

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
 Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

The Covenanter

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1065 Gaines School Rd.
 Athens, Ga 30605 706-548-2756
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Bowden Church Vocations Fund— A special offering for Covenant Presbyterian Church— February 2026

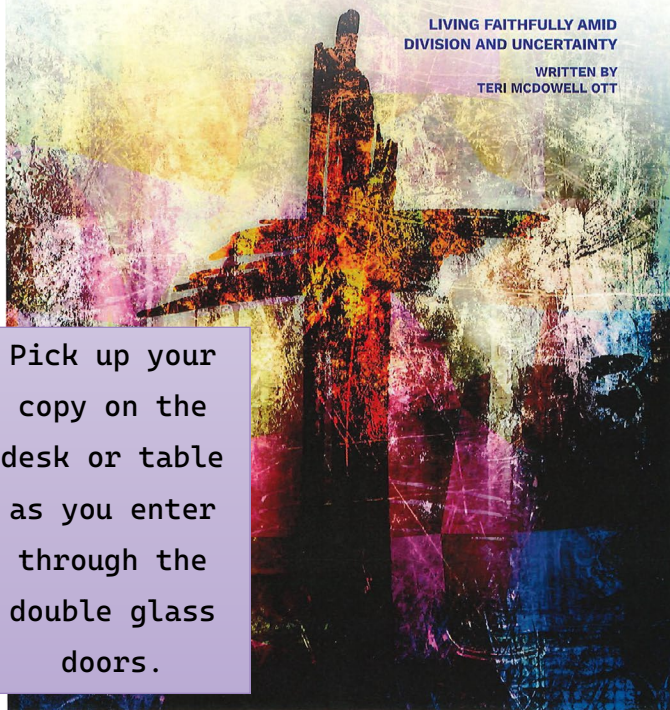
We continue to be grateful to God for all the gifts of the Spirit seen in Covenant's ministry of the past 60 + years. Named in honor of Jim & Jere Bowden's 35-year ministry here at Covenant, the BOWDEN CHURCH VoCATIONS FUND was established in 1996 by our Session to support our members who have been called to full-time employment in some form of Christian ministry. A special offering for the Bowden Fund will be received this month. Make checks out to Covenant and mark them BCFV or Bowden Fund. PLEASE RESPOND GENEROUSLY, as we support our members in this journey of faith together! See the display on the wall next to the office for all those that Covenant has sponsored.
 Many thanks!

THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

2026 Lenten Devotional

*Discipleship in a Divided Age:
 A Lenten journey through Matthew's Gospel*

LIVING FAITHFULLY AMID
 DIVISION AND UNCERTAINTY
 WRITTEN BY
 TERI MCDOWELL OTT



Pick up your copy on the desk or table as you enter through the double glass doors.

Sunday, March 15 Covenant will receive new members! If you are a frequent visitor and would like to become a member please contact Pastor Tom.

Candlelight Vigil
for those affected by mass detention and deportation
Sunday, February 22, 6pm – 7:30pm at the Courthouse
 115 E. Hancock Ave.
 Bring your own candle (if possible)

for more info contact 706-589-5568
 Sponsored by the Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition & Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens.



IN OUR PRAYERS: DeLynda Tweedell and family in the passing of her father, Feb 17; Family and friends of Lydia Lee in her passing on Feb. 14; Dick & Paula Zimdar's nephew and wife, Jon & Jenny Marshall in the loss of their newborn twins; Jack Pannecoucke's sister diagnosed with blood clots in her stomach; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother with kidney failure; Paula Zimdars recovering from knee replacement surgery February 16; Wanda Minton's brother, James recovering from neck surgery Jan 28; Ellie McMinn's brother, Mike Marshall recovering from a stroke; Gloria Pylant's brother, Richard Ellis undergoing radiation for stage 1 lung cancer; Cindy Barber's mother, Faye Boatenreiter resting comfortably at Heidi's home in Cumming; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Michael Shaffer a neighbor with health issues; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

**Matthew 3: 13-17, Matthew 4: 1-11,
Matthew 4: 18-22, Matthew 5: 1-12,
Matthew 5: 13-16, Matthew 4: 1-11, Matthew 5: 21-48**
Read in your Lenten Devotional. Copies available on the desk as you enter the building

Financial Summary for Week #33

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 283,240.27

Pledges Received— \$ 290,474.13

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

Bowden Church Vocations Fund: \$2,100

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER FOR OUR
ANNUAL GATHERING
First Presbyterian, Monticello GA
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026

Lunch Bunch

First Tuesdays at 11:30am at DePalma's
Eastside

*Join us for great food and conversation.
All are welcome!*



Guns to Gardens

A Safe Disposal Opportunity for Unwanted Guns

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 12PM-3PM

Location: 1250 S. Lumpkin St, Athens GA

Donors will receive a thank you gift in the form of a \$100-\$300 gift card per gun.

Scan the link below for more info:



Hosted by The Table UGA & RAWtools South

Church Directory

UPDATE



Due to the changes in the structure of the company, there have been delays in fulfilling the directory contract and photo print orders. As soon as there is an update on expected delivery date, it will be shared with the congregation. Please contact DeLynda Tweedell with any questions at dtweedell@hotmail.com



“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” 9:30AM February 22, 2026 We will continue our study of “troubling texts” of the Bible.

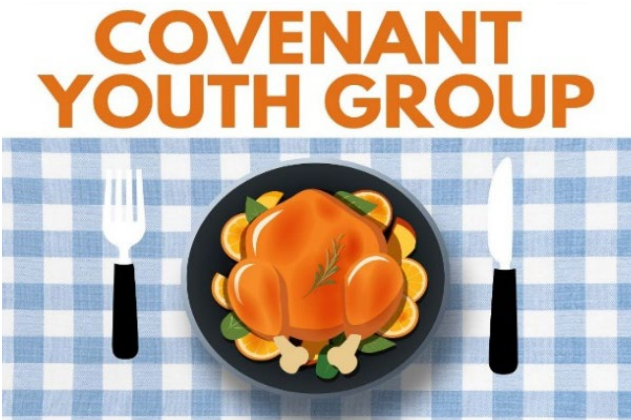
The "UPPER ROOM" 9:30am February 22, 2026 James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in The Present Word. If you would like to participate via Zoom please contact James at gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com

The “JOURNEY” February 22, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of *The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust*.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class February 22, 2026 at 9:30am

Middlers (4th—7th) February 22, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—February 22, 2026 Candlelight Vigil 6:00pm

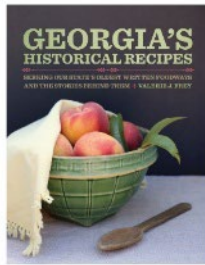


SUNDAY EVENINGS • 5-6:30 PM

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A MEAL TO THE COVENANT YOUTH GROUP, SCAN THE CODE AND SIGN UP!



DINNER NEEDED (FOR APPROX. 15) SERVED AT 5:30 P.M., CLEAN-UP NEEDS TO BE DONE BY 6:30 P.M.



HOW TO READ A COOKBOOK

(Like a Historian)

Valerie J. Frey

When we pick up an old cookbook, there are clues to be found about what the kitchens of the past looked like and the lives of the people who cooked in them. Many cookbooks and recipes still exist from early years, yet most sit quietly in archives, waiting to be rediscovered. In this presentation, archivist and writer Valerie J. Frey, author of multiple food history books for the University of Georgia Press, will lead an exploration of recipes with a historian's eye. Come learn about yesteryear's cooks and taste the history of Georgia, the South, and the United States through historic foodways.

Books will be available for purchase and signing!



**Sunday
February 22
2:00 PM**

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
library**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

GREETERS/USHERS: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb, Susan & Randy Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

GREETERS/USHERS: Jim & Sandy Whitney, Jim Newland, Katy Terry

Congregational Care Coordinator for February: Dell Whitehead
for March: TBD

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am Nursery

9:30 am Church School
for all ages

11:00am Worship—

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



COVENANT CONNECTION
February 25, 2026

5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

KNITTERS & KNOTTERS—

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Join us in the library every Thursday at 2pm

We Knit & Knot and have lots of laughs.

No experience necessary.

NURSERY MINISTRY

February 22, 2026 Lily McKay, Joan & Hannah Baird, Stephanie Cahill

March 1, 2026 Lily McKay, Pam Knox, Ellen Stoneburner



Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is still in need of brown paper bags. Please put them on the table as you enter the gathering room. (please no egg cartons) Thank you!



Please look through these volunteer opportunities at Covenant in February and sign up if you can help!

1. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant

Volunteers are needed to welcome the medical team into the church building and to sit at the front desk to greet clients as they arrive for their appointments. Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners

(Alternating between Athens Area Homeless Shelter for children and families and The Table)
Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>
Spring Break – But not for us. Our student workers at the Food Pantry will likely be absent from our Food Pantry on **March 12** and it would be a great day for Covenanters to chip in. Sessions are from 9:30–11am where we pack grocery bags and from 12:30pm–1:30pm where we distribute groceries. The afternoon session is particularly important as it takes about 15 volunteers to run smoothly. *Thank you to everyone who brings plastic bags—we really appreciate it! If you could please fold them before bringing them in, it makes them much easier to use. Thanks so much!*

4. BAKERS NEEDED: Covenant Birthday Brigade

The Covenant Birthday Brigade makes birthday cakes for children with a birthday while living at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Please email Marlah Gaspard at mgaspard@helpathenshomeless.org if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade!

2	John Knox	25	Karen Whelchel–Redwine
3	Jack Pannecoucke	26	Andrew Mote
5	Sam Brewster		McKenzie Redish
	Josh Ballard–Myer	30	Phil Koehler
6	Betsy Pless		
	Kathy Boyle–Gast		
	Paige Cummings		
8	Richard Page		
9	Junan Crisler		
16	James Malone		
17	Ron Simpson		
	Jessica Johnston		
19	Thomas Bowden		
23	Donny Whitehead		
	Owen Barnett		
24	Preston Devaney		



Covenant by the Week!

February 22, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
2:30pm 12 Step Group
6pm Covenant Youth – Candlelight Vigil at Courthouse
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
4pm – 7pm Athens Free Clinic
6:00 pm – 8:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

TUESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11am – 1pm La Table (Family Promise Fund Raiser)
12 noon—3pm Bigger Vision
4:00pm Socrates Cafe
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band
2pm – 4pm OLLI - Zins
5:30pm Covenant Connection Family Meal
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am – 4pm

9:30 am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters and Knotters
6:15pm Stated Session Meeting
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

Set Up for Presbytery Meeting in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

10:00am Presbytery Meeting (doors open at 8:30am)

March 1, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
2:30pm 12 Step Group
5pm Covenant Youth – dinner & program
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
6:00pm – 8:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

TUESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
12 noon—3pm Bigger Vision
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band
5:30pm Covenant Connection Family Meal
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:15pm First Wednesday with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am – 4pm

9:30 am CAMPUS Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters and Knotters
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

SATURDAY