


Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

**THE COVENANTER
MAY 25, 2025**

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
Synod of the South Atlantic,
General Assembly of the Presbyterian



Welcome Rev. Ron Gilreath as our guest speaker Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 11:00am. The Rev. Ron Gilreath is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a minister member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Ron is a native of Fayetteville, NC and a graduate of Methodist University, Union Presbyterian Seminary, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He retired in 2014 after serving Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, GA. Ron and his wife Melisha, a retired school psychologist, are the parents of two daughters and the grandparents of a grandson and granddaughter. Ron and Melisha live at Presbyterian Village Athens.



Beginning Sunday, June 1 the worship time will change to 10:00am! (until Rally Day in August)

Save The Date

Covenant Coffeehouse
Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00pm

Covenant has talent and we want to see that on display at this year's Coffeehouse! Sign-up sheets will be posted in early June. If you already know you'd like to share your amazing talent, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225, lrogers@uga.edu) or Pam Knox (706-621-1970, pnknox@yahoo.com) **now**.



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

Thank you Covenant!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Erin Stoneburner for complications following surgeries for broken arm and Ellen as she cares for Erin; Paige Cummings niece, Kathryn Mercer at North Georgia Medical Center with serious injuries; Family & friends of Laura Johnson (friend of Deb Millwood) who passed away, May 11; June Meyers & family. Next treatment scheduled for June 3; Felicia, a neighbor, diagnosed with breast cancer; 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 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Psalm 2;
Revelation 22: 12-15, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17: 20-26**

Financial Summary for Week #46

Anticipated Pledges—\$ 394,476.54

Pledges Received—\$ 398,992.08

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

Caring Hands—PHGA \$700.00

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.

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.



PLEASE NO EGG CARTONS as the Food bank cannot use them.

Thank you Covenant!

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.

NEWS FROM B & G:

Many of you already know about, but some of you may not be aware of, the exciting project that B&G has undertaken. After 40 years we are having the tiles replaced in the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Breezeway. The work is scheduled to begin on Monday June 2 and be completed by Friday June 13. As it falls during our summer schedule, it should not affect too many things and only 1 Sunday. *Caly DePalma*, B&G Chair

(access to the kitchen, fellowship hall and breezeway will be limited during that time)



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:30am Sunday School
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 25


USHERS/GREETERS: Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow,
Hank & DeLynda Tweedell

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

USHERS/GREETERS: Robyn Malone, Stephanie Cahill,
Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb

Liturgist: Kirche Rogers



May 25, 2025
Marie Ballard-Myer,
Jacob Page, Lily McKay

June 1, 2025
Clayton & Grace Adams

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

SUMMER PUNCH AND COOKIES (please no red punch)

After 10am service beginning June 1

Sign up on the sheet next to the mailboxes. Thanks!

June 1—Susan & Randy Parish

June 8 - Pentecost—Fellowship Ministry Team

June 15—Burmeister/Reaves/Combs

June 22—

June 29—Phil & Linda Koehler

July 6—James & Robyn Malone , Mary Anna Wynes

July 13—Jennifer Frey

July 20—Luanne Rigsby

July 27—

August 3 -

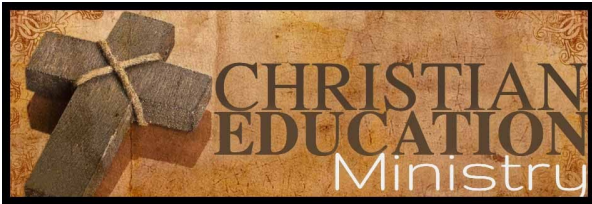
LIBRARY CORNER:

IVP Histories by Various Authors

If you're looking to understand more about the history of Christianity, the InterVarsity Press offers a series of nine mini histories, each filled with maps and images. Titles include *Jesus and His World*, *The Expansion of Christianity*, *Augustine and His World*, *Faith in the Medieval World*, *Francis of Assisi and His World*, *Christianity and the Celts*, *Faith in the Byzantine World*, *Luther and His World*, and *Faith in the Age of Reason*.



These book can be found on various shelves of the history sections of the library, Bays A and B. —
Church Librarian Valerie Stone



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” Class at 9:30am. (off for the summer; will resume on Rally Day)

The "UPPER ROOM" at 9:30am. (Beginning June 1 we will meet at 11:00am) 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 (Beginning June 1 we will meet at 8:45am)

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. We will begin *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*. Please read the preface and the first 2 portions of Chapter 1 (through mid-page 11). before class.

Author: Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams

Amazon Link: <https://a.co/d/hJnNZZw>

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— (*Youth Group will resume in the fall*)



Covenant’s Youth Group has now “adopted” a road through the Adopt-a-Highway program, and has been recognized by the Mayor! We have committed to picking up trash four times a year along a good stretch of Barnett Shoals Road (from Greencrest to where it turns off to the left), and have already done it once. We at Covenant believe in caring for our community, and our youth are doing their part!




Join the
**Covenant
Birthday
Brigade**

Starting in April, our Covenant Birthday Brigade will begin making birthday cakes for children with a birthday while living at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Please let Amy know if you are willing to bake a cake once or twice a year!

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#/>




Garden Gala: Celebrating 15 Years of UGarden

Saturday, June 7, 2025 • 6-10pm • Flinchum's Phoenix, 650 Phoenix Rd, Athens, GA 30605

UGarden invites you to celebrate 15 years of hands-on student learning, fresh produce for the community, and K-12 field trips for Clarke county students at the Garden Gala! Purchase tickets at link below and help support UGarden for years to come!

<https://gail.uga.edu/events/caes/garden-gala-2025>



In gratitude for your friendship
Jubilee Partners
invites you and your family for
FREE BLUEBERRY PICKING



Please come on any 1 of the following dates:

Tuesday, June 10, 5pm-dark	Saturday, June 14, 8am-11am
Tuesday, June 17, 5pm-dark	Monday, June 23, 5pm-dark
Saturday, June 28, 8am-11am	

Jubilee is located at 427 Jubilee Road in Comer (near Mad. Co Fair Grounds)

What to bring: this coupon, picking buckets, and closed-toe shoes.

Name: _____ # in your party: _____

Your employer/church: _____

**Jubilee Partners,
Comer, Georgia...**

Is expecting a bumper crop of blueberries and has invited Covenant to come and pick on the dates that are on the coupon. Please remember your coupon, picking bucket and closed toed shoes. *(there are ants)*



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| 7 Bill Rigsby | 24 Rebecca Rea |
| 8 Judy Capie | Emma Goodrick |
| 13 Robyn Malone | 25 Tom Cooney |
| Larson Rea | Scott Goodrick |
| 14 Ellie McMinn | 27 John Wilkins |
| 17 Ben Bruner | 28 Dick Page |
| 18 Ron VanSickle | 29 Betsy Burmeister |
| 19 Carrie Rose Tweedell | |
| 20 Marilyn Martin | |
| June Meyers | |
| Pat Tinga | |
| 21 Aaron Carter-Enyi | |
| 23 Aly Huberty | |
| 24 Greg Huberty | |
| Susan Nemetz | |



Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition Workshop

(a part of Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition)

What: A workshop with Anton Flores from Casa Aletnera entitled *Midwives of Justice: Hospitality and Resistance in an Era of Mass Deportation*.

When: Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 to noon

Where: Milledge Avenue Baptist Church

Contact Person: Greg Davis 306-589-5568 rawsondavis@gmail.com

Covenant by the Week!

May 25, 2025

SUNDAY

9:30am Nursery
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Worship—
Guest Preacher, Rev. Ron Gilreath
2:30pm 12 Step Group

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Closed for Memorial Day

9:30am Soccer Camp
4:30pm Socrates Café
6:15pm Stated Session Meeting
6:30pm Campus Kitchen
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Soccer Camp
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
6:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm—5pm Athens Free Clinic
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Soccer Camp
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Arts and Crafts with Mimi
5:30pm New Freedom 50th Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

June 01, 2025

SUNDAY COVENANT YOUTH LEAVE FOR MONTREAT

8:45am Journey Sunday School
9:30am Nursery
10:00am Worship—
11:00 am Upper Room Sunday School
2:30pm 12 Step Group

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

Work to begin on flooring in FH, Kitchen & Breezeway thru June 13

9:30am Soccer Camp
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Soccer Camp
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SATURDAY COVENANT YOUTH RETURN FROM MONTREAT

10:30am 12 Step Group
3pm—10pm Covenant at Athens Pride