



Covenant Chimes



May 2022

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Minutes from Session

From Our Pastor

March 29, 2022

After a quorum was declared, Katelyn moderated the meeting with one elder excused and Treasurer Aubrey Moore and Music Director Lyn Patterson attending. After all the necessary motions were made and passed, Katelyn opened the meeting using the *Book of Order* W-5.0105 Christian Vocation: "We respond to God's grace through our Christian vocation." Katelyn asked elders to think about the fun things in their day, the trying things, where they went, and what they did and how all those were acts of worship. Members shared some of their actions and how they might have been acts of worship. Katelyn stated that the Session meeting was worship and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Consent Calendar consisting of minutes from Called Session meeting, February 25, 2022; Stated Session Meeting, February 26, 2022; and Called email meeting minutes, March 2, 2022, was approved.

The Clerk reported no building usage. Communion servers were needed for Sunday, April 3, 2022, and Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022. Five servers are needed to enable serving both the bread and juice at the same time. April 3: Vernon Barnes, Brock Daniels, Chris Terry and Judy Grieve volunteered.

(See "Session Minutes," page 2)

By now, you know that I am a big fan of the poet Mary Oliver. One of my favorite poems of hers is "When I Am Among the Trees." She writes,

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."



Oliver has such a beautiful connection with nature, and her poems are often reminders to me of how God speaks to us through nature. I love that last line with the trees' encouragement "to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine." In some ways, I believe that's what we're called to do as the church: to help make life a little easier for each other, to be filled with the love of Jesus, and to radiate God's goodness into the world.

This month's newsletter is filled with opportunities and invitations to do just those things, including celebrating our confirmands and graduates. There are fellowship and study offerings as well as a variety of ways you can serve others both within our congregation and beyond.

At the end of the month, we'll officially change our worship schedule to one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and I trust that our worship is just one more way that we go easy, are filled with light, and shine together.

Grace and peace,
Katelyn

YOU ARE INVITED!



Please join us for the Women In God's Service (WINGS) monthly gatherings. Our

next meeting will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday, May 17, in the parlor. We will conclude our Bible study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. There will be a video and discussion, followed by lunch from Jason's Deli. Further details about lunch will be provided later, via email. Please contact Cindy Wallerich or Kathy Ordelt with any questions.

Correction: In the last Chimes, Kathy Ordelt was shown being presented the Presbyterian Women (PW) Honorary Lifetime Member award by Cindy Wallerich, current PW Moderator. (Cindy herself is not a PW Honorary Lifetime Member.)

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: Sherry Nash

Church Secretary: Judy Strogonoff

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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

Andy will ask for a volunteer from the Diaconate. April 14: Steve Bell, Sarah Colborn, Charlotte Ealick, Dalton Cooper, and Chris Terry volunteered.

Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported that the church finances were doing well with a surplus in February of over \$9,000. The Preschool continues to have a surplus of over \$16,000 showing their good stewardship.

TASK FORCES

Open the Gates Task Force did not have any recommendations and would continue to monitor conditions.

Capital Campaign? Task Force recommended that Session implement a Capital Campaign.

Brock Daniels made the motion to create a Capital Campaign Task Force to develop a plan for and the implementation of the Capital Campaign. It was seconded and the motion passed. Chris Henry stated he would be the convener with Steve Bell, Aubrey Moore, Jim Buckalew, Judy Grieve, Katelyn and Andy having agreed to continue on the task force. Hubert vanTuyll made a motion to dismiss the Capital Campaign? Task Force with gratitude. This was seconded and passed.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Building and Grounds: Spring Workday April 23, 2022

Congregational Life: Chris Terry reported that Food Truck Friday returns April 22, 2022.

Education: Steve Bell asked Session member to fill out the Education survey to determine changes for Sunday School due to the change in the time of worship.

Mission: Vernon Barnes stated the Mission would be supporting the April 23 Workday for Earth Care Credits.

Sustainability: Chris Henry recommended to Session the approval of the revised Director of Music and Organist Job Description. This motion passed.

Worship: No report

DEACONS

Andy reported that all the Diaconate teams are busy caring for the Covenant family.

There was no Old Business or New Business.

CO-PASTORS REPORT

Andy stated that the recent memorial services had been most meaningful and showed him the love of the Covenant family for each other and others. He informed Session that he and Katelyn would be taking all the boys to Orlando to Harry Potter World the first days of April, returning to the office on Thursday April 7th. Katelyn reported that the Session would be hearing the Confirmands' faith statements at the next meeting.

Andy closed the meeting with prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Next stated session meeting is May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 12.

Christ is RISEN INDEED!

Judy Grieve,
Clerk

Education

EDUCATION

As we wrap up the 2021-2022 program year, the Education Ministry Team wants to say thank you to this year's Christian Education Leaders!

Adults: Steve Bell, Judy Grieve, Kathy Ordelt

Youth: Dana Johnson, Carrie Neill, Jeremy Tyler, Melissa Tyler

Children: Gail Baker, Ruby Banks, Lola Bell, Jean Dirksen, Lucyle Ferris, Ralph Gillies, and Deb Pittman

In honor of this year's Sunday School and small group leaders, the Education Ministry Team has purchased three new books for the church library: *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren, *To Light Their Way: A Collection of Prayers and Liturgies for Parents* by Kayla Craig, and *God's Big Plan* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Theodore Hiebert. The books will be on display after worship on the last Sunday of Sunday School, May 22, and they'll be available in the church library after that.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Preschool

Sundays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22
9:45-10:45 a.m. //
Room 4

This month, we're continuing to learn about different spiritual practices or things Christians do, like praying, listening to God, and living simply. All children ages three through kindergarten are welcome to join us!

May 1 – Embrace Simplicity

May 8 – Unplug

May 15 – Try New Spiritual Disciplines

May 22 – End of Year Fun!



Elementary

Sundays,
May 1, 8, 15, and 22
10:00-10:45 a.m. //
Room 103

We're continuing with our *Illustrated Earth* series, and this month we're talking about Bible stories that include plants and food! Here's our story schedule:

May 1 – Manna & Quail (Exodus 16)

May 8 – Feeding of the Five Thousand (Mark 6:31-44)

May 15 – Rest for the Land (Leviticus 25:1-7)

May 22 – Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-9)

Save the Date!

Compassion Camp for Covenant Kids!

Friday, June 24 and
Saturday, June 25

Mark your calendars for this fun and faithful opportunity for Covenant elementary kiddos! More info coming soon. (Parents, keep an eye on your email inbox!)

YOUTH MINISTRY

1st and 3rd Sunday Bible Study

Sundays, May 1 and May 15
3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Even though the season of Lent is over, we're continuing with our study of what it looks like to grow as disciples. So far we've learned about taking risks and gaining courage, and this month, we'll talk about being humble and being part of a Christian community. Join Katelyn and Dana for these conversations on Zoom.



2nd Sunday Service

Sunday, May 8

We're continuing a May tradition we started in youth ministry last year – serving our moms on the second Sunday of May! Since this day is also Mother's Day, we're going to follow Mother Teresa's advice: "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

Katelyn will be in touch earlier in the week with ideas for how you can serve your mom on Mother's Day, and we'll follow up as a group to see what each person did.

4th Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, May 22 // 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Katelyn & Andy's house

Come celebrate the end of the program year at Katelyn and Andy's house! We'll have yard games, snacks, and good music, and we'll have a lot of fun! Hope to see you there ☺

5th Sunday Sabbath

Sunday, May 29 – No youth group

CONFIRMATION



May is a busy month for our confirmands! Confirmation families, please be sure to put the following dates on your calendars!

Sunday, May 1 – Confirmation class; 10:00 a.m. // Youth Room

For our last session together, we'll be talking about the Christian practice of service. Faith is about what we believe, but it's also about what we do and Jesus is emphatic about the importance of serving others (especially people who have less than we do). We'll get to hear from people in our congregation who are faithful servants and talk about our experiences of serving others.

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Education

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Tuesday, May 3 – Meet with Session; 7:00 p.m. // Room 12 or via Zoom

Confirmands will meet with the elders to talk about their experiences and what they've learned during Confirmation.

Sunday, May 15 // Confirmation Sunday

We'll recognize and celebrate this year's class of Confirmands during the 11:00 a.m. service. Stay for a potluck lunch after worship for good food and fellowship!

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 22, 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/covgrad2022> or by calling the church office by May 16. Thank you!

ADULT

SALT and Choir (room 12)

All Covenant members are invited to participate in our adult Sunday School class each week at 9:45 AM in room 12. Our topic is an interesting and engaging book by Brian McLaren titled, *We Make the Road by Walking*. The book can help us explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Since the chapters are short, we will be reading and discussing them together in class.

For questions about adult classes, feel free to contact [Judy Grieve](#), [Steve Bell](#), or [Kathy Ordelt](#).

Easter Lilies



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

Gail Baker, in memory of A. Hinton Baker, Jr. and Jean & Conrad Smith

Steve & Lola Bell, in memory of Charlie & Shirley Parker; Grady & Wilma Bell

Nancy Carr, in memory of her great-grandson, Colton Ayerst Barker

The Conditt Daniels Family, in memory of The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Marion W. (Bonnie) Conditt, Lynda Warren, and in honor of Phyllis Daniels

James & Phoebe Crimmins, in memory of her mother Alma Lewis James

Courtney & Ella Davis, in memory of Joseph Hyatt Bell and in honor of Joe & Eunice Cook

Anne Ealick & Chris Henry, in memory of Mae Rodgers Cheeley and Fredrick John Ealick, Sr.

Marvin & Joslyn Fields, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Hubert (Sarah) Sanders, Jr., Rev. & Mrs. James (Madeline) Fields

Grace & Jeff Heck, in memory of Mr. Henry Bailey, Jr.; Dr. & Mrs. Henry Bailey; Mr. & Mrs. James Heck; and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Christen Medin, Nora, Patrick and Alexander Medin

Rebekah Henry Murphy, in memory of JoAnn Cheeley Ealick

Fran Mixon, in memory of Dr. K. Wayne Mixon and in honor of Phil Mixon and Eleanor Mixon Attwood

Lyn M. Patterson, in honor of Covenant's talented and faithful musicians Soli Deo Gloria!

Bobby & Angela Vernoy, in memory of their parents

Ann Williams Haywood & Susan Williams, in memory of Val & Don Williams



Congregational Life

MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

Tuesdays, May 10 and 24
12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for our twice-monthly gatherings for food, fellowship, study, and prayer. Mark your calendars for the second and fourth Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your own "brown bag" lunch, or pick up something on the way to the church. Andy will lead us in a study of the book *From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality* by Richard Rohr and Joseph Martos. You don't need to read the book to participate, but you are welcome to read it if you like.

LADIES FOR LUNCH

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Sol Food Kitchen in Surrey Center. 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.

FLOWER DELIVERY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

One of the wonderful changes we are seeing as more of the congregation gathers for worship on Sunday mornings is the increase of live flower arrangements in the sanctuary. This means that we have more opportunities to share the flowers with members who remain unable to come to worship in person. Congregational Life Ministry would like to invite members to join the team which take turns breaking down the large arrangements into several smaller ones and then delivering them for others to enjoy. This offers a great opportunity to visit with folks we no longer get to see on a regular basis. If you would like to join us in this ministry, please let the church office know or contact Martha Bertrand at mbertrand651@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Change of Cost

Please note the cost of flower arrangements has increased to \$125.



Our Flower Calendar is a meaningful way to show love and to glorify God. If you would like to donate flowers, check with Judy Stroganoff 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.



CHURCH PICNIC
on the LAWN
Sunday, May 15, 2022
at 12:15 p.m.
(after worship)

Bring a Covered Dish
to share.

Drinks and fried chicken
will be provided.

Let's celebrate being back
together!



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 AM Sunday School* 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room* 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:00 PM Prayer Action Team, Prayer Circle, Parlor 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom	2 Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	3 Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week 3:30 PM Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00 PM Confirmants Meet with Session, Room 12 or Zoom 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Room 12	4 Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	5 National Day of Prayer Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week 6:00 PM JuBELLation Ringers 7:15 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	6 Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week	7 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
8 Mother's Day Special Offering: Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Youth Ministry 2nd Sunday Service: Serving Mothers 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo*	9 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 5:30 PM Congregational Life Ministry Team 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Ministry Team, Fellowship Hall	10 11:30 AM Ladies for Lunch, Sol Food Kitchen, 471 Highland Ave. 12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Education Ministry Team, Room 104	11 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	12 6:00 PM JuBELLation Ringers 7:15 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	13 Last Day of Preschool 11:00 AM Preschool Kindergarten Graduation, Sanctuary	14 Northeast Georgia Presbytery Meeting 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
15 Confirmation Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:00 PM Prayer Action Team, Prayer Circle, Parlor 12:30 PM Church Picnic on Church Grounds 3:00 PM Youth Bible Study, Zoom	16 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 9:00 AM Preschool Teachers Post-Planning 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	17 9:00 AM Preschool Teachers Post-Planning 6:30 PM Sustainability Ministry Team, Zoom	18 9:00 AM Preschool Teachers Post-Planning 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Balcony	19 7:15 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	20	21 Fellowship Hall Floor Refinished 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
22 Graduation Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:15 PM Equal Exchange Coffee Sale, Narthex 12:30 PM Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor 3:00 PM Youth Ministry 4th Sunday Fellowship	23 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor	24 Election Day 12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	25 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room	26 4:00 PM Open the Gates Task Force, Zoom 7:15 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	27	28 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
29 9:15 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal* 10:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo*	30 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4

Building & Grounds

WORKDAY

Saturday, April 23

We had a successful workday with 17 volunteers on Saturday, April 23! Thank you to the Building and Grounds Ministry Team for putting this event together and to the following volunteers for their hard work: Chuck Baldwin; Andy Cooke; Dalton, Katie, and Charlotte Cooper; Brock Daniels; John Ealick; Ralph Gillies, Charles and LJ Jay; Carol Lapp; Aubrey Moore; Ruben and Maria Rivera; Chris and Charlie Terry; Bill Usry.

Below are some pictures from the workday.



Worship

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Covenant Family,

Our increasing numbers in worship hit a high with Easter Sunday on April 17. Maybe not a surprise, but it was great to see so many members and visitors in attendance. What a joy it was for us to be together.

It's wonderful to see Covenant gathered in community. That's one reason I'm looking forward to the start of our combined 10:00 a.m. worship beginning on May 29. No more missing certain friends because we attend one or the other Sunday morning service.

I'm also looking forward to seeing how programs and activities will form around the new worship hour. I imagine both the hour before and the

hour after worship will be prime times for education, rehearsals, meetings, prayer time or even quiet contemplation. (Some Sundays we may just skip out after worship and beat the crowd to lunch!)

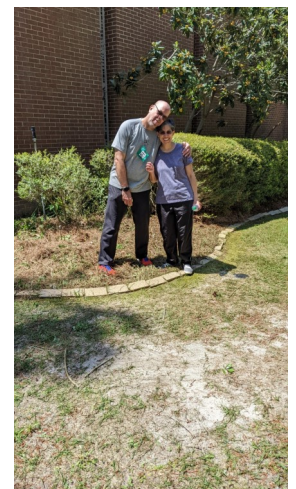
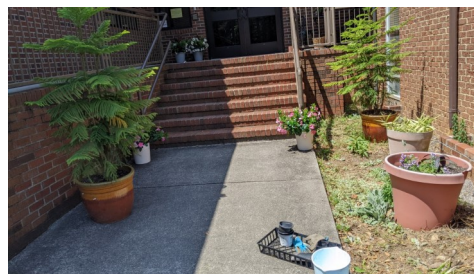
There is the practical matter of getting used to the change to our Sunday morning routine. Few of us like change. But I know we will get through it. Doesn't it seem spiritual somehow that we would follow God's leading to try something new? And then be open to yet unknown joys and benefits may result?

I look forward to seeing everyone in worship at 10:00 a.m. on May 29!

Brock Daniels,
Worship Chair

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 4. If you would like to sing with the Covenant Summer Choir during the summer months, please join us in the balcony at 9:15a.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.



UPDATE FROM GAP MINISTRIES



The GAP Ministries items of the month for May are toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Now that we are all travelling again, please remember that GAP can use the toiletries provided by hotels in the rooms if you don't need to use them. Stick a ziplock bag in your suitcase to collect them as you go.

GAP is a member of the Amazon Smile program and you can help out every time you buy something from Amazon. Just go in through this webpage smile.amazon.com and pick GAP Ministries of Augusta as your charity. Amazon will remember your selection so that whenever you purchase through this page a portion will go to GAP.

Blessings,
Mary

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE



Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, May 22.

Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next turn to host Family Promise will be Sunday, June 26 through Sunday, July 3. There are many ways to help like setting up rooms, bringing dinner, staying overnight and a lot of just “being present” (which is a simple yet foundational part of our Christian walk). Sign-up sheets will appear soon near the Gathering area and the main Sanctuary entrance. Whether you have participated many times or feel newly called, you will find this a rewarding experience.

Chuck Baldwin,
(706-339-1506)
Family Promise Coordinator

2022 CARING HANDS

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day



Caring Hands
Offering

Our church joins with more than 200 Presbyterian congregations throughout Georgia as we remember our older sisters and brothers who are residents at Presbyterian Homes of Georgia with our gifts to the *Caring Hands Fund*. This fund provides nursing care and other support for more than 400 of this ministry's most vulnerable residents who have outlived their financial resources and now depend on us for a significant portion of their care. For 71 years, the generosity of our churches has enabled Presbyterian Homes of Georgia to keep its promise to never turn away any of their residents because they have outlived their financial resources.



It's been a great year at Covenant Preschool and Children's Day Out! We've celebrated the school's 60th anniversary, had two fun spirit weeks, gone on virtual field trips, worshiped at weekly chapel services, made good friends, and learned a whole lot! I'm grateful for the staff, families, and children, and I'm grateful too for the many ways the church supports the preschool. Thank you.

This month, we're finishing the year with Teacher Appreciation Week from May 2 through 6, and end-of-year and graduation fun on Friday, May 13. We're proud of the seven kindergarteners who will graduate this year (including Covenant's own Ellie Petkas!) and the 57 other children who have been part of our Covenant family this year.

Registration continues to be open for next year, and we're happy to give a tour of the school for anyone who's interested. Visit the preschool website to let us know of your interest or to begin the registration process for next year.

Thanks again, and have a wonderful summer!

Peace,
Katelyn

Church Member Profiles

PHILIP MIXON

I was born in Columbia, South Carolina and grew up in various places in the South, mainly Macon. I have gotten my education in public institutions my whole life, finishing with my B.A. here at Augusta (State) University in 2003. I was a history major the whole time—I never switched majors—for three reasons: it rarely required a calculator, I was exposed to it growing up—(my father was a history professor)—and I liked it.

Soon after my family moved to Augusta from Macon in 1996, I took on a part-time job at the ASU library. I'd had similar posts at libraries before, but in this job I had to learn about acquisitions, which I liked because I didn't have to deal with collegiate patrons.

I had to leave this employ sooner than I wanted and against my will. Somehow, beyond my comprehension and without provocation, I fell into disfavor with two Amazon warriors posing as librarians. I was coerced into resigning immediately.

As to sports and hobbies, I played more than one as a youngster, and tinkered with many. Two have lasted until now: reading and the idiot box, (although as time passes, I seem to be doing more of the latter).

When I was a kid, my favorite vacation destination was—you guessed it--THE BEACH. But as I got older, even that changed somewhat. Now I would rather visit the mountains, especially in the autumn. Someone would be hard pressed to find a more beautiful scene than Appalachia when the leaves are at their peak of color.

My parents both joined Covenant soon after we moved to Augusta. I didn't even attend church, mainly because of ecclesiastical inertia. I stopped going to church regularly after I got to UGA, and it just stayed that way. In August of 2020, my father, Wayne Mixon, passed away, and after COVID had somewhat faded from public attention, my mother resumed attending Covenant—by herself. I told myself, this is wrong and looks strange. So, after driving by Covenant Presbyterian Church countless times, I finally stepped foot in it, and developed a pleasant habit of attending church with Mom. It wasn't long, as you might guess, before she suggested I JOIN, so I requested the church authorities to transfer my membership by letter from my previous church in Macon. The elders in meeting approved my admission into Covenant swiftly and didn't even ask me if I was a smoker.

Phil Mixon

ELIZABETH BAKER HAGERMAN (LIZ)

My parents were already members of Covenant when I was born (my mother since she was a young teen), so I have been a member of Covenant for over 50 years. My parents are Hinton (now deceased) and Gail Baker and grandparents Jean and Conrad Smith (deceased) were also members of Covenant. I have a younger brother Hinton Baker and two daughters who grew up in this church, Hannah Weckel Kennedy and Melody Weckel Confer.

I was baptized in this church as a baby and confirmed here as a teen. I greatly enjoyed Sunday School, VBS and church camp, and especially Montreat Youth Conference. I went to Montreat five summers. I worked as a Sunday School teacher and VBS teacher as a young adult and also worked at Covenant Weekday School and Summer Fun.

Our family has always had another family, our church family, that we treasured. I have appreciated my church family for many years. I have loved the church picnics, church retreats, Wednesday night dinners and programs.

I currently live in Blythe, GA with my new husband, Sascha Hagerman, and his daughters (mine now, too), Madison and Makenzie. We were married last year and were honored to have Katelyn Gordon Cooke officiate.

Liz B. Hagerman



COMING THIS SUMMER:



Lemonade on the Lawn

We're doing something new this summer!

Each week, we'll have Lemonade on the Lawn as part of our fellowship time after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We'll also have a table with a rotating focus set up outside, and you'll have an opportunity to learn about some of our mission efforts, to pray together, to get to know each other, and to sing together throughout the summer.

We're looking for folks to volunteer to set up, serve, and clean up each Sunday from 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. Supplies and instructions will be available and labeled in the parlor kitchen for volunteers. If you're willing to serve one Sunday, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CPCLEmonade> for more information and to sign up. Thank you so much!

Prayer Action Team

HELP US TO PRAY

The deacon Prayer Action Team is looking for members of the congregation to join us in weekly prayer. We need a small group of dedicated people who covenant together to pray for the congregation weekly, including both the public prayer list and occasional confidential prayer concerns. Prayer team members will receive a weekly email to guide them. The prayer team may also meet in person from time to time and lead prayer events for the congregation. If you are interested, then please contact Dana Johnson at bugsydc2005@hotmail.com.



May Worship Schedule

USHERS

5/1: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby
5/8: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry
5/15: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,
Lucyle Ferris,
Fidelis Ndingwan
5/22: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
5/29: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby

LITURGIST/READER

AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

5/1: Charlie Terry
5/8: Beverly Dorn
5/15: Pat Ritter
5/22: Fidelis Ndingwan
5/29: Lindsay Kircher

PREACHER

5/1: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
5/8: Andy Cooke
5/15: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
5/22: Andy Cooke
5/29: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

5/1: Kadie Cheeks and
Kathryn Crandall
5/8: Jim Crimmins
5/15: Fred and Jane Gehle
5/22: Lindsay Kircher
5/29: Buddy Simpson

A/V TEAM

Steve Bell, Terry Bowers, John
Ealick, Charles Jay

COORDINATORS

Lindsay Kircher, *Greeter
Coordinator*
John Ealick, *A/V Team Coordinator*
Chris Henry, *Usher Coordinator*
Kaye Petkas, *Liturgist/Reader
Coordinator*

Prayer Concerns



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Gail Baker – Recovering from
recent surgery (0421)
Jordan & Kristine Lea (Elaine &
Jimmy Lea's son and daughter-
in-law) - Deployed, Jordan to
Germany and Kristine to Poland
(0418)
Charlie Terry – Recovering from
dental surgery (0421)
Verna Wilder and Family (New
visitors) (0419)

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

All of Covenant's **Missionaries**
All who serve in the **U.S. Military**
Wanda Butler (friend of Angela and
Bob Vernoy) – Lincolnton, GA
(0304)
Joe and Eunice Cook – Joe's recent
surgery (0303)
William Davis – At home (0131)
Leonard Lewis (friend of Angela
and Bob Vernoy) – Washington,
GA (0304)
Cameron Lokey (friend of Joan
Lancaster) – Bike accident with
serious injuries (1231)
Bebe Raymer (Beth Ashmore's
daughter) – Recent Surgery
Nashville, TN (0216)
Lois Reynolds – Appling, GA
(0728)
David Rhoades – Recent Surgery
(0322)
Rosalie Segin (friend of the Rhoades
family) (0202)
Kenneth Ziegler (friend of Wanda
Pittman) (1103)

ENDURING CONCERNS

Dorris Andrews (Elaine Lea's
mother) – Brandon Wilde
Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde
Lois Davis – Kentwood
Anne Degrazia – Alpharetta, GA
Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde
Betty Johnston – Brandon Wilde
Larry Lutcher – Brandon Wilde
Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde
Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell
Moses' mother) – At home
Andy McCraw – At home (1111)
Anita Parker (Joslyn Field's cousin)
– Beauford, SC
Elizabeth Swink – At home
Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) –
Lake Wales, FL
Don Yost (Pat Ritter's father) – At
home (1112)

**And for all those whose names we
hold in our hearts.**

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Lindsay Kircher, Deb Pittman, and Dana Johnson. To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at jestrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org.

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