

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, Aug 03, 2025 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANT August 03, 2025

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

Welcome Rev. Dr. Lancaster as our guest preacher Sunday, August 03, 2025

Dr. Lancaster retired to Athens in 2021 after forty-two years in active ministry in the PCUSA. He served in four installed positions for twenty-six years and then served eight churches in sixteen years in the Interim Ministry, one of those being at First Presbyterian Church in Athens from 2016-2018. He earned both his M. Div. and D. Min degrees from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA. He is a native of Louisiana, and he and his wife, Cathi, have been married for forty-nine years. They like to travel and always look for more time to spend with their family, especially with their four grandchildren!

Sunday, August 17, 2025
beginning 9:30am



Have you ever wondered why Rally Day is called ... RALLY DAY? Well according to the dictionary Rally means "coming together for a shared purpose." Rally Day at Covenant has long meant coming together for the beginning of a new year...new Sunday School classes, new opportunities for fellowship and mission, and the restart of many other programs of the church. So join us on Sunday, August 17 beginning at 9:30am. in the fellowship hall.



The Magic of Home: A new Family Promise fundraiser on August 9th, 5pm - 7 pm. This will be a fun evening to get together to raise funds for Family Promise. We will have a magician doing both small group and large group magic tricks for entertainment. There will be drinks and hors d'oeuvres as well. The link below has the information and also the registration information . Tickets are \$50 and include 2 drink tickets, food, and entertainment!

www.familypromiseathens.org/events

DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR TEXAS

As you know, there was severe flooding over the July 4th weekend in Kerr County, Texas. Massive rainfall resulted in the Guadalupe River rising 26 feet in 45 minutes. Flash flood warnings did not reach all in the path of the torrent, and at this point 136 people are confirmed dead, including at least 27 campers and counselors from Camp Mystic, a Christian camp for girls. There are still three people who remain missing.

The Coordinating Team of the Presbytery has authorized a \$5000.00 contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on behalf of the flood victims and the recovery effort, and we hope that each of our congregations will prayerfully consider how they might aid in this work as well. Donations can be made through this link :mail to:

<https://pcusa.org/donate/dr000191-disaster-relief-us-flooding>

Thanks in advance for your partnership in serving others through the love of Christ.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

IN OUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Martin and family in the passing of her husband, Charlie Martin, Sat., July 12; Cheryl Gazlay needing a medical procedure; Pam & Bruce Butts' grandchildren and their mother; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; Alice Rose's friend, Kim Martinez with a neck injury and possible neck surgery; DeLynda Tweedell's step-mom, Clarice Davis, with severe hip and knee pain; Delynda Tweedell's best friends mother Ann Mathis in hospital with UTI & C. Difficile; Clarice Davis' sister, Shiela Land recovering from surgery for a brain bleed at Grady Hospital; June and Joe Meyers as June recovers from surgery and with chemo treatments to continue beginning August 12; John Wilkins' brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Steven White a member of UGA Campus Kitchen will be joining the Army August 6 as an officer at Ft. Benning; 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:

**Isaiah 1: 1, 10—20, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23,
Genesis 15: 1-6, Psalm 33: 12-22,
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40**

Financial Summary for Week #04

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 34,332.15

Pledges Received— \$ 39,925.70

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.



COVENANT - COVE YOUTH'S SCOOBY DOO LOCK-IN!

Making pizzas at the church, doing a scavenger hunt at Wal-Mart, binging on Scooby Doo, eating Hank's famous popcorn, and celebrating Brian Herndon's 50th birthday! We had a blast!



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am Journey Class

9:30am Nursery

10:00am Worship

11:00am Upper Room Class

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

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



August 3, 2025
Phil & Sallie Hale

August 10, 2025
Clayton & Grace Adams

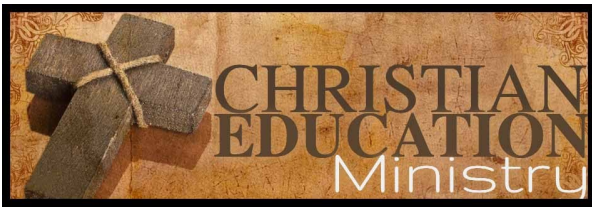
LIBRARY CORNER

Soul Boom: Why We Need a Spiritual Revolution
by **Rainn Wilson**

This author is best known for playing the role of Dwight Schrute on the popular television comedy, *The Office* (2005-2013). In his personal life, he has set out to explore spirituality and “the possibility and hope for a spiritual revolution – a ‘Soul Boom’ – to find a healing transformation on both a personal and global level.” This book can be found at Bay D, Shelf 2. –Church Librarian Valerie Stone



FOR RENT: 4 bedroom/2 bath 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—This Sunday at 8:45 we continue our study of the book, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde. Marilyn is back and will facilitate our discussion of **Chapter 5 (pp. 105-136), Stepping Up to the Plate**. Join us for lively conversation and hopefully a spiritual boost. *And the A/C is fixed!*

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. 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 - *Joan Prittie and Bert & Marie Ballard-Myer*. 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/>

Presbyterian Women's WORKSHOP – August 23, 2025

**Eatonton Presbyterian Church
307 N Madison Ave, Eatonton, GA**

TIME FOR REGISTRATION: 9:30am

TIME FOR WORSHIP TO BEGIN: 10:00am

If you haven't registered YET -- NOW would be a good time to do it. Click on this link to register:

Bobbie Pate, Mission Haven Rep for Georgia, will give a presentation about Mission Haven during lunch. We hope this will better inform you of the future of our missionary housing as well as give you an opportunity to ask questions.

Click on this link for Information and Registration Form: *scroll to the last page for the registration form. They are due by August 17.* <https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/newsletter/PW-Fall-Workshop-2025.pdf>

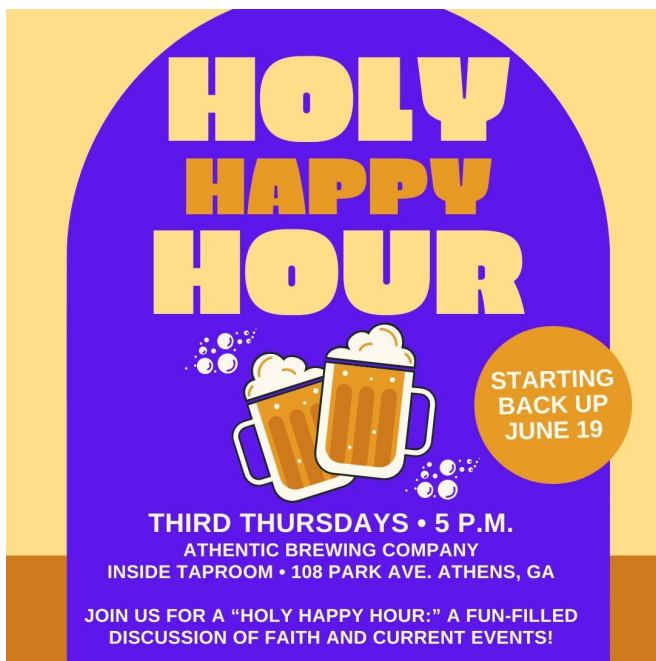
Green Dream Team News

We are planning for an eventful fall! We will have a guest Speaker in September, Laura Iyer, details soon. We hope to have some fun volunteer opportunities as well.

Teachers need supplies!! For the month of August we want to help this effort by collecting donations of school supplies for teachers to pick up at CHARM. Please bring any school supplies, gently used or new, such as crayons, notebooks, construction paper, office supplies, art supplies, and markers to the donation table in the hallway. Also, please remember to bring your used ink cartridges and batteries; we will take them to CHARM for recycling. And bring your plastic grocery bags to be reused by the food pantry.

Save the date! If you are concerned about the environment or are a faith leader, consider coming to the GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power and Light) Summit Circle on Saturday, 8/16 from 9am-12:30 pm at Oconee Street United Methodist Church. We are invited to come for fellowship and shared learning. To learn more and register, go to: <https://gipl.org/events/gts25-athenscircle> or See Jennifer Frey or Shari Cobb for more information.

GDT tip for the month: Please use and recycle aluminum cans whenever possible! Recycling aluminum cans takes 95% less energy than making aluminum cans from raw materials and there is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be recycled. Recycling plastic bottles is much more energy intensive and most plastic bottles are “downcycled” which means they can only be recycled once and then have to be disposed of. Also, plastic bottles can release harmful chemicals especially when exposed to UV radiation or heat.



Clarke County School District needs your help! As the start of school approaches we are again reaching out to invite members of our local-faith based communities to join us in welcoming our students back to school on the first day of classes, Wednesday, August 6 and Thursday, August 7. Your presence at our schools with signs of encouragement held by smiling members of your congregation will create a warm and positive start for our students. To sign up click on this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebhU0-Kx_pVgV_VbS-IRPg9fpL_ClWIjZiUbgc26hEu7IjQ/viewform

Covenant by the Week!

August 3, 2025

August 10, 2025

SUNDAY

8:45am Journey Sunday School
9:30am Nursery
10:00am Worship— Guest Preacher, Bruce Lancaster
11:00am Upper Room Sunday School
2:30pm 12 Step Group
NO Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED FLOORING REDO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & Kitchen

NO Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm FLOORING REDO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & KITCHEN

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
NO Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm FLOORING REDO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & KITCHEN

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm NO Campus Kitchen FLOORING REDO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & 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 FLOORING REDO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & KITCHEN

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

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

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9:30am Nursery
10:00am Worship—final 10am Worship
11:00am Upper Room Sunday School
2:30pm 12 Step Group
NO Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED 1:30PM—4:30PM Athens Free Clinic

4:30pm—7:00pm Athens Free Clinic
NO Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom
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