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Sunday, November 03, 2024 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER NOVEMBER 03, 2024

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



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.



**Retirees Covered
Dish Luncheon**

**Tuesday, November 12
at 12:30pm**

Join us for a delightful time of food and fellowship. Jim Thompson will be our special speaker. He was a reporter for the Athens Banner Herald and is now a freelance reporter. Bring a friend and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

NOVEMBER IS THORNWELL EMPHASIS MONTH 2024

Thornwell was impacted by the devastation left behind by recent hurricanes. Thornwell needs your support more than ever. Prayerfully consider a financial gift to Thornwell. Encourage your children to return a full Tom the Turkey. You can give through the church using the offering envelopes that can be found on the table as you enter the worship center.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO HEAR THE REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECT ELDERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027. THEY ARE:
MELISSA COBB, PAM THOMPSON, CALY DEPALMA, AND KARL BARNETT.


WARREN COMBS HAS AGREED TO SERVE OUT DICK ZIMDARS UNEXPIRED TERM, CLASS OF 2025.

THANK YOU TO THE CLASS OF 2024, *KATY ARORA, ABBY HORVATH, BERT BALLARD-MYER AND VALERIE STONE.*

IN OUR PRAYERS: Lisa Buchanan recovering from broken foot; Amy Baer's Step Dad Charlie in Kansas City recovering from a mild stroke; Willene O'Neal with a recently placed pacemaker; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition; Wanda & Larry Minton's friend's son in a medically induced coma after brain surgery to control a bleed; Rich Kimmich recovering at home from an accident; Dick Zimdars at home; 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:
Ruth 3: 1-5, Ruth 4: 13-176, Psalm 127,
I Kings 17: 8-16, Psalm 146,
Hebrews 9: 34-28, Mark 12: 38-44



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.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Mark your Calendar! Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 24 following worship. We will enjoy a light soup lunch and decorate the fellowship hall for Christmas inside and out. Please become apart of the team. Many hands make light work. You help will be a gift to us all.



Consider an encouraging note to Erin Combs Van Note – Erin and her family have survived the Hele- ne winds and rains with only a loss of 100+ pine trees. They have potable water and power that some neighbors “borrow” to shower and cook food to take back home. Beau fires up his chainsaw on his property in the mornings and again in the afternoon at his neighbors.

The Black Mountain Montessori School that Erin directs has not fared as well. Many families worked to build a rock-lined stream spanned by a couple of bridges where a severe wash-out removed much of the back schoolyard. 75% of the flooring is being replaced and a number of families with damaged homes struggle to make their monthly tuition payments. Erin hopes to reopen the school the week before Thanksgiving.

It'd be great to send a former Covenant youth an encouraging email (erin@bmtmont.org) or drop her a card (101 Carver Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711). If you'd like to contribute to help the school, go to www.givebutter.com/AxMSBo.



La Table 2025

La Table, the fundraising luncheon to support Family Promise will be held in February 2025. A group has enjoyed creating/decorating tables but is very happy to share the fun. They will do it again this year and have started planning for the 2025 theme of butterflies. If you would like to decorate a table please contact Karen in the church office for more information.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45am Church School for
all Ages

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Alan Edwards, Judy Capie, Paige Cummings

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

USHERS/GREETERS: Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow, Dennis & Carol Calbos

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL COORDINATOR

for November: June Meyers

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



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Clayton &

Grace Adams

November 10, 2024

Adam & Rebecca Rea, Lily McKay



Covenant Connection November 6, 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

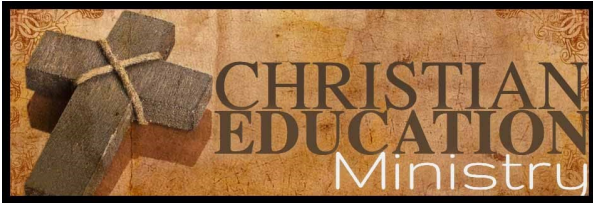
7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal in Worship Center

Friday, December 6 beginning at 6:00pm

ANNUAL COVENANT PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

The Fellowship Ministry Team is excited to let you know that the annual progressive dinner is coming soon. This covered dish dinner will begin with appetizers at 6:00pm. Then we will enjoy the main course and finally everyone will join together for dessert. We need hosts and home, people signed up to attend and delicious food. Last year 46 people signed up to attend. Fellowship will provide serving items (plates, cups napkins, etc) if needed. Fellowship will provide ham and rolls for each main meal host location. Coffee service/pot and serving ware can be provided for the dessert location. You can sign up on the sheet posted next to the mailboxes. Also please confirm your desire to host with Valerie Stone, 678-360-6983, valeriefreystoneatgmail.com. We can't wait to join you at this fun event.





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. On Sunday, Nov. 2, we will begin study and discussion of our newly-selected book, *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons* by Clarence Jordan (foreword by Jimmy Carter). We share leadership with class participants volunteering to lead our discussion each week. 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, November 03 at 4:30pm

THE COVENANT FORUM—

In addition to its many classes and educational opportunities, Covenant is also pleased to host “The Covenant Forum.” This class will feature special speakers, panel discussions, and stimulating presentations, bringing together the heart and the mind for the life of faith! These events will be held at least quarterly, on weekday nights or Saturdays. *Check this spot for a new forum in the near future.*

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

[https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/)

WAYS TO SERVE @ 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#/>



Volunteers and Bakers Needed!

We have begun planning for the "2024 Holiday Benevolence Market" at Covenant, in partnership with FPC Athens and many other congregations, and we hope you can help us make it a great success by volunteering for the event and helping us fill our dessert buffet with homemade treats! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-52613561-holiday>



Covenant by the Week!

November 3, 2024— All Saints Sunday

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship—
12:30pm 12 Step Group
4:30pm Covenant Youth Connection
6pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6pm Scouts
4pm—7pm Athens Free Clinic
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
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
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

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

November 10, 2024

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

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6pm Scouts
4pm—7pm Athens Free Clinic
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon
1pm New Horizon Strings Rehearsal
4:30pm—5:30pm OLLI Group
5:30pm—6:00pm Classic City Bank Rehearsal in FH
6pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting
7:00pm Stamp Club in FH

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band in Fellowship Hall
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THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

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
5pm—7pm The Art of Sabbath in Fellowship Hall
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Group—arts and crafts
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group