

**SUMMER SEASON !**

Sunday, May 27 final 9:30am Church School for Upper Room Class, final 10:45am Worship  
Sunday, June 3 8:30am Journey Church School Class, 9:45am Worship begins, (punch & cookies)

**THE COVENANTER**

**May 27, 2018**

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,  
Synod of the South Atlantic, General  
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church  
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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 kickin' 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!*



**Interfaith Hospitality Network.**

The week of **June 3 to 10** gives us the opportunity to provide shelter to our homeless neighbors. We will temporarily host homeless families for IHN at the Day Center close to First Baptist Church. **Now** is the time to sign-up on the board in the Gathering Room. Check the board for the many ways you can serve the LORD by assisting our neighbors in need. An electronic version of the sign-up board is maintained on Covenant's web page (IHN Volunteers spreadsheet), or call the Church office (706 548-2756) to sign up. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35)

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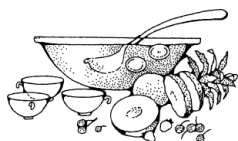
**Honor, Remember!**

**Remember in Prayer:** Carl Cartledge & Dennis Calbos, both healing well from recent surgeries; Scott Allen, having finished medical school & heading to Chicago for his residency; Spencer Bard, having finished medical school & heading to Norman, OK, for his residency; Josh Ballard-Myer, in a summer internship in physics, at the College of Wooster in OH; Jeremy Reaves' friend Jeff, in the death of his girlfriend, a month before their wedding; Marilyn Brown's friend Diane, still struggling after losing her home in a hurricane; Mrs. Bowen, in a difficult time with her neighbors; Peggy Huff, former Covenant custodian, returning home after a lengthy hospitalization; France Boney's son-in-law, recovering well from a second heart procedure May 22; Jean Gibson, at The Oaks; Pauline Marshall, at Highland Hills; Craig Topple's sister Genia in Atlanta; Dennis Calbos, Bill Willis, and Ashley Wolfe, at home.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	May 28	Psalm 139: 1-14
Tuesday	May 29	I Samuel 3: 1-10
Wednesday	May 30	I Samuel 3: 11-20
Thursday	May 31	2 Corinthians 4: 1-4
Friday	June 01	2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
Saturday	June 02	Mark 2: 23-28
Sunday	June 03	Mark 3: 1-6

**WHO'S WHO:** Who at Covenant has parachuted from a plane?



## SUMMER PUNCH AND

**COOKIES!** Sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes to provide refreshing punch and other

goodies after the 9:45am worship service beginning **June 3.** (Please no red punch)

If you'd like to make a donation to the Presbyterian Student Center in memory of Stacey Bowden, make your checks out to Covenant and mark them for PSC/Stacey B – and drop them in the offering plate or bring them by the church office – and we will forward them to PSC for you.

The floral arrangement in worship today is given in memory of Jan Okey's birthday, by her children, Barbara Tamm and Jay Okey.

## 2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT YTD

WEEK #47 05/20/2018

Anticipated Pledges: \$436,348.

Received Pledges: 439,801.12

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

CARING HANDS FUND: \$1,035.00

**WHO'S WHO:** Hannah Baird, Betsy Pless, & Randy Parish (and many of Covenant's veterans this Memorial Day)



**NAME PLUS:** Answers are names or nicknames

1. Plain spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Break of day: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Slosh through water: \_\_\_\_\_

(see page 3 for answers)



## Local Businesses Going Green – Part 1

If you have eaten at DePalma's recently, you may have noticed that you were not given a straw with your water, tea, or soft drink. If you absolutely need a straw, you can ask for one. If the plastic straws have not yet been used up, that's what you will get. But when the plastic straws are gone, paper straws will be available. (Some of us are old enough to remember when paper straws were the norm!) Many thanks to Patrick McMaster for making the decision to move toward a greener way of doing business.

*Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*



The Nacoochee Presbyterian Church in Sautee has a planned mission trip this June 11-20. They have a program titled "Intercultural Encounter 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. The cost is \$1350 plus airfare.



In gratitude for your friendship  
**Jubilee Partners**  
invites you and your family for  
**FREE BLUEBERRY PICKING**



**Please come on any *two* of the following dates:**

Tuesday, June 19, 5pm-dark

Saturday, July 7, from 9:30am-noon

Tuesday, June 26, 5pm-dark

Monday, July 9 from 5pm-dark

Tuesday, July 3, 5pm- dark

Tuesday, July 17, 5pm- dark.

Jubilee is located a 1/2 mile south of downtown Comer on Hwy. 22 at 427 Jubilee Rd.

**What to bring: this coupon, picking buckets,  
and close-toed shoes.**

Please print your name here for our records:

\_\_\_\_\_ # in your party \_\_\_\_\_  
Your employer/church \_\_\_\_\_

Our next **Restaurant Roadtrip** is Tuesday, June 12, at 11:30am, as we drive south of Greensboro to "Gaby's on the Lake" at the Ritz-Carlton/Reynolds resort. Carpools leave at 10am from the church, and we'll hopefully be back before 2pm. Bring some extra money & check out the lunch menu on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. We'll be in partial shade - so bring sunglasses. Please signup in advance - so we can make reservations. Hope you can join us!



Answers to Names Plus: 1. Frank; 2. Dawn; 3. Wade



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.

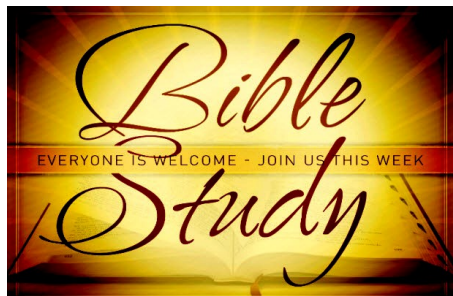
You can help solve the problem by stopping by the Green Dream Team bulletin

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 call the "Litter 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 on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.



The **10:00 Wednesday morning Bible Study** will continue this summer, using the DVD, "Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the 5 Books of Moses," with video of Egypt & Israel and narration by author Bruce Feiler.

*You're welcome to join in the good discussion!*





**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.

*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.

**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 (final)

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

We look forward to summer activities including:

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!!*

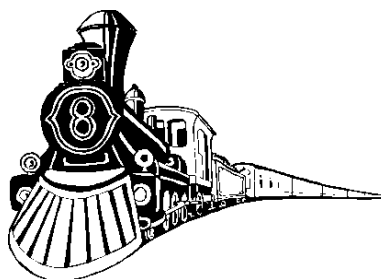
**The Train's are Running!**

**Saturday, June 9, 8:30am—5pm**

**Maurice & Caren Snook**

**160 Plantation Drive, Athens**

*Everyone Welcome!*



**WEEK OF May 27, 2018****SUNDAY**— 9:30am Upper Room Class (final)

10:45am Worship (final)

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED****TUESDAY-****Join VBS at First Pres. downtown**

9:30am Athens Mother's Center

11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside

1:30pm Grief Recovery—Upper Room (Patti Priester)

8pm New Freedom in FH

**WEDNESDAY-****Joint VBS at First Pres. downtown**

10am Adult Bible Study

6pm—7pm Project Free in FH

**THURSDAY-****Joint VBS at First Pres. downtown**

2:00pm Knitters &amp; Knotters

6:30pm—8:00pm YOGA

7:00pm Celebrate Recovery (Mary McGarity)

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9:30am Athens Mother's Center

8pm New Freedom in FH

**SATURDAY**— 9am—12noon Scout Staff Training

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

**WORSHIP—May 27, 2018****10:45am—**

Liturgist—

Reader: Carol Huber

Ushers: Stephanie Cahill, Hank &amp; DeLynda Tweedell, Susan &amp; Randy Parish

Greeters: Tim Foutz, Hank &amp; DeLynda Tweedell

Congregational Care: Ellen Stoneburner

Counters: Ellen Stoneburner, Judy Capie

Flowers: In memory of Jan Okey

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (May 28—June 3)

Nursery/Super: Marie Ballard-Myer

Birth—Walking: Marie Ballard-Myer

Walking—5 years old: Richard &amp; Marcia Page, Jennifer Frey

**WEEK OF June 3, 2018****SUNDAY- IHN BEGINS** (hosting downtown at the day center )**Leaders & Youth at the Montreat Youth Conference, NC**

8:30am Journey Class

**9:45am Worship**

11:00am Punch and Cookies

1:30pm—2:30pm Debtors Anonymous

3:30pm Overeaters Anonymous

**MONDAY- OFFICE CLOSED**

8am Covenant Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road

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Ushers: Kent Silver, Marie Ballard-Myer, Shirley Reinert, Betsy Pless

Greeters: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Gloria Pylant

Congregational Care: Paula Zimdars

Counters: Pam Knox, Bill Barstow

Punch &amp; Cookies: Luanne Rigsby

Flowers: Julie Bower

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Hank Tweedell (June 4—10)

Nursery/Super: Don Bower

Birth—Walking: Don Bower

Walking—5 years old: Adam &amp; Rebecca Rea, Adam Brooks