

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER

July 13, 2025

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

"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.



Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 27 at 10am sharp

For the purpose of electing the 2025 nominating committee of Warren Combs (chair) and Phil Hale and Pam Knox.



Covenant Coffeehouse

The verdict is in - Covenant definitely has phenomenal talent! Thirty people demonstrated their incredible music, reading, and storytelling skills; multiple people provided scrumptious deserts; and countless others helped with setup and cleanup on Wednesday night. Let's also not forget the audience who appreciated every single minute! The power outage and heavy rainstorm added to the excitement too, but the talent never stopped. Curious? Ask an attendee what happened! A huge "thank you" to all involved with this event.

See pics on page 5 & 6.

IN OUR PRAYERS: 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; June & Joe Meyers as June is recovering from surgery at Emory, July 10; 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:

**Amos 7: 7-14, Psalm 82,
Deuteronomy 30: 9-14, Psalm 25: 1-10,
Colossians 1: 1—14, Luke 10: 25-37**

Financial Summary for Week #01

Anticipated Pledges—\$ 8,583.04

Pledges Received—\$ 8,868.52

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!

HOW TO GIVE. There is a online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

Or you can click on this link www.covpresathens.org and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the church office or give in person. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Save the Date

**Presbyterian Women's
Workshop August 23 in
Eatonton, Georgia**



**MISSIONS
& OUTREACH**

**Mission & Outreach
Ministry Team meet-
ing on Wed., July 16
at 6 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.**

Bring your own dinner if you like since Covenant Connection will not have restarted yet. We hope to keep it to 1 hour this time :)



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 17, 2025



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am Journey Class

9:30am Nursery

10:00am Worship

11:00am Upper Room Class

SUNDAY, JULY 13

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

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

SUNDAY, JULY 20

USHER/GREETERS: Judy Capie, Katy Terry, Jim & Sandy Whitney

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

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



We're looking for caring, dependable volunteers to serve in our church nursery.

 **Commitment:** Once every four months

 **Times:** 9:30AM  11:00AM

 **Where:** Church Nursery Room

If you love little ones and want to support young families in our congregation, this is the perfect opportunity!

No experience necessary – just a willing heart.

For more information or to sign up contact Ellen Stoneburner at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com



July 13, 2025
Joan & Hannah Baird,
Don Bower

July 20, 2025
Clayton & Grace Adams

LIBRARY CORNER

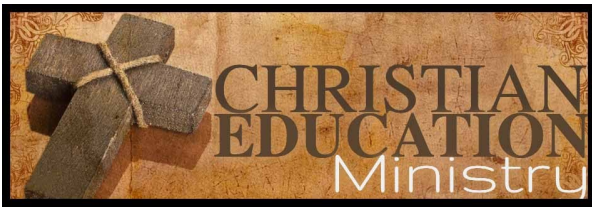
Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder
by Steven Charleston

A retired Episcopal bishop, professor, Choctaw Nation elder, and descendant of the Trail of Tears shares what he has learned about spirituality in a series of poetic short passages.

“I stand in the midst of creation’s wheel, and watch in wonder the quiet majesty of its turning. We are in the care of a love without limit or definition, under the protection of a love that never looks away.” This book can be found at Bay D, Shelf 3. —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 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. Bruce will facilitate our discussion of Chapter 3 (pp. 43-70), Deciding to Start. *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)

Groovy Nights 2025 | Retro Lip Sync Battle

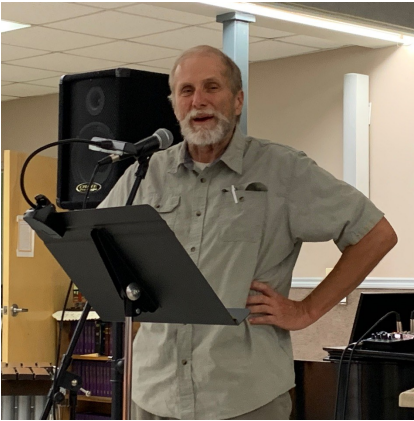


Are you ready to boogie down and support a great cause? Groovy Nights returns to the VFW on Saturday, September 6th, 2025! This year’s funky event features the biggest Lip Sync Battle in Athens! We’ll also have a dance floor with all the greatest hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s so grab a partner and show off your best moves. But the best part? All proceeds from the event will go directly

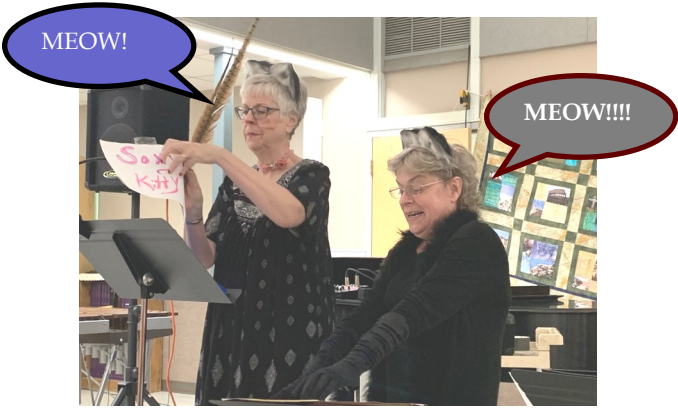
to **Project Safe**, providing much-needed support to those affected by domestic violence. In 2024, Project Safe answered 3,399 hotline calls, sheltered 124 adults and children, and provided services to 767 survivors through the Outreach office. So, dust off your disco ball and join us for a night of fun and fundraising. Support our Covenant folks who are on Team #1 Dojang Dawgs. Spread the word and invite your friends - the more, the merrier! Together, we can make a difference and dance the night away. We’ll see you Saturday, September 6th at the **VFW!** For more information and to vote click on this link:

<https://www.project-safe.org/ways-to-donate/groovy-nights/>

Covenant Coffee House 2025



More Covenant House Pics!



And many more talented artist for which I do not have a picture...

Thank you All!

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.

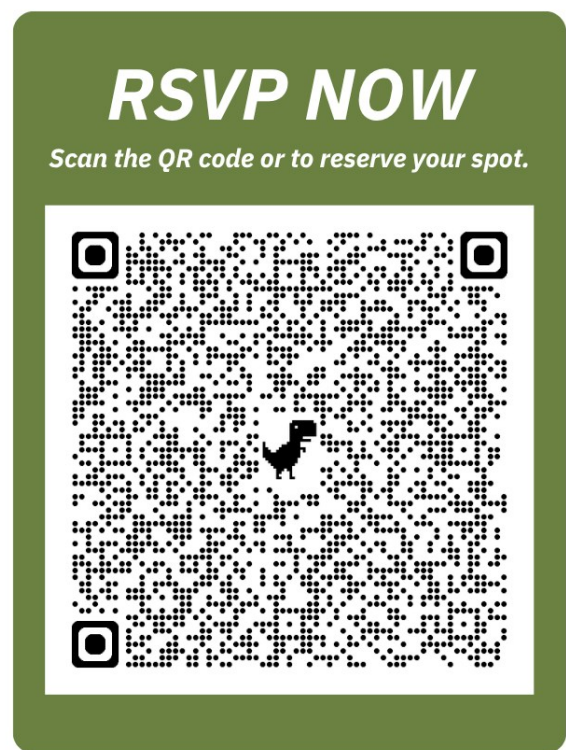
- ✓ Keynote presentation by Keyanna Jones Moore, Sierra Club
- ✓ Georgia's energy burden explained
- ✓ Sierra Club initiatives to support communities in need

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

HUGE THANKS TO OUR COVENANT PAINTING CREW FROM ATHENS AREA HOMELESS SHELTER!

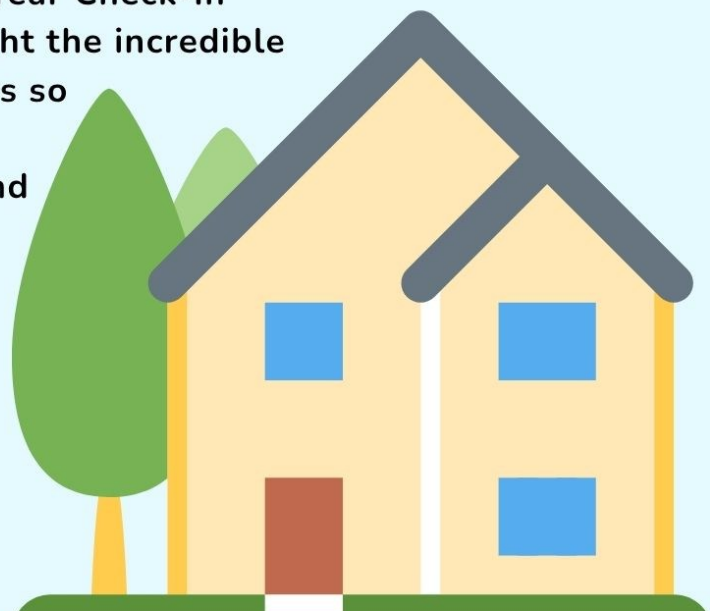


I wanted to send a BIG thank you for all your help last week in getting the unit at ARCH ready for the family of six in our Bridge to Home program. They moved in over the weekend and are already feeling at home. The space is giving them a safe and stable environment where they can grow and thrive together as a family. Their mama recently completed her GED with flying colors and is now continuing her studies and is on track to pursue a career that will provide a sustainable income. Your efforts played a direct role in helping her build a brighter future for herself and her children!

To give you a broader look at the difference our work is making, I've included our 2024 Impact Report and our Mid-Year Check-In Report (link at bottom). These highlight the incredible reach and progress of all our programs so far this year and how your support makes a real difference for children and parents experiencing homelessness!

Thanks again and we look forward to partnering with you all again soon!

Olivia Amato
Executive Director
Athens Area Homeless Shelter



<https://www.helpathenshomeless.org/2024-impact-report>

Covenant by the Week!

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
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

4:00pm Socrates Café—Caly
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am—11:30am Soccer Camp
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
6:00pm Mission & Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
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 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

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6:15pm Session Meeting/Outing
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

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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
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

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7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

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