charles Cantrell's son, David, and all those in Asheville, NC; Deborah Anderson, friend of John Knox, with a recent recurrence of cancer; Mary Anna Wynes recovering from surgery on her elbow, Sept. 23rd; Rich Dunham recovering from a double lung transplant; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition; Rich Kimmich recovering at home from an accident; Dick Zimdars at St. Mary's; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Larry Hatfield remains under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Juergen Wiegel in PVA memory care and Heide at home; Gene Holshouser at home; all those affected by the recent storms; and our country.

Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:
Job 38: 1-7; Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35;
Isaiah 53: 4-12; Psalm 91: 9-16;
Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45;
I John 4: 7-12; John 13: 1-17, 31-35



LUNCH BUNCH

Each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30am at DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside). All are welcome to join us for a good time of fellowship and food.



Dear Covenant friends and members,
 The Worship Ministry Team has appreciated your feedback regarding Holy Communion. We're pleased to announce two important features you have requested, starting on World Communion Sunday, October 6 we will:

- Continue passing the elements person-to-person, allowing for personal meditation during this sacred feast.

- Serve pieces of freshly baked bread instead of wafers to enhance your experience of the Lord's Supper.

To accommodate your wishes, we need additional volunteers to assist quarterly. It's a 20-minute commitment

- before worship to prepare the bread and grape juice (elements provided for you)
- after worship to clean up

The procedures are clearly outlined. If you are willing to serve, please text me at 706-521-2530, call the church office, or leave a note in my hallway mailbox.

Thanks for your active participation in worship. It is what makes Covenant an inviting worship community.

Warren Combs, Worship Ministry Team

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School for
all Ages

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Carol & Dennis Calbos, Paige Cummings

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Bill Rigsby, Robyn Malone, Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL

COORDINATORS for Oct: Dell Whitehead, Susan Parish

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 1st Sunday Judy Capie 2nd Sunday

Pam Knox 3rd Sunday Tim Foutz 4th Sunday

Brian Striggow 5th Sunday

GROUNDS STEWARDS

First Monday Week—Katy Terry & Chris Wilson

Second Monday Week—Don Bower & Alex Clark

Third Monday Week—Phil Hale & Phil Koehler

Fourth Monday Week—Susan & Randy Parish

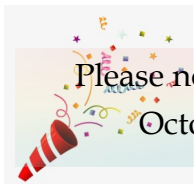
5th Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner & June Meyers



Nursery Ministry October 13, 2024
Sandy Whitney,
Stephanie Cahill

October 20, 2024

Lily McKay, Brian Herndon, Pam Knox



Please note that Karen is on vacation
October 15 thru October 23.



Covenant Connection October 16 & 23, 2024

5:30pm with a family style meal prepared by our own
Chef Patrick McMaster. (donation \$3 each)

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal in Worship Center

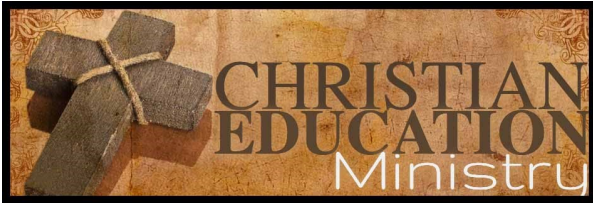
LIBRARY CORNER –

Orthodoxy: A Modern Translation by G. K. Chesterton

Considered a classic and a masterpiece by writers such as C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien, “These few but powerful pages chronicle Chesterton’s intellectual journey to explain why he believes in Christianity, and how he came to view it as the most rational and logical approach to understanding the universe. With humor, common sense, and a style all his own, Chesterton [1874-1936] welcomes you on a whimsical journey of rediscovery, revealing how the answers to life’s deepest questions were hiding in plain sight all along.”

This book can be found at Bay F, Shelf 3. —Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The “GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:45am. Join us in the library for this exciting class facilitated by Pastor Tom. This class is for anyone of any age who wrestles with tough questions.

The “UPPER ROOM” at 9:45am. Location: “Upper Room” Classroom at the top of the ramp and Via Zoom. James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in The Present Word. If you would like to participate, via Zoom please contact James at gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The “JOURNEY” at 9:45am

Location: “Journey” Classroom Room 216. We are reading and discussing a new book, “Faith Beyond Borders”, by Don Mosely from Jubilee Partners. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Juniors (K-3rd) Class at 9:45am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meets each week downstairs in the “Temple Courtyard” classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:45am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the “Potter’s Workshop” classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, October 13 at 5pm WE will join the African Gospel Celebration and afterwards gather for fellowship downstairs in THE COVE!



THE COVENANT FORUM

“In Bad Faith: Unpacking Christian Nationalism’s Distortion of the Gospel”

Facilitated by Pastor Tom Buchanan, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, October 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

The ideology of Christian Nationalism has made headlines in America in recent years with its dangerous blending of Christian and national identities, distorting our democratic institutions and values to be sure, but even more importantly, the church’s prophetic witness to Jesus’ gospel of justice, peace, and inclusion. Through group discussion of the recent 90-minute documentary “Bad Faith,” this Covenant Forum event will unpack Christian Nationalism’s dangers, with emphasis on the many ways it deviates from faithful understandings of our biblical and theological heritage. Those interested in joining in this discussion are strongly encouraged to view the documentary “Bad Faith” beforehand. It is readily available through most major streaming platforms, including Amazon Prime, YouTube TV, Apple TV, Tubi, and Google Play Movies.

WAYSTOSERVE @COVENANT



Please look through these volunteer opportunities coming up at Covenant and sign up if you can help!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Athens Free Clinic @

Covenant Volunteers are needed to welcome the medical team into the church building and to sit at the front desk to greet clients as they arrive for their appointments. Here is the link to sign up for all of our upcoming volunteer spots: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Covenant Cooks "First Tuesday" Dinners

Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

DONATIONS NEEDED: For October, the Cedar Shoals Care Center is in need of **highlighters and colored pencils**. You can bring items to the donation table outside the church office OR use this Amazon Wishlist link if you would like to donate and the items will be delivered directly to us at the church office: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_4

HOLY HAPPY HOUR



**JOIN
US!**

THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 17 • AUTHENTIC BREWING COMPANY
INSIDE TAPROOM • 108 PARK AVE. ATHENS, GA

JOIN US FOR A "HOLY HAPPY HOUR:" A FUN-FILLED
REFORMED THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION!

The Art Of **SABBATH**

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE SABBATH
PRACTICES THROUGH THE ARTS.

THIS MONTH: "LIFE IS SWEET!"
LEARNING TO DECORATE WITH ROYAL ICING

THURSDAY • NOVEMBER 14 • 5-7 P.M.

LOCATION: COVENANT - FELLOWSHIP HALL
RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5 TO AMY AT
ABAER@COVPRESATHENS.ORG
ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

Covenant by the Week!

October 13, 2024—

SUNDAY -

9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship—
12:30pm 12 Step Group
5pm African Gospel Celebration/ Covenant Youth Connection
6pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6pm Scouts
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
10am Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting
11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
6:30pm Covenant Forum—*In Bad Faith*
(fellowship hall)
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Covenant Connection
6pm Handbells Choir
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs
7:45pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am PW Bible Study
9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters & Knotters
3pm Athens Women's Singing Circle
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting
7:00 Worship Ministry Team Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Art/Crafts
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group

October 20, 2024—

SUNDAY - 9am Children's Sabbath Breakfast

9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship—
12:30pm APQC Workshop in Fellowship Hall
12:30pm 12 Step Group
5pm Covenant Youth Connection
6pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6pm Scouts
1:30pm-7pm Athens Free Clinic
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:00am Harmony English Conversation Class
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal
1pm Quiddlers
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
6:00pm Session Meeting
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Covenant Connection
6pm Handbells Choir
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen
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2pm Knitters & Knotters
3pm Athens Women's Singing Circle
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group

Knitters & Knatters



THURSDAYS AT 2PM.

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun while making blankets for people recovering from illness and for clients of Highland Hills, Family Promise and Project Safe.

**COVENANT
FOOD
PANTRY**
NEEDS YOUR HELP



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday) Sign-up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20->



November 3, 2024 at 11:00am

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.

Please check the list on the table in the gathering room for additions or corrections.



Another huge THANK YOU to Covenant! The chili was sooooo delicious. Thanks so much for such an amazing lunch. We are truly blessed to have you as a community partner!

Stephanie Anderson, Family Engagement Specialist & Community Outreach Coordinator. Gaines Elementary School, Clarke County School District

He/Him

They/
Them

She/Her

What's Up With Pronouns?

Sunday, October 20, 12:30pm
Covenant Fellowship Hall
Refreshments will be served

**An informational and open dialog about
the proper use of pronouns in today's world**

**Led by Ida Barrett of Athens Pride & Queer Collective
and Elder Bert Ballard-Myer**

Please come with curiosity and questions.

All are welcome.

For more info, please contact Bert 706-207-2665 or mysammie1@yahoo.com

OCTOBER

COVENANT YOUTH CONNECTION

IN THE COVE

SUNDAYS
5-7 PM

**OCT
06**

RUSH & DINNER

Meet at Rush Athens Trampoline Park at 5 PM,
and dinner afterward!

AFRICAN GOSPEL CELEBRATION

African Gospel Celebration @ 5 PM and afterwards,
gather for fellowship down in The Cove!

**OCT
13**

**OCT
20**

BIBLE STUDY AND HALLOWEEN DECOR IN THE COVE

Bible Study: "So What's the Deal with the Bible?"
followed by decorating The Cove for Halloween!

**OCT
27**

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Join us for a CYC party with stories, pumpkin
Carving and a unique worship experience!



MORE INFO:

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