

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, July 06, 2025 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER July 06, 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.** For talent questions, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225) or Pam Knox (706-621-1970).

Volunteers are needed:

Tuesday, 7/8 at 5:00 set up and decorate for the event.

Wednesday, 7/9 at 6:15 Make coffee in small pots, set up coffee/tea station

6:30 Receive, cut and set up desserts, 7-9:00ish monitor Dessert table

9:00ish put away tables and chairs, clean up space, take out garbage and recycling.

We look forward to this fun event. You are a talented lot! 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; Alice Rose's friend, Kim Martinez with a neck injury and possible neck surgery; DeLynda Tweedell's mom, Betty Bass, with an eye infection and feeling better with new heart medication; 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 biopsy was benign; 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 5: 1-14, Psalm 30, Isaiah 66: 10-14,
Psalm 66: 1-9, Galatians 6: 1-6, 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20.**

Financial Summary for Week #52

Anticipated Pledges—\$ 445,920.00

Pledges Received—\$ 471,230.62

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!

*Save
the Date*

Presbyterian Women's Workshop

August 23 in Eatonton, Georgia

More info to follow!

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.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am Journey Class

9:30am Nursery

10:00am Worship

11:00am Upper Room Class

SUNDAY, JULY 6


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

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

SUNDAY, JULY 13

USHERS/GREETERS: Carol & Dennis Calbos, Bill & Luanne Rigsby

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson



July 6, 2025
 Brian Herndon,
 Jacob Page

July 13, 2025
 Joan & Hannah Baird, Don Bower

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

Thanks to everyone who has signed up!

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

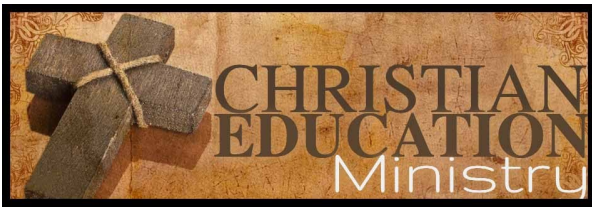
A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT: THE HEBREW BIBLE IN ITS CONTEXT

BY MICHAEL D. COOGAN

I TRY TO KEEP THE LIBRARY TIDY AND APPEALING. A SOMEWHAT BATTERED TEXTBOOK WITH HIGHLIGHTING BY A FORMER OWNER DIDN'T SEEM TO FIT IN VERY WELL—UNTIL I STARTED LOOKING AT IT MORE CLOSELY. CHRISTIANITY RESTS ON THE FOUNDATION OF JUDAISM, YET THERE WAS SO MUCH I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THOSE TRADITIONS. THIS BOOK USES MAPS, CHARTS, AND PHOTOS TO EXPLORE THE THEMES AND HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A USEFUL AND CLEAR WAY. THIS BOOK CAN BE FOUND AT BAY B, 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. We continue our new study of the book, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde this week. Jim McMinn will facilitate our discussion of Chapter 2 (pp. 21-41), Deciding to Stay. Join us!

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)

**HOLY
HAPPY
HOUR**

STARTING
BACK UP
JUNE 19

THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.
AUTHENTIC BREWING COMPANY
INSIDE TAPROOM • 108 PARK AVE. ATHENS, GA

JOIN US FOR A “HOLY HAPPY HOUR:” A FUN-FILLED
DISCUSSION OF FAITH AND CURRENT EVENTS!

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.

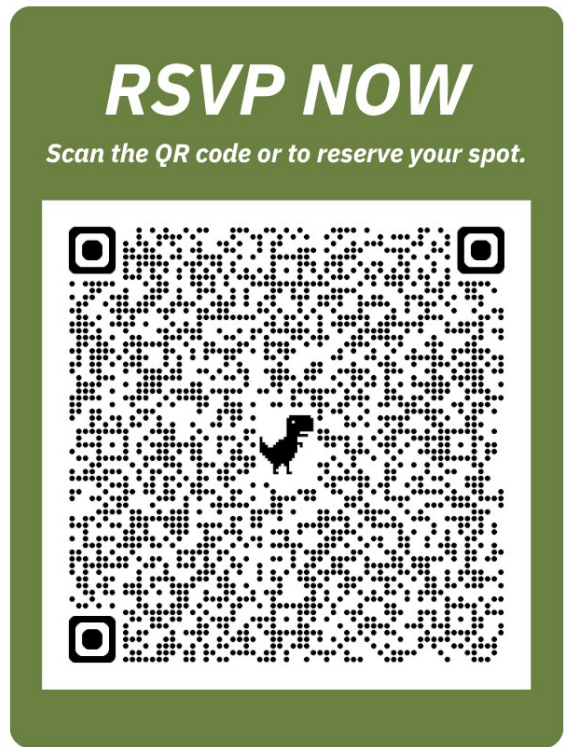
- ✓ Keynote presentation by Keyanna Jones Moore, Sierra Club
- ✓ Georgia's energy burden explained
- ✓ Sierra Club initiatives to support communities in need

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

Highlights of the June 24, 2025 Stated Session Meeting

A stated Session meeting was held on June 24, 2025. Pam Thompson presented a devotional expanding on Father's Day and how we are grateful for the influence of our parents and for the things we learned from them. Pam opened the meeting with prayer.

Luanne Rigsby said that Covenant received a thank you letter from UGA School of Law for our gift of \$580.00 that was directed to the Immigration Law Support Fund. The gift was for a specific need and was paid out of the Pastor's benevolence fund.

Session reviewed the Financial Summary for May, 2024. Pledges received were greater than anticipated. Kathryn Fowler encouraged ministry teams to submit any unpaid expenses before June 30th. Kathryn, on behalf of the Finance Ministry Team, presented the revised budget for 2025-2026. The budget of \$477,623.00 is a little lower than the proposed budget but an increase of \$12,404.00 over 2024-2025. Session approved the revised 2025-2026 budget and thanked the Finance Ministry Team for their hard work in getting it prepared.

Session also thanked Caly DePalma for her work on facilitating the installation of the new floor in the fellowship hall and discussed a plan for maintenance of the floor.

Warren Combs will serve as chair of the Elder Nominating Committee with Phil Hale serving as the inactive elder on the committee. The third member, who is not an elder, will be elected by the congregation in an upcoming called congregational meeting.

Much of the meeting time was spent on a visioning exercise which was a continuation of work begun at the Session Retreat in January. This exercise will help us discern our priorities for the coming few years. Ministry teams will also participate in visioning.

The July Session meeting will be followed by time of fellowship.

Fellowship Ministry Team needs help with making coffee and setting out the desserts for the Coffee-house on July 9th. Linda Rogers and Pam Knox are in charge of the acts.

Tom reported that the trip to the Montreat Youth Conference was everything he had hoped for. Hank and DeLynda Tweedell did a super job as chaperones. The youth bonded with each other and with the youth from Milledgeville Presbyterian and had a great experience.

Luanne Rigsby, Clerk of Session

Covenant by the Week!

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
7:00pm Finance —Visioning Team 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

July 13, 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

4:00pm Socrates Café—Caly
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting
Set up for Coffee House in FH

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7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI—Arts & Crafts—Mimi
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

SATURDAY

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