

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link
to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER APRIL 20, 2025

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



April is
**EARTH
MONTH**



7:30am Sunrise Worship
(please bring flowers for the cross)

8:00—9:30am Easter Breakfast
Join us in the fellowship hall for a
covered dish breakfast. (bring a dish to
share. Beverages will be provided)

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

Each gift to One Great Hour of
Sharing supports efforts to relieve
hunger through the Presbyterian
Hunger Program, promote develop-
ment through the Presbyterian
Committee on the Self-
Development of People, and
assist in areas of disaster through
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
All three programs work in
different ways to serve individuals
and communities in need.

Feed the Fish! Remember to help
the children to fill their fish banks
with coins!

You can give thru Covenant or at
[https://pcusa.org/dnate/og999999-
one-great-hour-sharing](https://pcusa.org/dnate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

*Little red gems, a vibrant sight, Sweetness bursting,
pure delight. Come gather 'round, let's visit and taste, it is
strawberry festival, no time to waste!*

COVENANT'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 at Covenant Presbyterian Church
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM (bring chairs/blankets)

COVERED DISH—Bring your favorite dishes to share

We will provide: Lemonade, iced tea, coffee and water, utensils,
paper plates, cups, napkins and corn hole games.

Entertainment: The New Horizon Band will play from 5:00 to 5:30

NEW MEMBERS: We hope that you can attend and be introduced as
you spend time in fellowship with your new church family. **CONTEST:**
Homemade dishes that contain strawberries in any form will automati-
cally be in the running for one of our three Strawberry Festival prize
categories—Yummiest Dish, Prettiest Dish, and Most Springlike
Dessert. Secret judges will be completing the taste test to choose the
winners. **(Please have your dish on the table by 5:30 if you want to
be sure it will be part of the judging.)**



STEWARDSHIP
—SUNDAY—

Sunday, April 27

at 11:00am

We will celebrate God's
gifts by offering our
pledge cards during
worship.

A New Beginning!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Carolyn Hatfield and family in the passing of Larry on Friday, March 21; June Meyers diagnosed with ovarian cancer, will begin treatments soon at Emory; Family & friends of Christina Smashey Smith, (a friend of DeLynda) who passed away Wed. April 16 at the age of 49. She has a daughter in 8th grade; David Knox's ex-wife, Stephanie Richards, recovering from surgery at home; Felicia, a neighbor, diagnosed with breast cancer; Zeb Hendricks will have surgery April 26 to remove cancerous tumor; Kathryn Fowler recovering from surgery on March 24; DeLynda Tweedell's Stepmother, Clarice Davis having physical therapy and is in a great deal of pain in her hip; William Emerson, friend and mentor of Alice Rose, suffering from kidney failure; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our Country

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

**Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29, Psalm 150
2 Kings 7: 1-16, Psalm 2, Revelation 1: 4-8,
John 20 : 19-31**

Financial Summary for Week #41

Anticipated Pledges—\$351,598.65

Pledges Received—\$363,495.15

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

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.



Last Friday, the Presbyterian Women of Covenant and First Presbyterian Churches joined together to donate all of the supplies and assemble these beautiful Easter baskets for the children served by Athens Area Homeless Shelter, Project Safe and Family Promise. Between the three programs, they currently serve 40 children ranging in age from 9 months old to 18 years old. It's a stark reminder of how many children in Athens experience homelessness, too. Thank you so much to

all of the Presbyterian Women from both churches for doing this thoughtful project...just imagine the smiles and squeals of joy these baskets will bring on Easter morning!



Sunday, May 4 at 11:00am

Save the Date



You Are Invited!

East Friendship Baptist Church
480 Arch Street,
Athens, Georgia

East Friendship Baptist Church will celebrate Rev. James Kendrick's 64th pastoral anniversary on April 27 at 11:00am.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30am Sunrise Worship

8:00 Covered Dish Breakfast

9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, April 20

USHERS/GREETERS: Hank & DeLynda Tweedell, Sandy Whitney,
Stephanie Cahill

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby 7:30am Liturgist: Eli Stone

SUNDAY, April 27

USHERS/GREETERS: Susan & Randy Parish, Caly DePalma, Katy Terry

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

Congregational Care for April: Catharine Tyson



April 20, 2025

Lily McKay,
Phil & Sallie Hale

April 27, 2025

Lily McKay, Richard & Marcia Page

Mark your calendars. Buildings and Grounds is hosting a Church wide Work Day to take place on Saturday May 17th. We will be sprucing the grounds and a few other small projects. More details to follow.

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Pam Knox	3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
Brian Striggow	5th Sunday		

GROUPS 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



Covenant Connection April 23, 2025

Family style meal at 5:30pm by our own Chef Patrick—
suggested donation \$3.00

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

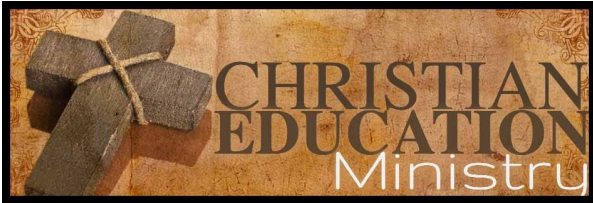
LIBRARY CORNER:

A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband "Master" by Rachel Held Evans

"Strong-willed and independent, Rachel Held Evans couldn't sew a button on a blouse before she embarked on a radical life experiment—a year of biblical womanhood. Intrigued by the traditionalist resurgence that led many of her friends to abandon their careers to assume traditional gender roles in the home, Evans decides to try it for herself....With just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity, *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* is an exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation."

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





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The “GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:30am. 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. We are currently reading and discussing Josh Scott’s, Bible Stories for Grown-ups. (and the Bible stories covered in it)

The "UPPER ROOM" at 9:30am. 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 9:30am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, February 2, we will begin our next class-selected book, Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi, written by Amy-Jill Levine. Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Levine (AJ) describes herself as a “Yankee Jewish feminist who taught in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt.” e 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 9:30am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meet each week downstairs in the “Temple Courtyard” classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:30am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the “Potter’s Workshop” classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, April 20—No Program—Enjoy Easter with your family.



EXCITING NEWS ABOUT 10:30 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY AT COVENANT!

We’re thrilled to announce a refreshed schedule that allows everyone to connect and enjoy a time of fellowship! Sunday School classes now run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by 30 minutes of coffee, conversation, and community in the gathering room before 11 a.m. worship.

We encourage attendees to step out promptly after class, grab a cup of hot decaf or full-throttle coffee, and savor a few moments with your church family and visitors seeking fellowship. Who knows, there might even be a sweet snack waiting to brighten your day! Let’s fill the room with conversation, friendship, and delicious aromas. See you there at 10:30 a.m.!

Remember, fellowship is sweeter when we all join in!

WAYSTO SERVE @COVENANT



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://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/)

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COVENANT FOOD PANTRY

NEEDS YOUR HELP



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

**Covenant Food Pantry
(Every Thursday)**

Sign-up to volunteer here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/)

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Thank you to all who bring their plastic bags to the Pantry. It is a great help. For the month of January Covenant served 1,551 food insecure neighbors.

OUR FRIENDS AT JUBILEE PARTNERS ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Size 8 boys clothes, 1 nightstand (bedside table), 1 very small living room end table, a few sturdy bookshelves of various sizes, car seat for 8 month old, pillow protectors, plastic/waterproof mattress covers that sip all the way around (twin, full, and queen), dish soap (small bottles) 2-3 mops with sponge bottoms, dish towels, wash cloths, diaper wipes, 2-3 headlamps (for residents walking around property at night)

If you would like to help with passports please make your check out to JUBILEE PARTNERS with passport in the memo portion. Mail to Jubilee Partners, P. O. Box 68, Comer, GA 30629.

Here are some general needs that your contributions will also help:

Counseling for moms and children who have experienced abuse, Clothing for new families (that they do not have in their clothing store), weekly groceries for families, medicine and vaccinations, legal fees, gas for appointments.

Contact DeLynda Tweedell for more info!



The Athens Area Emergency Food

**Bank always needs brown paper
grocery bags.**

Thank you Covenant!

Do you have an abundance of plastic grocery bags that you want to see put to good use? Bring them to Covenant for the Covenant Food Distribution. Please leave them in the blue tote in the Green Dream Team area. *Thank you!*

Athen's 3rd Annual Feed My Starving Children Event

Needs Two Hours of Your Time
April 25 - 27 in Stegeman Coliseum



The 2025 Athens Feed My Starving Children Event is now set for **April 25 - 27**. Once again, this successful event will partner with the UGA Athletic Association which has provided Stegeman Coliseum for the event. Sign up now for two hours to fill meal packs and feed children around the world who are dying of hunger. In two hours you will create enough packs to feed a child for SEVEN MONTHS! Nationally, 450 million meals packed in 2024! Family teams welcomed. Organizations, groups, or individuals needed.

Goals: **185,000 meals packed by 1,000 volunteers and raise \$65,000** to pay for the ingredients. This goal was exceeded last year. The event will also include collecting food donations for a local food pantry to address food insecurity in the Athens area.

Use the link to volunteer or donate
give.fmssc.org/athens
or contact Tom Spencer
tspencer44@gmail.com
706-340-3785 (C)



WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

- * GIVE TWO HOURS DURING ONE SHIFT OVER THE WEEKEND
- * WORK WITH A TEAM TO FILL MEAL PACKS
- * FEED STARVING CHILDREN

APRIL

COVENANT YOUTH CONNECTION

IN THE COVE

SUNDAYS
5-7PM

**APR
6**

OFF FOR SPRING BREAK

YOUTH GROUP

Easter Egg Preparation & Holy Week Bible Study!

**APR
13**

**SATURDAY
APR
19**

**COMMUNITY EASTER
EGG HUNT!**

Youth Volunteers arrive 10 AM; Egg Hunt at 11 AM!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service; Breakfast at 7:30 AM; Sunday Worship
Service at 11:00 AM! No evening program

**APR
20**

**APR
27**

ROAD PICK-UP PROJECT

in coordination with the Green Dream Team, plus
preparing for Youth Sunday on May 4!



MORE INFO:

PASTORTOM@COVPRESATHENS.ORG

Covenant by the Week!

April 20, 2025

RESURRECTION SUNDAY -

7:30 am Sunrise Worship

8:00—9:30am Covered Dish Breakfast

9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

12:30pm 12 Step Group

NO Covenant Youth

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm—8pm Scouts in Fellowship Hall

5:00pm Bells of NEGA in Worship Center

7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

4:30pm Socrates Café with Caly DePalma

6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen

6:15pm Stated Session Meeting

7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

1:30pm OLLI Arts & Crafts with Mimi

5:30pm Covenant Connection

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00AM - 5:00PM QUALITY CHILD CARE MEETING—
FELLOWSHIP HALL AND BREAKOUT ROOMS

10:30am 12 Step Group

April 27, 2025

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

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6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom

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SATURDAY

**SET UP FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL—SPRING PICNIC
ON MAY 4 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND KITCHEN**

10:30am 12 Step Group