

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Come and See, Grow and Share!

THE COVENANTER MAY 24, 2015



MEMBER NE GEORGIA
PRESBYTERY, SYNOD OF THE
SOUTH ATLANTIC, GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (USA)



**Memorial
Day**
*Never Forget
Ever Honor*



June 1-5, 2015

8:45am-12noon

Rising Kindergarten-Rising 5th graders

Pre-School Class for 3 & 4 year olds

Please register your child(ren) NOW as it will help us to

know how many children to plan for during our exciting week of adventure and

learning about God's Mighty Power!

Check out the window display and help us if you can!

Thanks!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Rising 6th graders and up!

You are needed before or during for 1 day or all 5 days, and for clean up after VBS. Please complete the volunteer form found in your mailbox or pick one up from the table in the hallway and place in the drop box.

ONLINE READERS -

REMEMBER TO WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR PENTECOST THIS SUNDAY



The Times, They are A-Changin' :

Summer Schedule at Covenant

Sunday May 24 9:30am, final Church School for all ages

Sunday May 31 10:45am, Worship

Sunday June 7 9:45am, Worship through August 9

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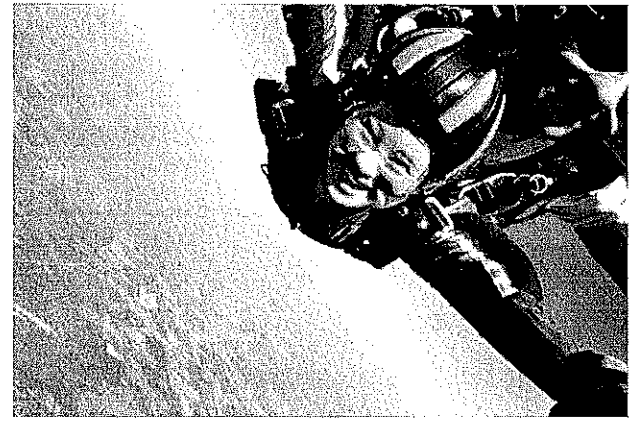
Need to get out of the house now that school's out? All ages are invited! Come to the **Lunch Bunch** fun & fellowship at DePalma's Eastside, this **Tuesday, May 26, at 11:30am**. Separate checks. There's room for you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Paula Williams, Ben, & Molly, and sister-in-law Smokey Evans, in the death of Harold Williams, on May 17; Eli Whitehead, with a broken leg; Grace Eubank, Bobbie Lindstrom, and others at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—

Monday	May 25	Isaiah 6: 1-8	 <p>Title: <i>God's Superpowers!</i></p> <p>VCS Theme: God's gift of strength is for conquering challenges, rather than conquering others.</p>
Tuesday	May 26	Psalm 29	
Wednesday	May 27	Psalm 147: 1-6	
Thursday	May 28	I Kings 17: 1-6	
Friday	May 29	II Corinthians 9: 8-15	
Saturday	May 30	Luke 23: 32-34	
Sunday	May 31	John 3: 16-17	


V C S WEEK BEGINS!



Hannah Baird is going to jump from a perfectly good airplane to help kids with disabilities go to camp at ESP. If you would like to donate to her fundraising page, please go to this link.

<http://extraspecialpeople.com/store/celebrity-sidekicks-superheroes/hannah-baird-huggable-hannah/>

You are also welcome to come and enjoy the Jump Fly Festival on Saturday, May 30th from 10:00- 5:00 at the Monroe Airport. There will be airplane rides, lots of activities for kids, live music and much more



We keep in our prayers the people of Nepal who are suffering after the recent earthquake near Kathmandu. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies, and medicine to the impacted towns and villages. As long-term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to insure that a comprehensive recovery is sustained. The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" = Give. Act. Pray. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made online www.pda.pcusa.org - or by phone (800-872-3283) (M-F, 8am-6pm), or checks can be mailed to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Thank you!

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER!

The Nominating Committee is charged to nominate four persons for the office of elder to serve on the Session for a three year term. Please make known to the committee persons who you want to be considered. You are encouraged to seek permission from those persons whom you suggest to the committee. In this way everyone is more deeply involved in the election process. Please find the nomination forms in your mailbox. You may leave them in the drop box in the gathering room.

In Memory

We celebrate the life of Harold Williams, who died on Sunday, May 17, 2015, surrounded by loved ones at home. Services were held at Covenant on Thursday, May 21, with a graveside afterwards at the family cemetery on Whitehall. Born a native Athenian in 1949, Harold graduated from Athens High School and the University of Georgia. With his degree in accounting, he founded the firm of Williams and Guined in 1985.

One of his passions was music, and early years were spent touring and recording professionally with the Greg Allman Band and Goose Creek Symphony and many others. He was also a founding member of The Jesters and DeBoize, local groups in Athens. The music programs of Clarke County schools and Covenant Presbyterian Church were also blessed with his endless support and talent.

Harold and his wife Paula joined Covenant's membership in September 1992, along with their son Ben in 1999 and their daughter Molly in 2000. Harold served as Elder on The Session in the Class of 1998 and as a Kindergarten Sunday School teacher for many years. He is best remembered as Santa Claus, as a faithful participant in Covenant's Coffee-house talent show, and as one of our resident comedians and emcees. In recent years, he missed being in worship while caring for his mother on Sundays, to give support to his sister Smokey.

Harold was a bright beacon of compassion, generosity, fun, and love. His charisma was inescapable. His earnest wisdom flowed constantly. His hand was always available to anyone in need. And of course, each of these qualities was permeated by his unique sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Covenant Presbyterian Church for a special fund in loving memory of Harold Williams.

The congregation extends its care and sympathy to Paula, Ben, and Molly; to Harold's sister Flora "Smokey" (Bill) Evans; to several nieces and nephews; and to their beloved dogs, as well as to all members of their extended family and numerous, lifelong friends. We give thanks to God for the gift of Harold to us and all in him that was good and kind.



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| 1 Ron Schimmel
Allisyn Johnson | 21 Kurt Wolfe |
| 2 Alice Meagher | 23 Dolly Barstow
Aly Huberty |
| 3 Markus Wiegel
Natalie Bowden | 24 Greg Huberty
Susan Nemetz
Ed Ralph
Rebecca Hale Rea
Emma Goodrick |
| 4 Jerry Calbos | 25 Tom Cooney
Scott Goodrick
George McGrady
Martha Willis
Clair Rosenberger |
| 5 Larry Hatfield | 27 Hanna Harper |
| 7 Bill Rigsby
Lesley Lamotte Dean
John Centner | 28 Barbara Engram
Dick Page |
| 8 Judith Capie | 29 Betsy Burmeister |
| 11 Jason Covert | |
| 12 Jason Butts | |
| 14 Ellie McMinn
Garrett Devaney | |
| 17 Ben Bruner | |
| 18 Ron VanSickle | |
| 19 Mark Cervero
Carrie Tweedell | |
| 20 Marilyn Martin
June Meyers
Pat Tinga | |





Interested in an evening Yoga Class here at Covenant?

Yoga **Thursday evenings**. The sanctuary is reserved for us on **Thursdays from 7 - 8 pm**. How neat to do yoga in our sanctuary! Bring your yoga mat and a towel or pillow for additional support. Claire Coenen, our instructor, offers classes at Five Points Yoga and will continue to lead our class at Covenant for \$5 a session with a portion going to Covenant. Need more info? Susan Parish 706-850-0835.

WHO'S WHO? Can you guess who at Covenant reads, writes, & speaks a little bit of Korean? Happy Pentecost!

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD	
WEEK #20	
Pledges Anticipated	\$181,845.40
Pledges Received	\$179,635.22
<i>Thank you for your faithful giving!</i>	
Presbyterian Homes: \$1,025.00	

WORM is looking for a few good men! And women! We are currently searching for a new Sunday school lesson/teacher coordinator. We also need to deepen our Sunday school teacher roster. Please email Jody if you want to take a turn teaching next School year. *But wait—there's more!* We need a substitute shepherd list and a substitute teacher list. Please email Jody Pope if you are willing to add your name to any of these lists! Jody@uga.edu



Covenant's Jubilee 50th Anniversary is on its way – Sunday, May 1, 2016 - as we count down the days! Look on the easel by the front doors for monthly postings of **historic photos** from our life together, provided by Linda Koehler.

WHO'S WHO: Coffee Worth, Ron Van Sickle, Susan & Randy Parish, and Anne Page—any others?

Moment For Remembrance

What's your favorite Covenant memory? Our 50th anniversary calls for a full year of celebration and thanksgiving. Whether you are a long-time member or a newcomer, you are invited (encouraged, urged) to share your memory in 60 seconds or less during our weekly "Moment for Remembrance". Add your name to the sign-up sheet to reserve your preferred date or to be contacted if you have questions. "Come Celebrate the Journey Now and Praise the Lord!"



The month of **MAY** will be sponsored by the Adult Choir.
And will be collecting:

canned pasta, snack food for children, and peanut butter.

And as always brown paper bags.

Thank you Covenant and *may we all have enough!*

Marie Ballard-Myer is in need of some additional volunteers to add to the Communion preparation and clean-up rotations beginning in July. She needs volunteers to rotate with preparation for the 8:30 and 10:45 services as well as clean up after the 10:45 service. The tasks are uncomplicated and don't take much time and are a special way to take part in church services. Please contact Marie if you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer. She can be reached at little62@yahoo.com or 706-613-9876.

Covenant Breakfast Club
at
Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road,
Monday, June 1st, at 8:00am
Good food and good conversation among friends! All are welcome!

Wednesday Evening Devotions
and
Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study
Will resume in the fall.



Ready for a change of pace?
Plan to stay after the 9:45am
worship service beginning June
1st for light refreshments and
great conversations with your
Covenant family. There is a

Summer Punch & Cookies sign up sheet in the hallway for those who would like to provide refreshments during the summer!

Did you miss last weeks sermon? You can access the sermons on the website at http://covpresathens.org/wp/?page_id=5 or go to www.covpresathens.org and click on *news and events* then click on *reflections!*

SAVE THE DATE—

This year's **Covenant Coffee House** will be held on Wednesday evening **July 29th at 7pm**. Dust off those tap shoes, polish those jokes, warm up your voices and tune your instruments - we would love to see your performance that evening! Questions? Susan Parish (706-850-0835) or Luanne Rigsby (706-769-1066).

PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT FORMS!
Covenant provides many opportunities for you to offer your time and talents to support the ministries of the church, local and global. Please sign your name and be encouraged to select all areas of ministry where you feel a special interest. Please leave your completed form in the drop box in the gathering room. Thank You!
Congregational Care Ministry Team



SUNDAY—Adult Church School

Come and See, Learn and Grow!

Emmaus Road Class (Fellowship Hall, Mark Harper)

Lectionary-based curriculum weekly, from *Feasting on the Word*

Upper Room Bible Class (Upper Room, team taught)

PCUSA *Present Word* curriculum, "The Spirit Comes," (March—May)

Nautilus Class (Conference Room, Warren Combs & Sandy Whitney) Great Courses DVD,

May 24-Pot Luck Breakfast-Reflection on year and new study for the fall

Journey Class (Educational Wing upstairs, Steve Bell and Phil & Sallie Hale)

"Vanishing Grace" by Philip Yancey – celebrating what makes the Good News good – God's grace

ATHENS MOTHER'S CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO COLLECT FOOD FOR THE FOOD 2KIDS PROGRAM.

FOOD 2 KIDS is a program run by the Food Bank of NE Georgia aimed at closing the hunger gap for needy school children in NE Georgia. Food 2 Kids provide free snacks of food to students in Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Oglethorpe, Madison, Banks, Rabun, Habersham & Stephens Counties who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend. **MAY COLLECTION ITEMS:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss.

This is another appeal for your help!! We need mailing - e-mail and snail mail- addresses for as many former Covenant Youth members as we can get. PLEASE HELP US! The information can be sent to the church office, or to dollyb@uga.edu. Thanks to those of you who responded and sent us addresses! If you have information for any of our former youth members, whether they are your children or others, please include that. We want to contact as many as possible, and invite them to Youth Sunday on December 27th. Thank you!!!

COVENANT'S JUBILEE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

MAY 1, 2016—CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

We hope by now you have had a chance to read the Capital Campaign letter for Covenant's Jubilee celebration. While we are scheduling several Minutes for Mission to address specific dimensions of this campaign, we realize that you may have questions that would be better addressed on an individual basis. So that this process will be as helpful and transparent as possible, we wanted to offer a list of all the good people who have been on the Capital Campaign Planning Team. Feel free to talk to them if you would like more information about this important effort. While none of us may have all the answers to your questions, all of us are committed to finding out whatever you need to know to become a committed participant yourself.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous contributions! *Mark Harper for Dianne Simpson, Bill Rigsby, Linda Rogers, Kent Silver, Gijs Schimmel, John Chamblee, John Scott, Joan Prittie, Jim Newland, Dolly Barstow, Tom Cooney*

Covenant Bumper Sticker Fundraiser for Youth Trips

The Middle and High School Youth Groups are selling bumper stickers to raise funds for their trips throughout the year. Please contact a current 5th grader through high school senior to purchase your 'Come and See, Covenant Presbyterian Church' bumper sticker for \$5 each (checks made payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church with Bumper Sticker in the memo portion). Ansley & Carrie Tweedell, Andrew Mote, Wyatt Herndon, Adam Brooks, Ben Foutz, and Micah Shannon are currently the youth who have stickers to sell. Proceeds go directly to the youth from whom you buy a bumper sticker to help pay for retreat/mission trips.

—COVENANT YOUTH NEWS—

If you have cooked dinner for Youth Group and have not turned in receipts for reimbursement, please make sure to do so. There are ample funds remaining for reimbursement if requested. The final deadline for families to turn in receipts to me for this semester's meals is on May 24th

If your youth has any extracurricular activities that they are involved in, please, please, please let me know. Youth Group is so much more than Sunday nights from 5pm—7pm and I'd like to support them outside of the church too! If I am free I'd like to try and make it to their events; soccer games, band concerts, drama performances, and etc.

Make sure to see me for a stack of bumper stickers to sell. The entire \$5 price for each sticker will go towards your choice of the following trips: Middle School Conference 2015, NEGA Fall Retreat 2015, NEGA Spring Retreat 2016, Montreat 2016, and/or Mobile Mission Trip 2016. The more stickers you sell, the more money you'll raise!"

Thank You, Justin Van Wicklen

Highlights of the stated Session meeting on Sun. May 17 include:

- 1) thanks to Jim Anderson, John Chamblee, Sue Rathbun, and DeLynda Tweedell for serving as commissioners in Augusta at the May 19 presbytery meeting;
- 2) prayerful support for Colleen Cook, as she speaks on the floor of presbytery, to become an Inquirer in the process of becoming a candidate for ministry;
- 3) discussion of evangelism & church growth; and
- 4) Jubilee Anniversary updates.

Ongoing copies of the minutes of Session meetings, as well as Ministry Team minutes, can be found on the table in the narthex. All Session meetings are open to anyone's attendance.

WEEK OF May 24, 2015 – IHN HOSTING WEEK BEGINS

SUNDAY—

9:30am Church School for all ages (final)
10:45am Pentecost Worship
12:15pm Pentecost Reception
3:30pm—4:30pm OE Anonymous in Journey Class Room
No Youth Group

MONDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers' Center
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's
6:30pm Christian Education Meeting
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

10am Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
12noon—3pm VCS Planning Meeting
7pm Yoga

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers' Center in FH
12noon—3pm VCS Planning Meeting
No Cave
8pm New Freedom

SATURDAY—

9:am—noon, VBS Planning Meeting
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—May 24, 2015

10:45am

Reader: Various

Ushers: Alex Clark, LuanneRigsby, Steve & Sue Rathbun

Greeters: Anna Cobb

Piano: Pam Knox

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner

Counters: Pam Knox, Sue Loegel

Flowers: Betsy Burmeister, Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen, Jan Okey

Open the Building: Tim Bemisderfer

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Steward: Stephanie Cahill (May 25-31)

Nursery/Super:

10:45am—DeLynda Tweedell

Birth—Walking: DeLynda Tweedell

Walking—5 years old: Alice & Patrick McMaster,

Carrie & Ansley Tweedell

WEEK OF May 31, 2015 –

SUNDAY—

10:45am Worship
12noon—5pm Decorating for VBS
3:30pm—4:30pm OE Anonymous in Journey Class Room
No Youth Group

MONDAY— OFFICE CLOSED 8AM Covenant Breakfast Club

8:45am—12noon VCS

6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

8:45am—12noon VCS
9:30am Athens Mothers' Center
8pm New Freedom

WEDNESDAY-

8:45am—12noon VCS
10am Adult Bible Study

THURSDAY—

8:45am—12noon VCS
2pm Knitters & Knotters
7pm Yoga

FRIDAY—

8:45am—12noon VCS
9:30am Athens Mothers' Center
No Cave
8pm New Freedom
Covenant to the Gwinnet Braves Game

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—May 31, 2015

10:45am

Reader: Dolly Barstow

Ushers: Donny Whitehead, Wyatt Herndon, Randy Parish,
Kent Silver

Greeters: Joan Baird & Family, Jim Newland

Piano: Pam Knox

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner

Counters: Paige Campbell, Bill Barstow

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen, Jan Okey

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Rich Reaves

Grounds Steward: Wayne Crowell (June 1-7)

Nursery/Super:

10:45am—Sarah Lamb

Birth—Walking: Sarah Lamb

Walking—5 years old: Tim Foutz, Ben Foutz, Sam Brewster