

THE COVENANTER  
May 13, 2018

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,  
Synod of the South Atlantic, General  
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**Kickin' It at Covenant** is back again this year! For six Wednesdays in June and July, this is time to learn more about the Bible, share some ice cream, and play games together. On each day, we'll have a Bible lesson and activity starting at 6:30 pm, followed by ice cream at 7, and then indoor and outdoor games afterwards. We'll be kicking it on **\*\*June 13, 20 and 27\*\*** and then again on **\*\*July 11, 18, and 25\*\***. The theme for this summer's lessons is **DIRT**: learning all about the stuff of God's creation and how God brings good fruits from it (and from us). *We can't make this happen without help! Each week we'll need to folks to lead the lesson and activity, one person to bring ice cream, and two volunteers to help lead game times. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aaa72da7fa7-kickin> or on the sign up sheets in the church hallway. **Kickin' It** is also not just for kids! Adults are welcome, too. We'll have a few board games on hand, but feel free to **BYOG** (bring your own game) starting at 6:30. Questions? Contact Jerry Shannon at [jerry@shannons.us](mailto:jerry@shannons.us) or 612-298-0003. Hope to see you there!*

**CARING HANDS FUND**—Did you know?

- ◆ That more than 1700 individuals and 200 Presbyterian congregations through out the state contribute to the Caring Hands Fund annually.
- ◆ That every dollar contributed goes directly to support 400 of our most financially vulnerable residents.
- ◆ That Presbyterian Homes of Georgia now spends about \$3 million each year keeping the promise we made 69 years ago to continue to provide a home for, and to give quality care to any who has outlived his or her financial resources.
- ◆ That no resident has ever been asked to leave due to outliving their financial resources. Make a life-changing difference! Support the Caring Hands Fund with your gift. You will find a envelope and brochure in your mailbox or on the table in the Gathering Room. Thank you!

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**OLDER ADULT SUNDAY, today-May 13th****8:30am & 10:45am Worship***Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in  
length of days. Job 12:2 (RSV)*





**CONGRATULATIONS** to  
Ruby Basham & John Chamblee on  
the birth of their daughter,  
Aurelia Grace Basham Chamblee,  
born May 4th. Proud big brothers are  
Jack and Freeman. Mom & baby are doing well.  
*We can't wait to meet her!*

#### **Congregational Care CARD Drive**

These kinds of greeting cards are needed NOW:

*Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy*

Please place them in the crate in the hall.

We can CARDLY thank you enough!

**Check out these upcoming concerts & look for  
some Covenant folks performing!**

Saturday, May 19 (7:30pm) Rutter's  
"Requiem" & Handel's "Coronation Anthems,"  
Athens Master Chorale, UGA's Hodgson Hall  
\$12.50 Adults, \$7.50 Students



**FREE SOFA-BED!** Dark green, burgundy, rust  
stripes. One very small patch is  
cat-scratched. Caren Snook, 706-543-3753,  
[caren.m.snook@gmail.com](mailto:caren.m.snook@gmail.com)

The **Restaurant Roadtrip** on Tuesday, May 22, will  
head downtown to enjoy a light lunch at 11:30am, at  
Lindsey's Culinary Market, 520 North Thomas  
Street, near the intersection with North and  
Dougherty. Limited parking in their lot, with a few  
around the apartment building on the extension of  
Dougherty. A carpool leaves from the church by  
11:15am. Please SIGNUP to let us know your plans.



**No you are not seeing things!** The  
IHN board is back up with another  
opportunity for Covenant to host  
IHN families June 3 – 10.

Please check out the sign up board  
in the hallway across from the  
church offices to see the many ways

you can help. Any questions please see  
Steve Rathbun.

And thank you for your willingness to help!  
*Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some  
who have done this have entertained angels without  
realizing it! Hebrews 13:2 NLT*



PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH  
**FEAST ON May 19th!** Covenant Presby-  
terian Church in conjunction with other  
local churches will join together to  
distribute food from the Food Bank of NEGA to  
our neighbors. If you would like to volunteer  
please sign up on the bulletin board in the  
hallway next to the mailboxes. Volunteers will  
need to arrive as early as 7:00 am, with the  
distribution itself beginning at 9 a.m. for  
approximately 200 people. It is estimated that  
we will wrap things up around 10:30 a.m. If  
you are interested in participating in **FEAST**  
please visit our sign-up sheet in the hallway.  
For more information contact Sue Rathbun,  
Juanita Floyd, Ed Ralph or Mark Harper. *Let us  
pray for God's continued blessing on this  
ecumenical effort in our community!*



The Nacoochee Presbyterian Church in Sautee has a planned mission  
trip this June 11-20. They have a program titled "Intercultural En-  
counter to Guatemala and the Mam People" and have room for 2 people  
from Covenant. If you are interested, contact Terry Centner  
([terrycentner@gmail.com](mailto:terrycentner@gmail.com)) for an agenda & more info.



**Answers to Names Plus:** 1. Buzz; 2. Bunny; 3. Marshall



For the month of MAY Covenant is collecting for the AAEFB: *Saltines, mac & cheese, pork & beans and as always brown paper bags.*

Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!



Who wants to pick some blueberries, blackberries, & mulberries? A former Covenant youth & youth director, Laura Pallas, and her husband Cameron Phillips from Australia have begun Buffalo Creek Berry Farm in Lexington, north of Hwy.78. Website: [www.bcberryfarmga.com](http://www.bcberryfarmga.com). It's their first crop of berries, and they need lots of help picking them, in June & July. Perhaps we can turn this into a fund-raiser for a good Covenant ministry? Or you can pick-your-own at \$12/gallon. You can also take home the bucket (\$1) or bring your own containers. Berries will keep well, refrigerated 5 days. So if you'd like to participate, on **Saturday, June 16, from 10am-noon**, please SIGNUP on the bulletin board. We'll have more information in early June.



Litter is a BIG problem in Clarke County.

You can help solve the problem by stopping by the Green Dream Team bulletin board and picking up a "Litter Hot Line" that sticks to the back of your cell phone. Then, when you see someone tossing litter from their car, get the license # and the call the "Little Hotline" (706-613-3506).



#### Covenant's Coffee House

Tuesday, July 24th at 6:30pm

Share your talents! Covenant members and friends are so gifted – please indulge us with your gifts! Sign up sheet coming soon!



A warm THANK YOU to the Personnel Committee, Pastors and Covenant members and friends for you cards, gifts, and thoughts on Administrative Professionals Week!

*Judy, Sharon, & Karen*





**5th Sunday Worship Experience -**  
*The NEXT 5th SUNDAY is July 29! We will combine a mixture of the summer experiences of our young people as they participate in VBS "Maker's Fun Factory", "Kickin' It at Covenant" and the Middle and High School Summer Conferences.*

**Child Liturgist (10:45 Service)** 3rd - 5th graders lead the *Call to Worship* each Sunday. Next three Sundays:

**May 13-Wesley Whitehead; May 20-Eli Stone**

*Instructions:* The bulletin will be emailed by the end of the week on your week. Practice with your child. During the "Voluntary" of the worship service, the liturgist may join the pastors in the chancel. To begin, your child can invite the congregation, "Please join me in the Call to Worship." *Need to switch weeks? Please do so with someone who is leading in weeks after your child and let the office know.* Summer NOTE: As we move into the summer months, child liturgists will come on a volunteer basis. If you would like your child to lead the call to worship over the summer, contact Karen in the office and let her know which Sundays work for your family.

### **Going underground with WoRM! 9:35 - 10:35 Sunday Mornings -**

**Parents/Caregiver learning note:** As we come to the end of Eastertide and approach the season of Pentecost, we will look at what has been traditionally called, "The Great Commission" as told in Matthew 28:16-20. Take the time to read this passage with your child(ren) and consider the ways we are to share the gospel such as: a. their foremothers and forefathers who have been part of the passing of the good news to you; b. what does it mean to obey?; as well as, c. Baptism. On Pentecost Sunday, Eli Stone will be baptized. A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the gift of baptism and fulfill the "great commandment." Thanks be to God for the children!

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:19-20: "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (*GN7*)

**May Rotation -** Help prepare your children for Sunday School by telling them who their teacher and shepherd will be, and how awesome they are :) May 13 - combined class, Nancy Omdahl and Kay Brooks; May 20—combined classes

**WoRM Teachers and Shepherds for the 2018/2019 year are needed.** Be part of the privilege and joy of nurturing the faith of our children, helping to fulfill our baptismal vows. If you have any interest in being part on a regular basis during the next school year, please speak with Craig or anyone on Christian Ed. We will plan together and come up with a rotation that works for all of us and meets needs of our children. WoRM is great way to "let the little children come unto me." - Jesus



## **YOUTH NEWS!**

Sunday Mornings at 9:35am BASIC with Abby will continue through May 20;

**Thanks to all who helped the youth programming throughout the school year!**

We look forward to summer activities including:

**VBS** May 29-June 1—

Montreat High School Conference, June 3-9

Massanetta Middle School Conference, June 21-24

Youth Leader retreat - TBD

**The Cave** - Covenant's free after school program for middle and high school students Fridays 3:45-5:30 continues to be an important mission, a success by many measures including volunteer opportunities, and a healthy place for youth to gather on Friday afternoons. It really makes a positive difference.

*Thank you volunteers who make this program happen! And a huge **Thank you** to Christina Cotsakis Cordon, Cave Manager, for your amazing gifts offered for this program!!*

**WEEK OF May 13, 2018**

**SUNDAY- OLDER ADULT SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship (final)  
9:30am Church School  
10:45am Worship  
3:00pm Piano recital for Betsy Burmeister's students (in worship center)

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

6:30pm Scouts

**TUESDAY-**

9am—3pm NEGA Presbytery meeting at Athens Korean Church  
9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)  
6:30pm Session Meeting  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

10am Adult Bible Study  
7:25pm Adult Choir (final)

**THURSDAY-**

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters  
6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA  
7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
8pm New Freedom

**SATURDAY—**

7:00am FEAST Food Truck Distribution  
9:00am Women's Prayer Breakfast at EFBC  
Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—May 13, 2018**

**8:30am—**

Reader: Wayne Crowell                      Coffee: Arnelle & Warren

Ushers: Steve & Lola Bell

**10:45am—**

Liturgist: Wesley Whitehead

Reader: Sarah Shannon

Ushers: Julie & Don Bower,

Greeters: Anna, Shari & Jimmy Cobb

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner

Counters: Caren Snook, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Julie Bower

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alex Clark

Close the Building: Jim Bowden

Grounds Stewards: Ed Ralph (May 14-20)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Ellen Stoneburner

Walking—5 years old: The Stone Family

**WEEK OF May 20, 2018**

**SUNDAY- DAY OF PENTECOST**

9:30am Church School (final) for WoRM, BASIC, Emmaus & Nautilus classes  
10:45am Worship  
Noon—Pentecost Reception

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

8am Covenant's Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Rd  
5pm—9pm The Challenger's Banquet (J. Baird)

**TUESDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
11:30am Restaurant Road Trip at Lindsey's Culinary Mkt  
1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Pattie Priester)  
8pm New Freedom

**WEDNESDAY-**

Beecher on leave through May 31st  
10am Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Adult Choir Party at The Grit on Prince Avenue

**THURSDAY-**

2:00pm Knitters & Knotters  
6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA  
7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)  
8pm Happy Squares

**FRIDAY-**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center  
8pm New Freedom in FH

**SATURDAY—**

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

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**WORSHIP—May 20, 2018**



**10:45am—**

Liturgist—Eli Stone

Readers: Various

Ushers: Bill & Luanne Rigsby, Dick Zimdars, Susan & Randy Parish

Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Don Bower

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner

Counters: Sue Loegel, Paige Campbell

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Hank Tweedell

Grounds Stewards: Alex Clark (May 21-27)

Nursery/Super: Ellen Stoneburner

Birth—Walking: Juergen Wiegel

Walking—5 years old: Ellen Stoneburner, Sarah Shannon, Anna Cobb