

THE COVENANTER
October 27, 2019

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery, Synod
of the South Atlantic, General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
(USA)

*All Saints' Day*

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 AT 8:30AM & 10:45AM

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS GOES TO THE HEART OF OUR FAITH; DEATH HAS NOT WON (1 CORINTHIANS 15: 55-57); IN ALL WE DO WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY FELLOW CHRISTIANS, LIVING AND DEAD (HEBREWS 12: 1); AND IN THE END WE WILL JOIN OTHERS IN PRAISING GOD ETERNALLY (REVELATION 7: 9-10). IN WORSHIP WE WILL REFER TO THEM DURING A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION AND PRAYER. CHECK THE LIST ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF

THE OFFICE WINDOWS FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, November 14th

**Lesson begins promptly at
9:30am.**

Please read the Horizons study guide, "Love Carved in Stone" chapter 3, "Keep Sabbath". Study books are available in the copy room. \$11 each. *Join us for wonderful fellowship and light refreshments.*



For the month of **October** Covenant is collecting these items for the Athens Area

Emergency Food Bank:

canned pasta, saltines, and spaghetti sauce.

For the month of **November** the AAEFB needs these items: *canned soups, small boxes of rice, pasta and hamburger helper, and snack bags of chips.*

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

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605
706-548-2756 or 706-613-2344
www.covpresathens.org
covenantp@covpresathens.org

Graduates Covered Dish Luncheon

November 12 at 12:30pm

We will take this time to honor our veterans. If you served in any branch of the military please call Karen Wetherington 706-548-2756 or email kwetherington@covpresathens.org and let her know the years you served your rank and the branch of the military in which you served. More information next week.

Remember in Prayer: the Basham Chamblee and Galloway families as they mourn the passing of John Chamblee's mother, Hope Chamblee Galloway on Oct. 1; Carol Wheeler at St. Mary's with complications from hip replacement surgery on 10/22; Mary Fenner diagnosed with a reoccurrence of cancer; Steve Rathbun's father hospitalized with sepsis; Greg McMinn with knee replacement; Ellie McMinn upcoming shoulder surgery; Deb Agostini recovering from severe burns; Anne Page at Avery Place #145; Libby Wright at Avery Place #104; Ruth Brewster at Morningside #108; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; Jean Gibson at The Oaks #101; and Anna Holshouser, John Brewer & John Scott at home.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Oct. 28	Psalm 65
Tuesday	Oct. 29	Psalm 66
Wednesday	Oct. 30	Joel 2: 1-11
Thursday	Oct. 31	Joel 2: 12-22
Friday	Nov. 01	Joel 2: 23-32
Saturday	Nov. 02	2 Timothy 4: 1-8
Sunday	Nov. 03	Luke 18: 9-14



HOMELESS TASK FORCE

Please accept this invitation to offer your thoughts, ideas, concerns and wishes for responding to homelessness at Covenant. If you haven't already had an opportunity to share your thoughts, please take time to reach out to one of the Committee Members:

Paige Campbell, Hank Tweedell, Co-Chairs
Chris Wilson, Tom & Sara Cooney, Linda & Phil Koehler,
Brian Striggow, Chuck Rosenberger, Bert Ballard-Myer,
Hilda & Alex Clark, Mark Harper, Rindy Trouteaud, Jacob
Douylliez, Juergen Wiegel, Paige Cummings, Randy Parish,
& Steve Rathbun

Witness Ministry Team Meeting

We will have a Witness Ministry Team meeting after the 10:45 service on Oct. 27th. We will be discussing the possibilities for our mission trip next year. Information will be shared on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work that is ongoing in Puerto Rico. We think it looks very promising for our 2020 mission trip. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

2019-2020 Financial Summary Week #16

Anticipated Pledges: \$142,701.54
Actual Pledges: \$149,162.68
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Peace & Global Witness
\$1,923.00



The Athens YMCA's 5th Annual

COAT DRIVE beginning November 1st

Please leave your clean, gently used coats in the box in the hallway across from the church office.

They will be taken to the YMCA on Nov. 25th!

Any questions see Marilyn Brown. *Thank You!*

Covenant Presbyterian Holiday Progressive Dinner



Saturday, December 7, 2019 6:00PM

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our annual Covenant Holiday Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm.

For those who may not have attended previously the progressive dinner is an event where you share hors d'oeuvres at one home, have dinner at a second and finally enjoy dessert and coffee at a third location. As you progress through the night you will meet and dine with several different groups of people and everyone meets at the dessert home to finish off the night.

Covenant provides the ham and rolls, so dinner guests are encouraged to bring covered dishes to share. It's a great way to share food and fellowship before the busy holiday rush begins.

The progressive dinner signup sheet is on the bulletin board beside the church office. If you would like to host for hors d'oeuvres, dinner or dessert please include your phone number, address and how many guests you can accommodate on the signup sheet.

Thanks and Happy Holidays to All

The Congregational Fellowship Committee





Lunch Bunch

DePalma's Italian Restaurant
(eastside)

Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 11:30am

Join us for a great time of food and fellowship. Separate checks!



Covenant Breakfast Club

Monday, November 4th at

8am. Cracker Barrel on

Epps Bridge Road. Join us for a good time of conversation and food.

SHORT TALK. *Supply the initials for the following: ex. Sandwich favorite. Ans. BLT*

1. Addendum to a missive
2. Busy place in April
3. Quality TV

By Marilyn Brown

Answers to **SHORT TALK:**
1. P.S. 2. IRS 3. PBS



Want to give a helping hand? Join our ministries at **Our Daily Bread**, the soup kitchen for Athens, based at First Baptist Church downtown.

Dorothy Newland coordinates preparing lunch on fifth Wednesdays, arriving at 10am. The next day of service is Wednesday, October 30th.

Contact Dorothy at 706-202-0474 if you would like to help. Paige Cummings coordinates preparing lunch on first Fridays monthly, arriving at 11am. Contact Paige at paigemercercummings@gmail.com if you would like to help. The next day of service is Friday, November 1st.



Rindy Trouteaud will be out of town this week so there will be no Tuesday morning Bible study. We will begin looking at our faith in a fresh way using Anne Lamott's book, *Grace (Eventually) : Thoughts on Faith*. Copies will be ordered, and if you would like a book, please call the church office, 706.548.2756.

Attention Graduates! Is G3 for You?

What is G3? G3 stands for **Graduates' Gaming Group**. If you like to play board games or card games, this group is for you! The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 10-11:30 AM, in the conference room. We will try our hands at Tripoley (also known as Royal Rummy or Michigan Rummy). This card game is won by luck, not skill, so anyone can play. There will be prizes for the winners and refreshments. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that I can be sure to bring enough decks of cards and refreshments. *Caren Snook*

The **ARK** Percentage Night!

Visit **YOUR PIE**—Beechwood location on November 6th

between 5 and 9 pm, tell them you are with the **ARK**! 10% of sales goes to the **ARK**!



The purpose of Christian Education at Covenant Presbyterian Church is to nurture our discipleship, build our spirit of community and cultivate clarity of thought about our faith.

WoRM CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday October 27 at 9:30am!

We'll celebrate our Reformation heritage with activities led by Rindy Trouteaud and our shepherds, Jere Bowden and Wanda Oliver.

SNACKS NEEDED FOR WoRM: such as goldfish crackers, animal crackers, etc.
Please leave them in the bin on the floor next to the *Feed My Sheep* table.

Thank you!



YOUTH GROUPS

Middle and High School will meet 5pm—7pm in the fellowship hall to carve pumpkins and decorate Halloween cookies for our friends at Extra Special People (ESP) in Watkinsville. Bert and Marie will provide dinner.

Wonderful Wednesdays October 30th!

10am Adult Bible Study in the Upper Room
Using Miriam Dunson's book, *A Very Present Help*, the Wednesday morning Bible study which meets in the Upper Room, 10 - 11:15 a.m. continues to find connections between the Psalms and the issues - spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical - facing older adults.

Mark Harper leads the exploration.

Covenant Connection

5:30pm—6pm Servant Time— How do we feed the hungry in our community? Come and join us for Servant time as we learn more about our Covenant Food Pantry and make posters to display around the church

6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner -*Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Tater Tots, Fruit, Ice Cream*

6:30pm -7:00pm Carol/Joy Choir

Sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9ab23a3f49-covenant>

to help Rindy with Servant Time and to make birthday cupcakes. *Thank you!*

6:30pm—7:30pm **NO** Evening Adult Bible Study.
Next week we will take a look at a wedding in Cana, John 2.

7:30pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH AT COVENANT CONNECTION!

For middle and high school students.

3:30pm—5:30pm Supervised fellowship/ recreation in the youth rooms;
5:30pm—6:00pm Bible Study;
6:00pm—6:30pm Family Dinner;
6:30pm—7:00pm Faith & Film



JUST DO IT.....

Nike had a good idea employing these 3 little words... *Just do it.*

Sometimes, that is all we need to say to ourselves to try something new or as they say *Take a leap of faith.* This is what I did recently by joining the newly formed Bell Choir! I invite *YOU* to consider it too. I am a newbie for sure, but those more experienced than I are so supportive, encouraging, and might I mention --- fun!! It doesn't hurt that I stand next to the ever upbeat, talented Betsy Burmeister; but David, the Bells Choir Director is also upbeat, encouraging, and very patient as are many others in the group (talking to you Katy, Georgiana, Chris, Paige, etc. etc). The music is fun too--some traditional, and some more contemporary. They are a talented group for sure, but we can certainly use more people in order to have a full complement and also to have subs when needed. Practice will be every Wednesday at Covenant at 6:30 so if you go to Covenant Connection, you can just go from dinner to Bells Choir. (Currently we meet on Thursdays, but this will soon change).

So whether you are a newbie like me, or an experienced musician, PLEASE consider trying out the Bells Choir. It is uplifting and I promise---- you won't regret it!

Just do it..... take a leap of faith.....

Interested?--- email David Boardman at makeminesupine@hotmail.com

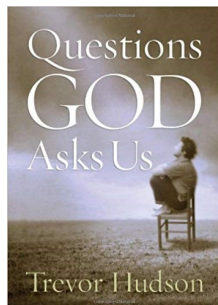
or call me and I can tell you more of my positive experience. (706-540-1719)

Sincerely, *Betsy Pless*

Emmaus Road Sunday School Class

(facilitated by Bob Trouteaud)

The Emmaus Road class will be starting a new study on Sunday, November 3rd, using the book, *Questions God Asks Us*, by Trevor Hudson. "I thought the Bible existed to give me solutions to my everyday concerns and dilemmas," writes Hudson. "Then I realized I might be approaching God and the Bible from the wrong direction. It was as if God said to me, 'Trevor, rather than you always asking questions of me, start listening to the questions I have for you.'"



Each of 10 questions Hudson excerpts from the Old and New Testaments serve as a starting point for genuine conversation with the Creator. *Questions God Asks Us* offers a fresh approach for personal study and small group discussion. It's sure to bless anyone longing for a meaningful, growing relationship with God.

If you have been wanting, or waiting to join a Covenant Sunday School class, now is a good time! Come join us for worthy conversations based on *Questions God Asks Us*.

The book is available on Amazon in paperback for \$15, or Kindle version for \$4.99.



		5	Jim Smith	18	Ezra James Whitney	27	Dot Handley
		8	Ann Centner	20	Joe Meyers	28	Sarah Lamb
		9	Gene Holshouser	22	Kate Shealey		Emma Parido
1	Barbara Arnold	10	Nash Boney	23	Bert Ballard-Myer	29	Lauren Capie
	Marie Ballard-Myer		Sydney Braswell		Melissa Cobb	30	Debbie Cureton
	Sara Parido	16	DeLynda Tweedell	25	Wayne Crowell		Sara Thompson
2	Tom Nemetz	18	Jimmy Cobb	26	Craig Barber	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>	
4	Andrew Zimdars		Jason Green	27	Jonathan Arnold		

Happy Birthday!

WEEK OF October 27, 2019—**SUNDAY— REFORMATION SUNDAY**

8:30am Worship
 9:30 Church School for all
 10:45am Worship
 3:30pm Debtors Anonymous
 5pm—7pm Youth Groups

MONDAY—

OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30pm Scouts

TUESDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
 5pm—6pm Diabetes Clinic
 8pm New Freedom in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY—

8:30am—9:30am AA
 10am Adult Bible Study with Mark Harper
 5:30pm—7pm Covenant Connection
 6:30pm—7:30pm Evening Adult Bible Study with Rindy Troutaud
 7:30pm Adult Choir
 7:30pm LAG

THURSDAY— BOO!

1pm UGA Nutrition Class (SNAP)
 2pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8pm YOGA
 7:30pm CR

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom in FH

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned 1pm—3pm Coffee Worth's Birthday in FH
 10:30am OEA in Upper Room

WORSHIP—October 27, 2019**8:30am**

Reader: Warren Combs Coffee: The Combs

Ushers: Judy Capie

10:45am

Reader: Sarah Shannon

Ushers: Susan & Randy Parish, Bill Rigsby, Jim McMinn, Katy Terry Greet-
 ers: Phil & Sallie Hale

Congregational Care: Linda Koehler November-Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Bill Barstow, Caren Snook

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Alan Edwards

Close the Building: Alex Clark

Grounds Stewards: Wayne Crowell (Oct. 28—Nov 3)

Nursery/Super: Dell Whitehead

Birth—Walking: Dell Whitehead

Walking—5 years old: Wyatt & Lily Herndon, Jennifer Frey

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THURSDAY—

2pm Knitters & Knotters
 6:30pm—8pm YOGA
 7:30pm CR
 7:30pm Happy Squares

FRIDAY—

9:30am Athens Mothers Center
 3:30pm The Cave
 8pm New Freedom in FH

SATURDAY—

Fellowship Hall Cleaned

WORSHIP—November 03, 2019**8:30am**

Reader: Steve Bell Coffee: Bruce & Karen Menke

Ushers: Wayne Crowell, Cheryl Devaney

10:45am

Reader: Mary Barnett

Ushers: Don Bower, Heide Wiegel, Phil & Sallie Hale, Dianne Simpson

Greeters: Paige Campbell, Bill Rigsby

Congregational Care: November—Carolyn Hatfield

Counters: Judy Capie, Pam Knox

Flowers: Juergen Wiegel

Plant Care: Frank Allen

Open the Building: Steve Bell

Close the Building: Phil Koehler

Grounds Stewards: Jim Bowden (Nov. 2—8)

Nursery/Super: Luanne Rigsby

Birth—Walking: Luanne Rigsby

Walking—5 years old: Patrick, Alice, Lila & George McMaster