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## THE COVENANTER August 10, 2025

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



Join Us!

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

**9:00am RALLY DAY BREAKFAST *HELP NEEDED:***

Please sign-up to bring some delicious breakfast items to share as we learn about the upcoming opportunities at Covenant. Muffins, biscuits, sweet or savory breads, egg casseroles, fruit, etc. would all be enjoyed. The Fellowship team will provide coffee, juice, tea and water to drink, along with plates napkins, cups and utensils. The sign-up sheet for set-up and bringing food is on the board by the mailboxes. We look forward to breaking bread together. Food can be dropped off at 9:00 Sunday morning or at 4:00 Saturday afternoon during set-up.

**Set-up for Rally Day will begin at 4:00**, Saturday afternoon, 8/16. Many hands make light work. Please drop by to help set up the tables and chairs so that we can sit together for breakfast and learn about Covenant's new year.

**9:30am – 10:30am** Presentations about all of Covenants Programs

**11:00am WORSHIP**

thank you

A big THANK YOU to all the folks that provided punch and cookies over the summer months. It was all a great success and we enjoyed it so much!

Rebecca Silver and  
the Fellowship Ministry Team



**WEDNESDAYS!**

**COVENANT CONNECTION**  
beginning August 20, 2025

**5:30pm** with a family style meal  
prepared by our own Chef Patrick  
(donation \$3 each)

**6:00pm** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**6:15pm** Adult Bible Study facilitated by  
Pastor Tom

**7:15pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Cheryl Gazlay recovering at home from brain surgery; 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, hoping for a hip replacement; Delynda Tweedell's best friends mother Ann Mathis in hospice; Clarice Davis' sister, Shiela Land in NEURO ICE at Grady Hospital; DeLynda Tweedell's sister Brandy going through some difficulties; 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; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Carol & Charlie Huber at The Oaks; peace in the Middle East; Teachers & students as they return to school; our Country.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**

**Isaiah 5: 1-7, Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19, Jeremiah 23:  
23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11: 29-12:2,  
Luke 12: 49-56**

**Financial Summary for Week #05**

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 42,915.19

Pledges Received— \$ 43,370.51

*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](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.*

**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.



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:45am Journey Class

9:30am Nursery

10:00am Worship

11:00am Upper Room Class

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

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

**LITURGIST:** Pam Knox

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 RALLY DAY**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Carol & Dennis Calbos, Susan & Randy Parish

**LITURGIST:** Jim Newland

**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](mailto:ellenstoneburner@gmail.com)



**August 10, 2025**  
Clayton & Grace Adams

**August 17, 2025—Rally Day**  
Richard & Jacob Page

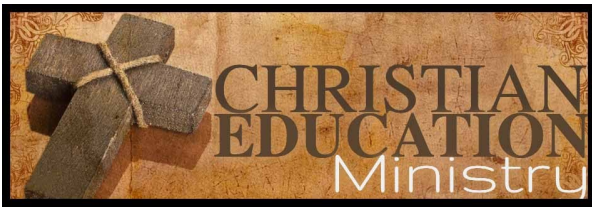
**KNITTERS & KNOTTERS**—Every Thursday, 2 p.m. in the Library Join us for a great time of fellowship and ministry as we gather to make blankets, hats, scarves, pillows, etc. for those in need. Everyone is invited and beginners are welcome.

**LIBRARY CORNER**

***Why Religion? A Personal Story***  
by Elaine Pagels

“Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe?...These questions took on a new urgency for Elaine Pagels when dealing with unimaginable loss – the death of her young son, followed a year later by the shocking loss of her husband. In *Why Religion?*, she interweaves a personal story with the work that she loves, illuminating how, for better and for worse, religious traditions have shaped how we understand ourselves; how we relate to one another; and, most important, how to get through the most difficult challenges we face.” This book can be found at Bay F, Shelf 6. —Church Librarian Valerie Stone





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

**“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” Class (will resume August 24th)**

**The “UPPER ROOM” August 10 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

**The “JOURNEY” August 10 at 8:45am** A bigger than usual Sunday morning awaits us this week. We will wrap up our discussion of Budde’s book by focusing on Chapter 7, The Hidden Virtue of Perseverance, and the Epilogue.

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class August 24 at 9:30am**

**Middlers (4th—7th) August 24 at 9:30am**

**Covenant Youth Connection**— 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>



**Covenant Food Pantry (weekly) Food distributed each Thursday to food insecure neighbors.**

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer for an upcoming shift at the weekly Covenant Food Pantry!

For the month of July Covenant served 2,418 food insecure neighbors.

Thank you to those who give of their time and finances. And may we all have enough.

**Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant**

Our Fall Clinic dates have been set and we need front desk volunteers. Sign up [here](#):

All Mondays: Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oc. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 17

**Covenant Cooks: First Tuesday Meals at AAHS and The Table** We will continue serving dinner on the First Tuesday of the month at either The Table @ UGA or Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Sign up [here](#) to help!

**August Collection for CHaRM Teacher Reuse Store** Leave donations of school supplies and materials that could be useful to teachers on the table outside the church office. Members of the Green Dream Team will deliver them to the CHaRM Teacher Reuse Store during the month.

**September Diaper Drive for Athens Area Diaper Bank** Stay tuned for details...in September, Covenant will be Collecting Diapers all month-long for the Athens Area Diaper Bank

**Covenant Saturday Build with Habitat**

Next Date: September 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch provided

Sign up [here](#) to join us on 9/27.

**Athens Access to Justice Legal Pop-Up Clinic @ Covenant**

Saturday, Oct. 25

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer for a shift that morning.

**Covenant Birthday Brigade** This is a new group that started up in April 2025 preparing birthday cakes for children experiencing homelessness at Athens Area Homeless Shelter. *Please let Amy know if you would like to be a part of the Covenant Birthday Brigade.*

**East Side Schools Outreach: Gaines Elementary and Cedar Shoals High School**

Stay tuned for collections for the Cedar Shoals Care Center, a holiday gift card drive in November for families in need at Gaines, and to donate meal items for teacher appreciation events at both schools.

# Covenant by the Week!

**August 10, 2025**

**SUNDAY**

8:45am Journey Sunday School  
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  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

**TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm**

NO Campus Kitchen  
2:00pm Personnel Ministry Team Meeting  
4:00pm Socrates Cafe  
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

**WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI—Mimi  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs  
6:00pm Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm**

NO Campus Kitchen  
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution  
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution  
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters  
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

**FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm**

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

**SATURDAY**

10:30am 12 Step Group

**August 17, 2025**

**SUNDAY - RALLY DAY**

**9:00am Covered Dish Breakfast**  
**9:30am—10:30am Programs**  
**11:00am WORSHIP**  
2:30pm 12 Step Group  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
**5:30pm Covenant Connection-Family Dinner**  
**6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal**  
**6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom**  
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