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The Covenanter – July 19, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School, Athens, GA 30605
www.covpresathens.org

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS, at 10:00am
Journey Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am
The Upper Room Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am



“Summer Saints” Concludes on July 26 - The 2026 Summer Saints series concludes at 10 AM on **Sunday, July 26**, with the focus on Georgia-born author Flannery O’Connor! Following worship and the Cookies & Punch reception, there will be an opportunity to explore her life and work further - with a presentation and discussion in the Journey Classroom at 11:30 AM led by Dr. Sarah Gordon, long-time English professor at Georgia College & State University and acclaimed O’Connor scholar!

If you would like to join us, in preparation please read O’Connor’s most famous short story, “A Good Man is Hard to Find”. Paper copies of the story will be available on the welcome table this Sunday, and it may also be found online at www.frontporchacademy.org/oconnorgoodman.pdf



Covenant Coffeehouse, Wednesday, July 22 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 19.** If you have not already done so, please jot your name down to share an amazing talent, prepare an awesome dessert, or show your skills at setup and cleanup! For those sharing talents, be aware that we may need to set time limits depending on the number of participants. **For talent questions**, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225) or Pam Knox (706-621-1970). For dessert, setup, or cleanup questions, contact Becky Silver (706-207-0118). Remember, talent sharing is not required for attendance!

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Bruce Menke and family in the passing of Karen, Saturday, July 11th; Wanda Minton's brother, James Venable having back surgery July 27th; Carol Calbos recovering from knee replacement surgery July 8th; Kathryn Fowler recovering from foot surgery; Joe and June Meyers in the accidental death of their close friend, John Rappole, on June 30; Missy Green's son, Jason, recovering from a serious dog attack in Cleveland, Ohio; Marcia Verbrugge at home with heart monitor; Lisa Buchanan's friend's husband, Terry Shannon, suffering from stage 4 cancer; friends of Paige Cummings, Steve & Beverly Poitras, as Steve has serious health issues & diagnosed with chronic CML Leukemia; John Wilkin's sister, Sarah Goodrich diagnosed with cancer; Bruce & Cathi Lancaster's daughter, Emily Gaither, undergoing chemo for breast cancer; Paige Cummings brother, Stephen Mercer with complications after bladder cancer surgery; Margaret Lee, a friend of Tom Buchanan, for ongoing medical issues; David Knox recovering at home from a broken ankle; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother, Ginger Butts, approved for a kidney transplant; Ellie McMinn's brother, Mike Marshall recovering from a stroke; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA; our country and our world.

Daily Bible Readings

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112;

Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13;

Romans 8: 1-22, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Financial Summary for Week #2

Anticipated Pledges \$ 18,896.85

Actual Pledges \$ 14,312.89

Thank you for your faithful giving!

The celebration of life for Karen Menke will be on Saturday, August 8th at 2pm at Covenant.
A reception will follow in the fellowship hall



To give to covenant online scan the QR code or click on this link:

<https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving>

The Presbyterian Foundation (Vanco Online) has issued a new QR code. See above.

The floral arrangement in worship and the cookies and punch is in memory of Deb Millwood and Pam Butts mothers 91st birthday.



Sunday, August 16 beginning at 9:30am!



THE UPPER ROOM 8:45am, July 19, 2026 James Malone hosts, with different members facilitating the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. To participate via Zoom, please contact James at gjillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The “JOURNEY” July 19, 2026, 8:45am Join us at 8:45 this Sunday morning for another mystery of the Bible. Jim Anderson will lead us on a victory lap around the ancient city of Jericho with Joshua playing “ We will, we will, ROCK you!”

OLOMOUC -- Please mark your calendar for dates focusing on fellowship with our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic. On Sunday, September 13 our worship service will focus on the partnership between our churches. After the service, please stay to enjoy a few Czech treats. On Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 PM during the Covenant Connection dinner, we'll have a trip planning meeting for those interested in learning about the 2027 group trip. (Please RSVP to valeriefreystone@gmail.com for the Wednesday meeting so we can notify the kitchen crew.) The group trip to Olomouc is planned for July 15 – 27, 2027. Our sister church will provide lodging and travel help, so the trip is limited to ten travelers.



Athens Area Emergency Food Bank
needs brown paper bags!
Leave them on the table as you go into
the gathering room.
Thank you! (*Please no egg cartons*)

 *Athens Wellness Clinic*
save the date:
TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN
LIVE MUSIC BY FAWNEY RIG ★ CRAFT BEER ★ TOMATO SANDWICHES
★ MOBILE UNIT RIBBON CUTTING ★

JOIN US!

- **WHERE:** TERRAPIN BEER CO.
265 NEWTON BRIDGE RD,
ATHENS, GA 30607
- **WHEN:** SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
FROM 4-7PM

REGULAR TICKETS \$40
STUDENT TICKETS \$30
KIDS GET IN FREE




TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN 2025

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Upper Room Class

8:45am Journey Class

10:00am Worship

Nursery Ministry

July 19, 2026

Ada & Larson Rea,
Joan & Hannah Baird

July 26, 2026

Luanne Risgby, Paula Williams

Knitters & Knotters Will resume August 6th

Join us in the library on
Thursday, August 6th. We knit
and knot and have lots of
laughs. No experience
necessary

SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Sandy Whitney, Jim Newland,
Katy Terry, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Carol & Dennis Calbos, Alan Edwards,
Judy Capie

CONGREGATIONAL CARE for July: Luanne Rigsby

OPEN AND 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 & Alex Clark

Third Monday Week - Phil Hale & Phil Koehler

Fourth Monday Week – Susan & Randy Parish

Fifth Monday Week – Ellen Stoneburner



Green Dream Team News and Events



Sunday, July 19 after worship and cookies & punch reception

GREEN DREAM TEAM MEETING, all are welcome!

Remember to bring your ink cartridges and batteries to our table behind the desk in the front hall for recycling at CHaRM. Please use the compost bins for food scraps after meals in the fellowship hall.

Thanks for all you do to be good stewards of our beautiful planet!



Please look through the volunteer opportunities below and follow the link provided or

1. 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 to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

Volunteers are especially needed to help with setting up the space ahead of the clinic's start and ensuring all visitors feel welcome and supported. No prior experience is necessary—just a friendly attitude and a willingness to lend a hand.

2. Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners (VOLUNTEERS MOST NEEDED)

Athens Area Homeless Shelter, (NEW ADDRESS) 205 Bray Street Unit #411

DROP OFF TIMES: 4:00pm – 6:00pm Signup to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

Sign up to volunteer here: *The TABLE signups will begin again in the fall*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

3. Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

Volunteering with the Food Pantry is a great way for Covenanters to help. 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. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

The college volunteers will be gone for the summer so now is a great time to volunteer. Most needed time is the 12:30pm – 1:30pm shift. Thank you Covenant!

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 and Project Safe. Please email Marlah Gaspard at mgaspard@helppathenshomeless.org, if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade and want to provide a cake for the Shelter. Emma Boardman is our contact at Project Safe. She can be contacted at eboardman@project-safe.org, if you want to add your name to our email volunteer list.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS!

The framework for Family Promise has changed through the years. We no longer house the families in our church but provide dinner meals. They do have other needs that we can help with though. These include a variety of items that families need. During the month of July Covenant will be collecting some of these, including the items listed below. If you are able, please drop them off outside the church office and we will deliver them to Family Promise Headquarters.

Needed family supplies: Women's Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Sponges, Trash Bags (kitchen size)

If these are items, you might be able to help with we will be collecting them at church throughout July. Look for the box outside the church office. We will collect them and deliver them to Family Promise. Thanks for making a difference! Susan & Randy Parish

Covenant by the Week!

Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday – FAMILY PROMISE ENDS

8:45am Sunday School Journey Class

8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class

10:00am Worship

After worship Punch & Cookies Reception

11:30am Green Dream Team Meeting

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

2pm – 4pm OLLI - Zins

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

7:00pm COVENANT COFFEE HOUSE

Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:00am Juliet - Gathering Room-OLLI

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday –

8:45am Sunday School Journey Class

8:45am Sunday School Upper Room Class

10:00am Worship

After worship Punch & Cookies Reception

Monday – Office Closed

8:30am – 5pm Super Heroes-PS

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

8:30am – 5pm Super Heroes - PS

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Fellowship Hall)

4:30pm Socrates Cafe

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

8:30am – 5:00pm Super Heroes - PS

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

8:30am – 5pm Super Heroes - PS

9:30am preparing bags for food distribution

1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

7:00pm Campus Kitchen Event

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

8:30am – 5pm Super Heroes - PS

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting



AUGUST WORKSHOPS
AUGUST 29.2026
First Presbyterian Church Milledgeville
210 South Wayne street, Milledgeville, GA

Introduction to PW Bible Study *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.*

Facilitators Judy Grieve and Elaine Wiegert Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection. Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it? This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion.

I pray that unity in Jesus Christ will guide you and your study group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.

Click on the link below for the registration form:

<https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/newsletter/PW-FALL-WORKSHOP-REGISTRATION-FORM-2026.pdf>

There are also extra copies of the registration forms on the bulletin board next to the church office.