



Covenant Chimes



May 2023

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Clerk's Corner

Called Session Meeting
April 18, 2023

Elders Judy Grieve, William Davis, Dalton Cooper, Chris Henry, Jim Buckalew, Mary McCarter, Steve Bell, Susan Monk, Charlotte Ealick, Aubrey Moore and Teaching Elders Andy Cooke and Katelyn Gordon Cooke. Excused were Maria Rivera and Hubert vanTuyll.

With a quorum present, Katelyn opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business

Susan reviewed the Church Administrator job description.

I. The Sustainability Ministry Team recommended to Session approval of the job description for a Church Administrator. Needing no second, the motion passed unanimously.

Susan Monk reviewed the rationale for the fund for the job search.

I. The Sustainability Ministry Team recommended Session approve use of up to \$2000 from Carryover Surplus for the job search for a Church Administrator. Needing no second, the motion passed unanimously.

Andy closed the meeting with prayer at 7:25 p.m.

From Our Pastor

It was a year ago on Easter that I felt like we were going to be okay here at Covenant Presbyterian Church. I'll admit that I had my doubts. Like everyone else, we had weathered a couple of hard years, but I could see us emerging from those hard years as a large crowd gathered on April 17, 2022 to proclaim the risen Lord. The energy was different that day, and I could feel it. I believed you when you said, "He is risen, indeed!" When we celebrated the resurrection again on April 9, 2023, it was a milestone for me and a time to look back on the past year with gratitude.

Simply put, this last year was a joy. We have reclaimed more aspects of ministry than I could list in this space. Attendance is good and we seem to be having fun together. Do you remember Kickoff Sunday in August? *Take Up the Cause* in September? John McCrosky's Ordination in October? November was amazing—we had a great stewardship campaign AND raised an additional \$250,000 for our Home Improvement Project. In December, we sang through Advent without masks for the first time since 2019.

This year has been punctuated by baptisms (Elliott, Micah, Kaleb, Nia, and William, along with Nelly on May 21) and strong worship attendance. I'm excited about our new young adult Sunday school class, which began in January and seems to have about a dozen people each week. We recently had a young adult cookout at the Conditt Daniels home with 25 people in attendance! The handbell choirs went back to Lutheridge in February for the first time since 2020 and children's music has restarted on Sunday mornings.

In April, we undertook a large HVAC renovation and successfully moved our worship from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall and back. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this process go smoothly. Surprisingly, it hasn't seemed like a burden. It has been good to worship in a different space for a few weeks.

Looking ahead, we are returning to our summer mission trip for the first time since 2019. Our team will be heading to Ft. Myers in June. By the grace of God, I think that we're going to be okay here at Covenant.

Basically, I wanted to put in writing how much I have enjoyed the year since last Easter. And I'm grateful to all of you for your part in this ministry. I'm looking forward to seeing what God will do with us between now and next Easter! Christ is Risen!

Grace and peace,
Andy



Presbyterian Women

WOMEN'S GATHERING AND LUNCHEON



All Covenant women are invited to join us for our end-of-the-year Presbyterian Women WINGS (Women IN God's Service) meeting and luncheon. We will get together in the Parlor at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

We will enjoy a time of fellowship along with a box lunch provided by Jason's Deli. Cost of the lunch is \$10.00. You may choose from the following two sandwich options: chicken salad on a croissant or ham and cheese on white bread. Please RSVP your attendance and choice of sandwich to Cindy Wallerich by Thursday, May 11.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All Covenant Members

Co-Pastors:

The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke and

The Rev. Andy Cooke

Director of Music and Organist:

Lyn M. Patterson

Parish Associate:

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels

Nursery Caregivers:

Alex Krumme, Sherry Nash, and Sara van Plew

Church Secretary: Judy Strogonoff

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Friday

Worship

SUMMER CHOIR INVITATION

Summer Choir is a musical tradition at Covenant from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. This year it begins **May 29** and ends September 3. If you would like to sing with the Covenant Summer Choir during the summer months, please join us in the balcony at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We prepare an easy anthem during our 30-minute rehearsal and then sing it at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We hope you will join us! Questions? See Lyn Patterson or email her at lpatterson@covenantaugusta.org.



Our Flower Calendar is a meaningful way to show love and to glorify God. If you would like to donate flowers, check with Judy Strogonoff in the church office to make sure your meaningful date is available. Forms to order flowers and to include a special message for the bulletin are located in the church office. You are welcome to use your own florist or Judy can place the order with the florist that Covenant uses. The cost of each arrangement is usually \$125.

New Church Administrator Position

As many of you are aware, Judy Strogonoff will soon be concluding her time as Church Secretary at Covenant so that she can begin a new career as a social worker. We are grateful for her work here over the past twenty years, and we will celebrate her when the time comes.

In the meantime, we are creating a new position called Church Administrator, which we hope to fill over the summer. On April 18, the session approved the new job description, and the search committee began their work. The

members of that committee are Anne Ealick Henry, Hubert van Tuyll, Katelyn Gordon Cooke, and Andy Cooke.

The Church Administrator position is the administrative hub of our church with responsibilities in communication, business, and hospitality. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate, or if you would like to see the job description, then please reach out to one of the committee members.



From Our Treasurer

Congregational Life

Friends,

Below you will find a first quarter financial report for 2023. You will see that the Covenant economy remains strong. For the quarter, our revenues exceeded our expenses. We ended the first quarter with a \$16K surplus. In addition, we made a principal payment of \$25,000 from our Home Improvement Fund to our existing mortgage (renovation) loan. Thank you all for your continuing generosity and support of all that we do.

Faithfully,
Aubrey Moore

LADIES FOR LUNCH

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Manuel's Bread Café, 505 Railroad Ave., N. Augusta, SC. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at phoebebeach30@hotmail.com to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your own lunch and join us at noon on Tuesdays, May 9 and 23, in the fellowship hall. We are continuing to look at Richard Rohr's book, *From Wild Man to Wise Man*. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY * FOOD * FRIENDS!



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Save the date for the next Food Truck Friday.

Friday, June 2

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Food Trucks:

Joe's Taco Tent
Bruster's Ice Cream

Bring a chair, invite your friends, and join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship!

Covenant Presbyterian Church			
Quarterly Financial Report		January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023	
With 25% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects our revenue performance to date.			
Revenues	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Goal ≥ 25%
Income Accounts			
Pledges	\$ 146,165.00	\$ 480,000.00	30.5%
Loose Plate Offering	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 1,450.00	83.4%
Other Income	\$ 6,928.80	\$ 64,875.00	10.7%
Total Income Accounts	\$ 154,302.80	\$ 546,325.00	28.2%
Designated Funds Transfers	\$ 7,852.68	\$ 31,410.72	25.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 162,155.48	\$ 577,735.72	28.1%
With 25% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects our expense performance to date.			
Expenses	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Goal ≤ 25%
Ministry Teams			
Building & Grounds	\$ 54,930.74	\$ 177,249.00	31.0%
Congregational Life	\$ 262.61	\$ 2,000.00	13.1%
Eeducation	\$ 3,182.15	\$ 13,450.00	23.7%
Mission	\$ 10,096.73	\$ 41,200.00	24.5%
Sustainability	\$ 75,969.92	\$ 332,036.72	22.9%
Worship	\$ 1,570.18	\$ 11,800.00	13.3%
Total Expenses	\$ 146,012.33	\$ 577,735.72	25.3%
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 16,143.15	\$ -	2.8%

Portion of Building & Grounds expense attributable to mortgage (renovation) loan.		
Church Mortgage (principal and interest)	\$ 23,739.28	\$ 71,218.00 33.3%

>>> An additional payment of \$25,000 from our Home Improvement Fund was paid toward the principal of our pre-existing mortgage (renovation) loan. <<<



Education

THANK YOU TO 2022-2023 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS!

As we finish up the 2022-2023 church program year this month, the Education Ministry Team would like to thank this year's Christian Education leaders listed below. We're grateful for the ways these individuals have helped us to grow in our faith and as a community. When you see these folks over the next several weeks, please be sure to share your gratitude with them too!



Adults: Steve Bell, Karla Conditt Daniels, Becky DeLecuona, Judy Grieve, Kathy Ordelt

Youth: Kadie Cheeks, Kathryn Crandall, Lillie DeLecuona, Amelia Hall, and Dana Johnson

Elementary Children: Gail Baker, Ava Moore, Maatsi Ndingwan, Deb Pittman, and Lori Rogers

Preschoolers: Lola Bell, Lucyle Ferris, and Susan Monk

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sundays // 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
High School – Room 203
Middle School – Room 204

Sometimes we forget that Jesus wasn't a Christian. Jesus was Jewish, and he grew up going to Temple with his parents where he learned about the Torah and celebrated festivals like Passover. It's good for us, as Christians, to know about other faiths like Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism. This month, middle and high school youth will learn about how Christians relate to other faiths in our Sunday morning small groups, and, in doing so, they'll learn more about the Christian faith too.

Second Sunday Service

The second Sunday of May is the same every year – it's Mother's Day! Covenant youth like to put their faith into action by serving their moms on this day. Youth are encouraged to be creative – fix your mom her favorite breakfast, treat her to her favorite coffee, do your chores without being asked, the list could go on. Keep an eye out for a text from Katelyn on Mother's Day to share how you served your mom!

Fourth Third Sunday Fellowship

Movie Afternoon

Sunday, May 21 // Miller Theater in downtown Augusta

Let's go to the movies! The Miller Theater has a free showing of Finding Nemo on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. Katelyn already has our (free!) tickets, and she'll be in touch soon about when and where to meet that afternoon. We have a limited number of tickets, so we'll also be taking RSVPs for this event.

Youth Fundraiser Thank You!

We were blown away by the proceeds of the Youth Fundraiser BINGO Night last month! Thanks to your generosity, we raised almost \$1100 to help offset youth summer trip costs!

More than that, we had a great time sharing a meal together (thanks to the Presbyterian Women for providing dinner!) and playing several rounds of BINGO! Congregational Life provided the BINGO supplies, and Chris Terry was our entertaining and quick-witted emcee. Most of all, we enjoyed just having some fun together! Thanks to everyone who was part of this special evening, and we'll look forward to sharing about the youth summer trips in August!

CHILDREN

Preschool

Sundays // 11:15-11:25 a.m.
Room 2

As part of their time in worship nursery, our youngest members read a Bible story and say a prayer together each week. In May, we'll read stories about Jesus' commission to the disciples in Matthew 28, the early church in Acts 2, and Jesus' ascension in Acts 1.

Elementary

Sundays // 11:15 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Room 103

This month, the elementary students are continuing a series about prayer that they started at the end of April. We're learning about what it means to pray from the heart, pray persistently and humbly, pray with and for others, and pray with our whole selves.

Note: There is no Children's Music during the month of May.

ADULT

Adult SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) and Choir Class

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. in Room 12

In May, the SALT and Choir class will switch gears and have a look at Rabbi Dr. AJ Levine's, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. Using in-class video presentations, we'll learn about the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. Dr. Levine interprets these stories to show us how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read with insight, can still challenge us 2,000 years later. We'd love to have you join us!

Education

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Young Adults

Sunday mornings
11:15 a.m. // Parlor

The Young Adult class includes time to share about life happenings, prayer requests, and a spiritual conversation starter. Parish Associate Karla Conditt Daniels facilitates this group.

Coffee and Conversation

You've already come to worship, so stay after the service for coffee and conversation in the gathering area outside the Fellowship Hall.

Join Covenant friends for some time to visit and see where the Spirit leads us in conversation. This time is meant to be informal, and all are welcome!



Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 21, we'll celebrate Covenant members who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school this year! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please take a moment to let us know by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/covgrad2023> or by calling the church office by May 15. Thank you!



Covenant Preschool & Children's Day Out

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Somehow, it's the end of the school year already! We've had a wonderful year at Covenant Preschool and CDO, and it's been so fun to watch our students grow in height, personality, and knowledge!

During the first week of May, we'll celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week with special treats every day for our staff. We have the best teachers at Covenant, and it's easy to show them our love and appreciation!

The last day of school is Thursday, May 18, and we'll end the year with a special program recognizing our PK4 students and our graduating kindergarteners. As part of the program, we'll also celebrate Ms. Ferris' twenty years at Covenant Preschool and her retirement. Church members are welcome to join us for the festivities on Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We'll have a party on the playground afterward with Kona Ice, and you can join us for that fun too!

Thank you again for your prayers and support this school year. We're already looking forward to a great summer and 2023-2024 school year!

Peace,
Katelyn Gordon Cooke



MS. FERRIS' RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS!

Lucyle Ferris is retiring from Covenant Preschool after twenty years as the kindergarten teacher at the school, and we want to celebrate her! There are several ways you can help us show our love and appreciation for Lucyle:



*Write a love note to Ms. Ferris during Teacher Appreciation Week

We're collecting loves for Ms. Ferris from her current and former students, and we'd love for congregation members to write notes to her too! Drop off your note for Ms. Ferris in the church office by noon on Thursday, May 4. We'll be giving the notes to Ms. Ferris on "Ferris Friday" (May 5) during Teacher Appreciation Week at the preschool.

*Come to the Preschool End-of-Year program on Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m.

We'll celebrate the end of the year with a program in the sanctuary on Thursday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m.. The program will include a special time of recognition for Ms. Ferris, and congregation members are welcome to join us for this event.

*Attend the reception on Sunday, May 21 after worship

Sunday, May 21 is the last day of Sunday School, Graduation Sunday, and the first Sunday after the end of the preschool year, so we'll have cookies and punch in the parlor to celebrate. Ms. Ferris will be there, too, and this will be a great opportunity for you to congratulate her on her retirement.



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Easter Lilies

The beautiful Easter Lilies that have been placed in the sanctuary this Easter season have been contributed by the following members and friends of Covenant:

Laura & Milledge Austin, in memory of their loved ones
Beth Ashmore, in memory of Rucker Vaiden; Sara & Tommy Ashmore; and Sally Ashmore Parrish
Chuck Baldwin, in memory of John Trulock
The Beachum Family, in memory of Edward Beachum
Steve & Lola Bell, in memory of Grady & Wilma Bell; and Charlie & Shirley Parker; and in honor of Hadley, Emma, Griffin, Avery, Sawyer, Cloe & Meyers
Nancy Carr, in memory of Dr. Al Carr
James & Phoebe Crimmins, in memory of Phoebe's mother Alma Lewis James
Emily & Tom Dick, in memory of their daughter, Carrie Michelle Dick
Lucyle Ferris & Gwen R. Ewing, in memory of Holt & Mary Grace Ferris; Vernon, Kay, and Karr Ferris
Joe & Diane Griffin in honor of Covenant's staff: Andy Cooke, Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Jenn Harrison, Lyn Patterson, and Judy Strogonoff
Laurie Hudson, in memory of Sharon Carr
Phil Humphrey, in memory of John Humphrey and in honor of Camilla Humphrey
Lyn M. Patterson, in honor of Covenant's talented and committed musicians *Soli Deo Gloria!*
Susan & Philip Monk, in memory of brother Bobby Little; and in honor of their new granddaughter, Mary Katherine
Kevin & Holly Shoaf O'Kula, in memory of John Swink and in honor of Elizabeth Swink
Angela & Bobby Vernoy, in memory of Skippy Posey and in honor of Don Posey
Susan Williams and Ann Haywood in memory of Val & Don Williams

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The GAP items of the month for May are toothbrushes & toothpaste. We always need food that goes into the "walking bags" that we give to the homeless and to the working poor who come by to get something for lunch. We provide two sandwiches, chips or crackers, water with flavoring, fruit and a sweet. Some of these items are seldom available from Golden Harvest at their special pricing, so we really appreciate donations of packs of crackers, small packs of cookies, flavor packets for water bottles, chips, and small containers of fruit.

List of Items by Month

January: Hot chocolate
February: Canned pork and beans
March: Canned chicken or ham
April: Boxes of cereal
May: Toothbrushes & toothpaste
June: Deodorant
July: Canned fruit
August: Toilet paper
September: Canned soup
October: Instant grits or oatmeal (Individual packets)
November: Stuffing mix (type which only needs water added)
December: Beef stew or chili

COVENANT IS A PC(USA) EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Covenant Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2024. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.



This status speaks to the serious commitment that Covenant has made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Started in 2010 by the PC(USA), the goal of this program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

"Covenant Presbyterian Church is just one of the 305 churches in our denomination that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. This congregation's activities and commitment brings hope to their community and indeed to the world. We believe that Covenant will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information about Covenant's earth care program contact Amy House at amy.house.phd@gmail.com.

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.

Mission

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

2023 CARING HANDS

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, we will receive a special offering to benefit the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Caring Hands Fund. Presbyterian Homes is a ministry devoted to God's seniors in our care. For 74 years, the Caring Hands Fund offers benevolent care for six Presbyterian Homes communities in Georgia with contributions directly supporting the care of residents who have outlived their financial resources. Our congregation joins Presbyterian churches statewide to annually support this vital ministry. Learn more about Presbyterian Homes of Georgia and their vital ministry on their website, www.PHGAinc.org. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help support the Caring Hands Fund by donating online at Caring Hands Offering (www.PHGAinc.org/CaringHands) or



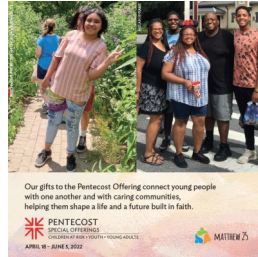
Caring Hands
Offering

make a donation to your church in your usual manner— simply note that the gift is for the Caring Hands Offering.

Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Your gifts join with others to shape the education provided at public schools through the *Educate a Child, Transform the World* national initiative. As Presbyterians, we believe that every child deserves access to high-quality education.



Your gift will support participants in the Young Adult Volunteer program who engage in a year of service while discerning how best to love God and neighbor. As Presbyterians, we believe that serving others is more than just something good to do, it is foundational to our faith formation and teaches us about God and about ourselves.

Your gift makes it possible for more than 5,000 youth to gather at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium to worship, learn, and serve together. As Presbyterians, we believe that the Holy Spirit moves among us when we gather together. The Holy Spirit draws us into meaningful relationships and powerful understandings of what God is doing in the world.

TRAVELING TO THE SUNSHINE STATE IN JUNE

Our last summer work mission trip from Covenant was in July 2019. Our Mission Ministry Team would like to resume the tradition of a work mission team from Covenant this summer. We will travel to Ft. Myers, Florida to help with recovery from Hurricane Ian that hit this area hard on September 30, 2022.

We plan to drive to Ft. Myers on Saturday, June 10. This is a 9-hour drive. We will travel back home on Saturday, June 17. We will sleep, shower, and eat our meals at the Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers. We will have devotions and share our experiences each evening. There is great value in the bonds we form during these trips. The projects we will work on will be assigned by the Third Wave Volunteers organization who have already gutted over 50 houses and helped 16 businesses reopen. In the words of our host at Buckingham Presbyterian, "the devastation here is unbelievable."

You are invited to join us in helping those who need us now in Florida. Contact Elaine Lea – leaje81@gmail.com - 706-339-4484 if you have questions.

FAMILY PROMISE

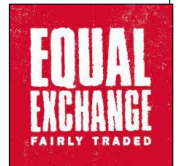
In March, Covenant provided the food needs for a family of four for a full week. The following people each made a complete dinner and delivered it to the family at the old manse of Trinity Methodist Church: Philip & Susan Monk, Steve & Lola Bell, Gail Baker, Camilla Humphrey, Phil Humphrey, William & Lori Davis, Sarah Colborn, and Maatsi & Fidelis Ndingwan.

I am so grateful for their time and talent. The highlight of the week was near the end when it was official that the family became qualified for a home loan and prepared to leave the program!

Many Thanks,
Chuck Baldwin, Covenant Family Promise Coordinator

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, May 21. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.



Charlotte Ealick and

Young Adult Gathering, April 16

Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall, April 16, 2023



May Worship Schedule

USHERS

- 5/7: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp, Lucyle Ferris, Samuel Ndingwan, Ivanna Ndingwan, Fidelis Ndingwan, Edwin Scott
- 5/14: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry, Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
- 5/21: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby
- 5/28: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea, Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry

LITURGIST/READER

AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

- 5/7: Judy Grieve
5/14: Andrea Butt
5/21: Audrey Baldwin
5/28: Charlie Terry

PREACHER

- 5/7: Andy Cooke
5/14: Andy Cooke
5/21: Andy Cooke
5/28: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

- 5/7: Amelia Hall
5/14: Lindsay Kircher
5/21: Buddy Simpson
5/28: Sabina Widner

A/V TEAM

Steve Bell, Terry Bowers, Miller Cooke, John Ealick, Charles Jay, Ralph Gillies

COORDINATORS

Lindsay Kircher, *Greeter Coordinator*
Steve Bell, *A/V Team Coordinator*
Chris Henry, *Usher Coordinator*
Kaye Petkas, *Liturgist/Reader Coordinator*
Cindy Wallerich, *Flower Coordinator*

Prayer Concerns



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- Joslyn and Marvin Fields** on the birth of their grandchild, Adrian Adonis Blackstock, on April 25
- Family of Marge Hennessee** (former secretary and administrator of Covenant) who died, April 19
- Sam and Maddie McCarter**, who are expecting a baby (0419)
- The Nkwenti-Banks Family**, on their upcoming move to the Washington D. C. area (0427)
- The Ndingwan Family**, on their upcoming move to the Washington D.C. area (0419)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

Continued prayer concerns will be removed after three months. Please contact the church office to have them renewed or moved to enduring concerns.

- All of Covenant's Missionaries**
All who serve in the U.S. Military
Courtney and Ella Davis (0306)
Dixie Dysart (friend of Polly Williams) (0313)
Fred Gehle – At home (0404)
Sharon Griffin (Diane Griffin's sister-in-law) – upcoming surgery (0313)
Chester Huffman (Polly and Danny Williams son-in-law) – Cancer (0313)
Gloria Miller (friend of Sarah Colborn) (0310)
Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) – Bandon, OR (0310)
Jim Turnbull (Becky DeLecuona's uncle) – Anchorage (0327)
Cindy Wallerich, recovering from hip replacement surgery (0419)
Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) – Cancer treatme (0313)

ENDURING CONCERNS

- Dorris Andrews** (Elaine Lea's mother) – Brandon Wilde
Joe and Eunice Cook – Brandon Wilde
Bill Cornes – At home (0419)
Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde
Dan Freeman (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL
Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde
Erroll Hatcher – Adairsville, GA
Betty Johnston – At home
Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde
Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Moses' mother) – At home
Anita Parker (Joslyn Fields' cousin) – Beaufort, SC
Elizabeth Swink – At home
Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) – Lake Wales, FL
- And for all those whose names we hold in our hearts.

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Kathy Ordelt, Joyce Bowers, and Linda-Jean Jay. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org.

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Bingo Youth Fundraiser, April 12

