

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, May 04, 2025 at 11am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link
to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER MAY 04, 2025

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

Sunday, May 4 The worship service will have a light hearted theme, with Covenant's Youth Group helping to lead it.

Sunday, May 11 we will honor the High School and College Graduates: Delaney Braswell, George McMaster, Micah Shannon and Carrie Tweedell.
There will be a reception following worship

A NEW BEGINNING! Stewardship 2025 2026

Thank you to all the folks who have already turned in their pledge for 2025 -2026. If you have not done so please turn your pledge in now. Need a pledge card? Let Karen know in the office and she will get one for you.

Pledge cards available on the table as you enter the Worship Center.



For Presbyterian Homes of Georgia residents who may have a special need, the *Caring Hands Fund* provides financial support for medical care, transportation, food, and other needs as they arise. Most of all, your gift will provide peace of mind and financial security by helping to ensure no resident will ever be asked to leave a PHGA community because they have outlived their resources through no fault of their own.

Debit/Credit Card: To make a gift by debit or credit card, please use the form below. <https://www.phgainc.org/caring-hands-fund/give-now/>

Check or money order: Please make your check or money order payable to Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, and mail to: Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, P.O. Box 926, Quitman, GA 31643

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

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 automatically 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.)**

Other Items to Bring: Camp chairs and or picnic blankets, water bottles, outdoor games.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Amy Baer's Mom Katie in Kansas City with sudden nerve pain that has made her unable to walk; Brian Striggow's kidney recipient, Arthur Cannavino, passed away this spring. He is survived by his wife Debbie who is grieving deeply; Carolyn Hatfield and family in the passing of Larry on Friday, March 21; June Meyers & family. Next scheduled treatment on May 13; Family & friends of Christina Smashey Smith, (a friend of DeLynda Tweedell) who passed away Wed. April 16 at the age of 49. She has a daughter in 8th grade; ; Felicia, a neighbor, diagnosed with breast cancer; Zeb Hendricks recovering well from surgery, April 26; DeLynda Tweedell's dad with a cyst on his kidney, UTI, and lung infection; 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; Ellie McMinn at home; students as they prepare for exams; our Country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Acts 9: 36-43; Psalm 23; Isaiah 53: 1-6;

Psalm 114: Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30

Financial Summary for Week #43

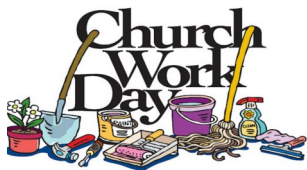
Anticipated Pledges—\$368,749.80

Pledges Received—\$383,610.15

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

One Great Hour of Sharing - \$2,800.00

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.



**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS** is host-
ing a Church wide
Work Day to take
place on Saturday

May 17th. Start time 9:00am. There will be coffee and donuts to get us started. Projects will include, but not limited to: removing brush, organizing the sheds, washing windows, power washing the porticos, and general grounds keeping. Bring work gloves and stay as long as you can.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN *NEW FREEDOM*—MEETING OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY ON FRIDAY, MAY 30 AT 5:30PM. THERE WILL BE
A COVERED DISH DINNER AND SPECIAL SPEAKER.
YES NEW FREEDOM HAS BEEN MEETING AT COVENANT FOR 50
YEARS AND THEY ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE TO COVENANT.**

**The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank
always** needs brown paper grocery bags.
You can leave them on the table as you go
into the gathering room.
Thank you Covenant!



PW BIBLE STUDY AND SALAD LUNCHEON: PW will meet on May 15 at 10am in the Covenant Library, with a Salad Luncheon to follow at 11:30am in the Gathering Room. Pastor Tom will lead our last lesson (#9) and we will all contribute to the Salad Luncheon with a salad or a dessert. Beverages will be provided. We will have the PW Birthday Litany and collect the Birthday Offering that day, as well as our Least Coin offering and offerings for the Sunshine Fund. We will also designate the recipient of our Sunshine Fund. Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our

final PW gathering for the year! -Jennifer (jenofrey@gmail.com) and Gloria



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - Youth Sunday

USHERS/GREETERS: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Carol & Dennis Calbos

LITURGISTS: Covenant Youth

SUNDAY, MAY 11—

USHERS/GGREETERS: Sandy & Jim Whitney, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

Congregational Care for May: Hilda Clark

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



May 4 2025

Nursery
Ministry

Lily McKay,
Ansley Land,
DeLynda Tweedell

May 11, 2025 Pam Knox, Ellen Stoneburner



Covenant Connection May 7, 2025

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

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

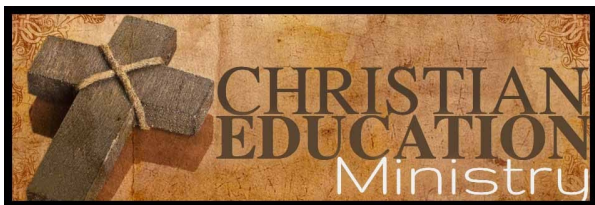
LIBRARY CORNER:

Seasons of Wonder: A 52-Week Devotional Making the Ordinary Sacred Through Projects, Prayers, Reflections, and Rituals by Bonnie Smith Whitehouse

As the year winds to a close, it is a helpful time to think about our intentions for the year to come. This book is a wonderful way to embrace 2025 as it unfolds. We'd like to ask that this book remain in the library through December and January so anyone interested can look at it for the New Year. Starting in February, you're welcome to check it out for a time. This book can be found at Bay C, Shelf 3. —Church Librarian Valerie Stone



A box has been inadvertently moved from the church library. If someone knows where the medium-sized brown cardboard box that was on the top of the filing cabinet went, please let Karen or me know. It contains materials intended for the church archives. Thank you! --Valerie Stone, Church Librarian.



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. This Sunday we will be discussing the movie, *Chevalier* (details below). Please watch it this week in preparation for our time together. I hope to see you soon. *Chevalier* (2022. PG-13. 1 hour, 48 minutes) The story of the son of an African slave and a French farmer who achieves unthinkable position in society as a famous violinist and composer. Based on the true life of Joseph Bologne (1745-1799).

Trailer: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt12758486/?ref_=fn_all_ttl_1

Streaming: Amazon Prime, YouTube, Google Play, Fandango at Home. 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, May 4—no youth group. Enjoy the Church Picnic

Green Dream Team News

The green shirts were prominent in the service Sunday as the Green Dream Team reminded the congregation of Earth Care practices. We thank you for your attention. We are excited about the Youth participation in the road clean-up Sunday evening. Plans are in the works for tours of CHaRM and the Solid Waste Recycling Facility. The May meeting has been rescheduled to the Fall. See you then! –Gloria and Jennifer

Check out the Green Dream Team table for ways to recycle batteries, plastic bags, and ink cartridges.

WAYSTOSERVE @COVENANT



Cedar Shoals HS Teacher Appreciation May 8 • 7:30 a.m.

Covenant is helping the Cedar Shoals PTO to provide a breakfast buffet for the amazing teachers and staff of Cedar Shoals High School! All items can be dropped off in the Covenant kitchen on May 7 for Valerie Stone to deliver on the morning of May 8.

Please sign up at this link:



Or click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0548A9A82FA1FA7-56481463-cedar/21990313#/>

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!

COVENANT FOOD PANTRY

NEEDS YOUR HELP



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Covenant Food Pantry
(Every Thursday)

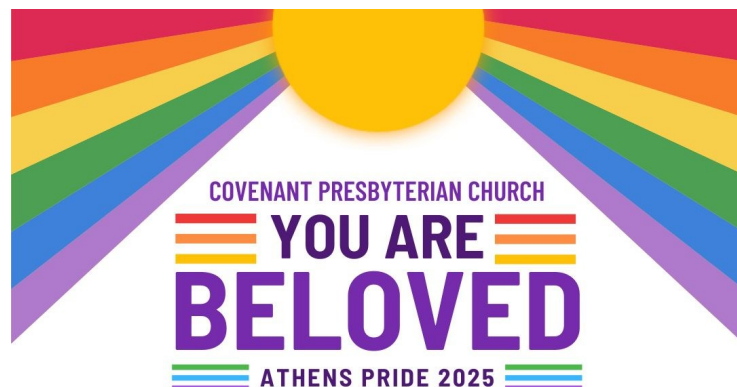
Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

Thank you to all who bring their plastic bags to the Pantry. It is a great help. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*



Pre-Order your Covenant, "You Are Beloved" T-Shirt by May 14! Covenant is an official PRIDE sponsor and we are forming a group from Covenant to march in the Athens Pride Parade on Saturday, June 7.

Click on the link below to preorder and you can leave a check on Amy's desk (\$16.25 @ add \$2 for 2X, \$3 for 3X, etc) Please fill out this [order form](#) by Wednesday, May 14.



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF ATHENS PRIDE + QUEER COLLECTIVE!

JOIN COVENANT MEMBERS TO MARCH TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR LGBTQAI+ COMMUNITY



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7
RESOURCE TABLE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PARADE: 5 P.M.
LOCATION: DOWNTOWN ATHENS
SIGN UP AT QR CODE AT LEFT!

Join Covenant for Athens Pride 2025

Covenant Presbyterian Church is an official Sponsor of Athens Pride + Queer Collective! Join Covenant members to march together in solidarity with our LGBTQAI+ community!

Date: Saturday, June 7 **Time:** 3-10 p.m.

Location: Downtown Athens, GA

Covenant by the Week!

May 4, 2025

9:30am Nursery
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship—Youth help lead service
12:30pm 12 Step Group
NO Covenant Youth
5pm Strawberry Festival/Spring Picnic
NO 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
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
NO Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
5:30pm Covenant Connection
6:15pm Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
NO 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

10:30am 12 Step Group

May 11, 2025

9:30am Nursery
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship—Mothers' Day, Honoring Grads
12:30pm 12 Step Group
No Covenant Youth

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm—8pm Scouts in Fellowship Hall
5:30pm Piano Recital—Betsy Burmeister Students
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
12:30pm Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon
4:30pm Socrates Café with Caly
NO Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
5:30pm Covenant Connection—FINAL until August
6:15pm Adult Bible Study— FINAL until August
6:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
NO Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
10am PW Bible Study & Salad Luncheon
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

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

SATURDAY

9:00AM COVENANT WORK DAY

10:30am 12 Step Group