

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER June 29, 2025

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

Covenant Coffeehouse

Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm



It's almost time for the Covenant Coffeehouse!! **The sign-up sheet on the bulletin board will be removed after service on July 6.** If you have not already done so, please jot your name down to share an amazing talent, prepare an awesome dessert, or show your skills at setup and cleanup! For those sharing talents, be aware that we may need to set time limits depending on the number of participants. For talent questions, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225) or Pam Knox (706-621-1970). For dessert, setup, or cleanup questions, contact Becky Silver (706-207-0118) or Arnelle Combs (706-207-9750).

Remember, talent sharing is not required for attendance!

"SUMMER SAINTS" SERMON SERIES 2025

Join us each Sunday this summer at Covenant Presbyterian Church (June 22 to July 27), as we focus on a "saint" of the past, from whom we have something to learn as disciples of Jesus today. None are officially canonized, and some may even take us by surprise, but all have something to say if we're willing to listen!

Sundays at 10 AM
June 22 to July 27, 2025

June 22 - Harry Emerson Fosdick

June 29 - Harper Lee

July 6 - Walt Whitman

July 13 - Maya Angelou

July 20 - William Henry Sheppard

July 27 - Johnny Cash

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605

Covenant Youth Connection SCOOBY DOO LOCK-IN

Saturday evening,
July 26—Sunday morning,
July 27

Let's get together before school starts back for a Scooby Doo themed lock in with costumes, Scooby Doo cartoon marathon, games, giant subs, pizza and Hank's famous pop corn, Scooby snacks, and tons of fun and fellowship.

Contact Ms. Delynda 706-540-2473 or
dtweedell@hotmail.com with additional ideas or questions.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Jere Bowden in the passing of her beloved sister in law, (widow of Jim's older brother, Bob) June 25 in Gainesville, Ga; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; Rebecca Silver recovering from knee surgery June 26; DeLynda Tweedell's mom, Betty Bass, with an eye infection and low heart rate; and her step-mom, Clarice Davis, with severe hip and knee pain; Delynda Tweedell's best friends mother Ann Mathis diagnosed with peritoneal cancer; DeLynda's sister, Brandy, had a biopsy Friday 6/27 and suspected to be malignant; Sue Goodyear and family in the passing of her father; Erin Stoneburner for complications following surgeries for broken arm and Ellen as she cares for Erin; June & Joe Meyers as June is scheduled for surgery at Emory, July 11; John Wilkins' brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Carol & Charlie Huber at The Oaks; peace in the Middle East; our Country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

**2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20,
I Kings 19 15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16,
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62**

Financial Summary for Week #51

Anticipated Pledges—\$ 437,354.42

Pledges Received—\$ 455,099.87

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.

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!

FISCAL YEAR-END

We are coming to the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). Now is the time to catch up on those pledges.

Please turn in receipts that you have for Covenant.

You will find a contribution statement in your church mailbox for the *fiscal year to date* (July 1 2024—June 4, 2025). Any questions please let Karen or Judy know. Thanks!

The **2025—2026 Budget** has been approved by Session. The budget is now on the website at this link: <https://www.covpresathens.org/budget/>
There are also copies on the table in the gathering room. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get this accomplished and thank you Covenant for your faithful giving.

Save the Date

Presbyterian Women's Workshop

August 23 in Eatonton, Georgia

More info to follow!



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

8:45am Journey Class

11:00am Upper Room Class

10:00am Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

USHERS/GREETERS: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Hank & DeLynda Tweedell

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

SUNDAY, JULY 6

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

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

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



June 29, 2025
Sandy Whitney,
Pam Knox

July 6, 2025 Brian Herndon, Jacob Page

SUMMER PUNCH AND COOKIES (please no red punch)

After 10am service beginning June 1

Thanks to everyone who has signed up!

June 22— Barbara & Matthew Muir

June 29— Phil & Linda Koehler

July 6— James & Robyn Malone , Mary Anna Wynes

July 13— Jennifer Frey

July 20— Luanne Rigsby

July 27— Pylant & McMasters

August 3 -Morgan Kiel & Thomas Bowden

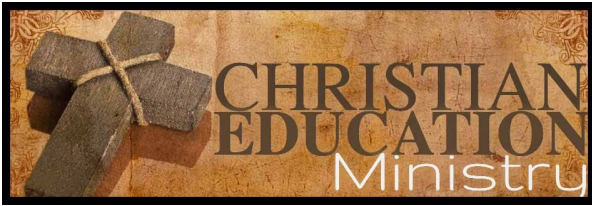
LIBRARY CORNER

***Why I Still Believe: A Former Atheist's Reckoning with the Bad Reputation Christians Give a Good God* by Mary Jo Sharp**

“At once logical and loving, Sharp reframes the gospel as it truly is: the good news of redemption. With firmly grounded truths, *Why I Still Believe* is an affirming reminder that the hypocrisy of Christians can never negate the transforming grace and truth of Christ.” This book can be found at Bay D, Shelf 2. — Church Librarian Valerie Stone



FOR RENT: 4 bedroom/2bath home on S. Milledge with new appliances and washer/dryer. \$2,000 a month (does not include utilities). Call Hank Tweedell at 706-207-6361 for more details.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” Class (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 8:45am

Location: “Journey” Classroom, #216. Having completed our study of the active form of Hope preached in *The Book of Hope*, we now will tackle the related topic of Bravery over the next 7 weeks. Specifically, we will discuss the book by Mariann Edgar Budde titled, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class will resume in the fall.

Middlers (4th—7th) will resume in the fall.

Covenant Youth Connection— (Youth Group will resume in the fall)

The Upper Room Sunday School Class was excited to hear about the "Micah's Creek" Project to help alleviate homelessness in the Athens area. This week, the class donated \$500 to Athens Area Habitat for Humanity to directly support this new Eastside Athens project.

Visit the link below to learn more about the "Micah's Creek" project of Habitat for Humanity:

<https://www.athenshabitat.com/micahs-creek/>



Pictured L-R: Charles Smith, Athens Area Habitat's VP of Operations, and representatives of Covenant's Upper Room Sunday School Class, Gloria Pylant and Mary Anna Wynes.

Community Energy Workshops

ATHENS LIBRARY (2025 BAXTER STREET)

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Workshop 1: July 17, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- ✓ Overview of local weatherization programs and how to apply
- ✓ Resources and guidance from the Southern Sustainability Institute and Athens Land Trust Community Advisory Board

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- ✓ Keynote presentation by Keyanna Jones Moore, Sierra Club
- ✓ Georgia's energy burden explained
- ✓ Sierra Club initiatives to support communities in need

Workshop 2: August 14, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- ✓ Bring your most recent energy bill (Georgia Power, Jackson EMC, Walton EMC) for a hands-on walkthrough
- ✓ Utility representatives on hand to answer your questions about rates, fees, and payment assistance
- ✓ Interactive stations:
 - ✓ "How do you conserve energy?" (share your best tips)
 - ✓ "What does energy burden mean to you?" (tell us your experience)

Join us for two free workshops to learn how to reduce energy costs, improve home efficiency, and understand your utility bills. Refreshments will be provided at both events.



<https://bit.ly/AthensEnergy>



Keyanna Jones Moore
Sierra Club Chapter Organizer

July Birthdays

2 Ada Brock Rea
Uche Carter-Enyi
3 Luanne Rigsby
Naveen Arora
4 Dell Whitehead
7 Chris Devaney
Dorothy Newland
8 Pam Butts
11 Brian Stone
Wyatt Pless
14 Paula Zimdars
18 Paul Brooks
19 Missy Green
Gijs Schimmel
20 Robert Baird
Helen Epps
Patti Huberty
21 Stephanie Cahill
Haylee Nunn
22 Dean Johnston
27 Brian Herndon
Katy Terry
28 Leona Hale Rea
30 Bruce Butts

Covenant by the Week!

June 29, 2025

SUNDAY

8:45am Journey Sunday School
9:30am Nursery
10:00am Worship— Summer Saints Sermon Series
11:00am Upper Room Sunday School
2:30pm 12 Step Group
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am Soccer Camp
2:00pm 4:00pm OLLI Class
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am Soccer Camp
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Class—Mimi
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
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4th
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

SATURDAY
10:00AM—11:30AM BACKPACK UGA IN KITCHEN
10:30am 12 Step Group

July 06, 2025

SUNDAY

8:45am Journey Sunday School
9:30am Nursery
10:00am Worship— Summer Saints Sermon Series
11:00am Upper Room Sunday School
2:30pm 12 Step Group
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am Soccer Camp
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting
Set up for Coffee House in FH

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am—11:30am Soccer Camp
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs
7:00pm Covenant's Coffee House/Talent Show

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

SATURDAY
10:00AM—11:30AM BACKPACK UGA IN KITCHEN
10:30am 12 Step Group