

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • November 2023

Extra! Extra!

Fellowship Event

Sunday, November 12, 2023

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Covenant members of all ages are invited to a special fellowship event to celebrate God's good news story and this year's stewardship campaign!

Join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee and donuts (everyone's favorites to go along with the newspaper!) and some opportunities to learn about some of the good news stories happening at Covenant as well as the chance to share your own good news story. We hope you'll be there!

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 Administrator:

Rachel Gregory

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

From Our Pastor

“That sounds like a good news story to me.”

That's what Susan Monk said during the first Stewardship Task Force meeting back in September. She was talking about the fact that we've paid an additional \$100,000 toward our mortgage this year (which is fantastic news!), but she could've been talking about any number of things happening at Covenant.

It's a good news story that we get to come together every week on Sunday to worship God.

It's a good news story that we've welcomed seven new members so far this year and will welcome three more this month.

It's a good news story that our new sanctuary HVAC unit not only works better but is also environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient.

It's a good news story that Covenant Preschool and Children's Day Out provides a safe space to grow and learn for 63 children between the ages of three months and five years old.

If you were to open your Bible to the first page of one of the gospels, you might find a heading across the top of the page that reads, “The Good News according to Matthew” (or Mark, Luke, or John). By definition, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always and ultimately a good news story. It is good news that God loves all people. It is good news that there are enough resources – food, water, clothing, shelter – for all people. It is good news that God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ and gave us a living example of what grace, forgiveness, and justice look like.

Everything we do as a community of faith – worship, study, serve, pray, sing – is part of God's larger good news story for the world. What a blessing it is to be part of the story that God is writing here through Covenant!

Grace and peace,
Katelyn

Clerk's Corner

October 3, 2023 Session Meeting

Building usage request:

- Angela Hobby, Alpha Delta Kappa, Fellowship Hall, March 23, 2024.
- Cindy Wallerich, CWU, Fellowship Hall, November 18, 2023.
- Alexandra Dennis, Playground, September 16, 2023.

Membership: New members:

- Jimmy Carson, Symmes Johnson, and Brian Bauereiss.

Diaconate: Fred Gehle resigned from the Diaconate in September 2023.

Questionnaire from Northeast Georgia Presbytery V-26

Collaborative discussion:

- Judy will compile answers and send to the Collaborative.
- Communion servers: November 5, 2023
- Judy Grieve, Aubrey Moore, and Susan Monk.

Four Commissioners for October 24, 2023, Presbytery meeting First Presbyterian of Cornelia.

- Judy Grieve, William Davis. Judy will look for two more.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Aubrey Moore reported that September 2023 Covenant budget figures showed a surplus of \$18,172.23.
- Aubrey shared the Sustainability has sent another \$25,000 mortgage payment to PILP, making the total sent this year \$100,000.
- Preschool budget figures for September 2023 were not available for the meeting. Aubrey will send out church and preschool finances when he has them.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Judy Grieve, Clerk of Session

WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

All women are invited to the 2023-2024 monthly meetings of WINGS. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 7. This year's study book is *Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We will discuss lesson three at our November meeting. Please join us as we fellowship with each other and learn more about Christ.

Save the Date: PW Christmas Lunch will be in the fellowship hall at Covenant on December 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Third Quarter Financial Report

Covenant Presbyterian Church			
3rd Quarter Financial Report - January 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023			
With 75% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects revenue performance to date.			
Revenues	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Goal ≥ 75%
Income Accounts			
Pledges	\$ 382,840.45	\$ 480,000.00	79.8%
Non-Pledge Gifts	30,548.00	58,300.00	52.4%
Loose Plate Offering	2,566.00	1,450.00	177.0%
Interest, Checking	116.24	100.00	116.2%
Interest, Prime Savings	253.27	75.00	337.7%
Processing Costs Revenue	636.58	1,000.00	63.7%
Rent/Facilities Use	3,429.00	5,400.00	63.5%
Total Income Accounts	\$ 420,389.54	\$ 546,325.00	76.9%
Designated Funds Transfers			
Transfers from Bldg. Fund	16,002.99	21,337.36	75.0%
Transfers from Carryover Surplus	7,555.05	10,073.36	75.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 443,947.58	\$ 577,735.72	76.8%
With 75% of the fiscal year complete, the chart below reflects expense performance to date.			
Expenses	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	Goal ≤ 75%
Ministry Teams			
Building & Grounds	\$ 141,283.21	\$ 177,249.00	79.7%
Congregational Life	1,629.06	2,000.00	81.5%
Education	5,268.68	13,450.00	39.2%
Mission	30,018.84	41,200.00	72.9%
Sustainability	242,150.75	332,036.72	72.9%
Worship	5,424.81	11,800.00	46.0%
Total Expenses	\$ 425,775.35	\$ 577,735.72	73.7%
Net Total	\$ 18,172.23	\$ -	3.1%
Portion of Building & Grounds expense attributable to mortgage.			
Church Mortgage	\$ 53,413.38	\$ 71,218.00	75.0%
Additional payments to principle on mortgage loan balannce from Home Improvement Plan \$100,000.00			

Building & Grounds Workday

Our next workday is scheduled for November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be fixing, cleaning, and organizing areas in and around the church. Everyone is welcome to come and help out regardless of age, experience, or ability. We will grill out for lunch after we finish working at 12:00 p.m.

Treats for Troops

Covenant Presbyterian Women will be collecting individually packaged treats to make 300 snack bags for soldiers at Fort Gordon who will be traveling home for the holidays. Please consider donating individually packaged food items, such as cheese, crackers, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, pretzels, and candy. Place your items in the boxes that will be in front of the office from November 12 to November 29. Thanks so much to all who have supported this mission in the past.

Welcome New Member



Jimmy Carson is a lifelong Augustan, born in 1953. He attended local schools, graduating from Richmond Academy in 1971. He went on to attend The Citadel, graduating in 1975.

Jimmy retired after 45 years in the Building Materials business. His last position was Georgia Market Manager for Lafarge-Holcim, the largest manufacturer/distributor of cement in the world.

Jimmy is married to Becky Carson. They have one daughter, a granddaughter, and son in law who live in Raleigh.

Jimmy spent over 12 years working with the Make a Wish Foundation as a wish volunteer and as Chairman of their Augusta Advisory Board.

Jimmy's passion is anything on the water. He is an accomplished scuba diver, having dove throughout the Caribbean Islands and the South Pacific. He grew up on boats and has cruised most area lakes and rivers, as well as travelled the Intracoastal Waterway from South Florida to the Chesapeake Bay.

When not on the boat, he is contented traveling the waterways in his kayak, fishing, and practicing to be a Gentleman Farmer.

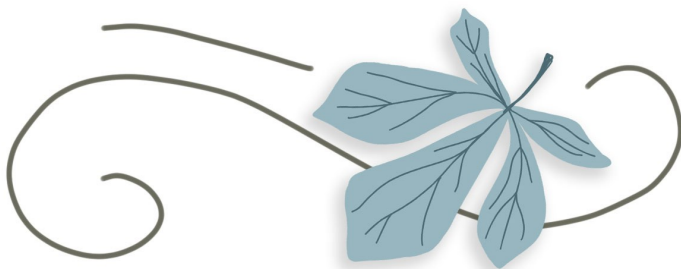
Church Member Profiles

Since beginning the Profile Project just over ten years ago, approximately 150 Covenant members have written or were assisted in writing their profiles for publication in the Chimes. I would now encourage long-serving church members who have not yet participated to now write their profile or be helped to do so and then be included in the continuing project. In addition, new members should participate now since it will be an excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to the congregation.

If you need help in writing your story, please contact me or Rachel at the church office for an email copy of a profile written earlier. Length should be approximately 300 to 400 words to fill a column in an upcoming issue of the Chimes.

Please call me at 706-738-8242 for help and to confirm that you will write your story for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the Chimes.

Fred Gehle, Profile Project Coordinator



Emmaus Class

Sunday Mornings at 11:15 a.m.
Room 12

Leaders: Karla Conditt Daniels and
Katelyn Gordon Cooke

The Emmaus class will begin the month on November 5 with Dalton and Katie Cooper facilitating the discussion time. On November 12 we will join the congregation for our Extra! Extra! Event in the Fellowship Hall. The last two Sundays of the month we will continue to explore Christ's call to faithful living in our complex and complicated world.

We welcome others to join the circle and the ongoing conversation.

Coffee and Conversation

Gathering Area by the Fellowship
Hall Kitchen

You've already come to worship, so stay after the service for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. Join other 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!



Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on November 4, at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

November 4 is also a building and grounds workday, and everyone is welcome to stay and help.

SALT

Adult SALT

(Sharing and Learning Together)

11:15 a.m. in Room 7

November Classes

On November 5, Andy will complete our current series entitled *The Origin of the Bible*. Our final class is entitled "The Transmission of Scripture." It's never too late to join us as each class can stand alone.

Starting November 12, we will be exploring an eight-week series by author Megan Fate Marshman entitled *John: Believe I Am*. Using class videos and discussions, we'll explore Christ's seven "I am" statements in the book of John. The study will help us get to know Jesus in a more meaningful and intimate way. Anyone interested in purchasing a book can find it at [John: Believe I Am](#).

All adults are invited to join us!

Advent Workshop

Save-the-Date

Sunday, December 3

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



Covenant members and friends of all ages are invited to an Advent Workshop on the first Sunday of

Advent. You'll have the opportunity to make an Advent wreath for your family and other crafts. Join us for fun, fellowship, and food in the Fellowship Hall. The Education Ministry Team is hosting this event, and all are welcome!

Please note: Sunday school classes will not meet on December 3.

Advent Devotional

The liturgical season of Advent is all about getting ready for the coming of the Christ Child, and, believe it or not, we're now in the process of getting ready for Advent!

This year, the Education Ministry Team is inviting Covenant members and friends to help create the church-wide Advent devotional. We're looking for people to write reflections on lectionary Scripture passages; to share songs and images that remind them of hope, peace, joy, and love; and to share their experiences of hope, peace, joy, and love in their own lives.

You can read more about what's involved with this project and sign up to write a reflection for a particular day in Advent by visiting the Sign-Up Genius at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CPCAdvent23>



Children

Preschool

Children in kindergarten and younger

Room 2

Each week, teachers share a brief Bible story, prayer, and activity with the preschoolers for the first 10-15 minutes of the faith formation time starting at 11:15 a.m. November is all about gratitude, and we'll be reading Bible stories about people who said thank you to God!

Elementary School

1st-5th Graders

Room 103

Sunday, November 26

Elementary Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and we're excited to spend some time together! This month, we're focusing on gratitude and why it's good to say thank you to God!

Youth

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sunday mornings // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rooms 203 and 204

One of the first things we learn in Scripture is that people are made in the image of God. It follows, then, that we can learn more about ourselves by learning about God and vice versa. Our theme for this fall's small group discussions is "**Knowing God, Knowing Yourself**," and each week we'll explore different ways we can get to know God and ourselves.

Over the next few months, we'll learn about God through Scripture, prayer, and community, and we'll learn about ourselves through conversation and reflection, personality instruments like the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, and spiritual gifts inventories. Knowing about God and knowing about ourselves helps us to live more faithfully in our day-to-day lives.

Second Sunday Saturday Service

Saturday, November 11, 2023 // 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Did you know that Covenant members deliver Meals on Wheels for several individuals and families in the Augusta area?

This month, we'll get to be part of this important ministry! We'll meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to prepare the meals, and then we'll join some of the usual Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver the meals. We'll be back at the church by noon, and we'll have started our Saturday by getting to know some of our neighbors and serving them in a meaningful way. Katelyn will be in touch with more information as the date gets closer.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Advent Prep & Reindeer Games // Sunday, November 26 // 12:00-1:30 p.m.

It's time for one of our favorite annual events where we help get the sanctuary ready for Advent! After Sunday morning small groups, we'll have lunch together and then help assemble the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary. After that, we'll hang out in the youth room and play games. Bring your favorite game to share with the group!

Knowing
God
Knowing
Yourself

Preschool

We ended the month of October with one of our favorite events of the year: Halloween Fun! Students wore their costumes to school, and parent volunteers shared some silly spooky Halloween stories with us. The children also got to trick-or-treat down the preschool hallways, and everyone had a great time!

In November, we're getting ready for Thanksgiving by focusing on gratitude. Our weekly chapel Bible stories are about people who wanted to say thank you to God. We're also learning some Thanksgiving songs, including one of my favorites called "A Turkey Is a Silly Bird." Here are the words: "A turkey is a silly bird. Its head goes wobble wobble. A turkey knows only one word: 'Gobble, gobble, gobble!'" It makes for some great entertainment at Thanksgiving dinner.

As always, we are grateful for the Covenant community and your support!

Peace,

Katelyn Gordon Cooke

Congregational Nominating Committee Report

Elder Class of 2027



Elaine Lea and her husband, Jimmy, have attend Covenant for 30 years. They have always been grateful to Covenant for helping them

raise their three children Hannah, Jessie and Jordan. Elaine has worked in the clinical pathology department of MCG for 30 years. She has enjoyed serving at Covenant in many ways through the years and has grown spiritually thanks to her church family. Elaine is thankful for the constant support Covenant gives to GAP Ministries.

Amelia Hall

grew up in Natchitoches, LA, and then attended Georgetown University for her undergraduate degree and Cornell University for her PhD in English. Amelia moved to Augusta in July 2020 and now works at Augusta University as a Lecturer in English. In her free time Amelia enjoys wildlife photography, birdwatching, and training her three pet parrots.



Robert Vernoy

was born and raised in Anderson, South Carolina. As a child and young adult, he was a member of the Associate Reform/Young Memorial Presbyterian Church in Anderson.

Bobby was inducted into the United States Army in 1966.

He spent two years in the United States Army and was stationed in Vietnam for 18 months.

After leaving the army he joined Flour Daniel in 1968 as a Project Engineer, Engineering Manager, and Project Manager on numerous projects in the United States and Canada. He left Flour in 1998 to join Lockwood Green/CH2M Hill in the Engineering and Construction division. During his work history he was involved in projects as Construction Manager in the United States which took him to Germany and Afghanistan. He served 44 years in the Engineering and Construction Industry, retiring in 2012.

He and his wife, Angela, of 53 years moved to Augusta in 1981 and joined Covenant Presbyterian Church. Bobby and Angela have two girls, Lauren and Morgan, who were baptized at Covenant by Rev. Reagan in 1985 and 1990. Lauren resides in Bluffton, S.C., and Morgan in Augusta. Bobby and Angela are the proud grandparents of two grandsons, Jacob and Jackson Stickney, Morgan's children.

Bobby enjoys fishing, hunting, and traveling in his retirement. Bob and Angela are enjoying being reunited at Covenant and beginning to meet so many wonderful people in the church. If elected, he would be honored to serve.



Anne Ealick Henry

is the eldest child of the late Joe Ann Cheeley Ealick and Frederick John Ealick. Anne is a cradle Presbyterian and married to Chris Henry. They are the proud parents of Dr. Elizabeth Egan Henry, Rebekah Henry Murphy and Christopher Andrew Henry who are alumnae of Georgia Institute of Technology. Chris and Anne have three grandchildren, Henry, Eleanor, and William.

For over forty years, Anne was a leader in the field of child abuse and sexual assault services and prevention in the greater Augusta community. An Augusta native, she earned her Bachelor's in Psychology from Augusta College, then began her career at the Department of Child and Family Services. In her career she has held the positions of Director of Help Line, a service of United Way; Executive Director for Child Enrichment, Inc., the Shelter for Abused Children; and a Mental Health Professional at Augusta Area Community Mental Health Center until she returned to Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services, a program of University Healthcare System in 1997 for a second tenure as the Director. She has served on numerous boards at the local and state level and as an Elder and personnel committee member at Covenant Presbyterian Church, USA.

Anne Ealick Henry dedicated her life's work to creating a CSRA free from sexual violence. As a "good and faithful servant" to this cause, she worked selflessly and tirelessly to advocate for the rights of children, women, and men in our community, worked toward the prevention of sexual violence and assault, and to fund and provide quality, comprehensive and critical services for all victims of these horrific crimes. Now retired she is busy renovating a 100-year-old bungalow and spending time with her family.



Congregational Nominating Committee Report

Deacon Class of 2027



Kadie Cheeks joined Covenant Presbyterian in 2021 after attending for 2 years prior to COVID. She and Kathryn were married by Pastor Andy and have since become more involved in church life. They love greeting, spending time with everyone, and getting to know our Emmaus community better as well. Kadie has worked as a veterinarian at St. Francis Animal Hospital, and in her spare time they scuba dive, hike, kayak, and do pretty much anything to enjoy God's creation!



Julie Usry was born in Flint, MI and lived there until she joined the Army at 18. Bill/Wes and

Julie met and got married in Ovid, New York, where they were both stationed in the Army. They share two sons, who both live in the Augusta area. In her blended family they have 8 grandkids.

Julie started visiting Covenant around 2006 and felt very welcomed and at home. Bill/Wes and Julie joined the Church in 2019. She has been involved with GAP Ministries since 2010, which is a great passion of hers. Through many Bible study classes she has learned so much and met many good friends and mentors. Also, Julie has been actively involved with Presbyterian Woman for many years, serving in several positions on the Northeast Georgia Presbytery coordinating team.



Claire Welborn Hancock is an Augusta native who has been a Christian since childhood. She and her husband, Eddie, started attending Covenant in 2022 after being away from a church home for a few years. She has a four year old son named Elliott who she loves to spend time with. She works in sales at Windsor Fine Jewelers. When she's not at work or spending time with family she likes to read, listen to podcasts, and has recently gotten back into drawing.

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19 at the conclusion of the worship service (approximately 11:00 a.m.) for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee and electing elders, deacons, and members of the Congregational Nominating Committee itself. This is an open meeting, but only members of the congregation may vote.

Nominating Committee



Chris Terry arrived in Augusta in 1998 and began working as a mathematics professor at Augusta State University (now Augusta University). A few months after arriving, he joined Covenant. Chris has served as an elder and as a deacon and on the Mission and Congregational Life ministry teams. He delivers meals on wheels, sings tenor in the choir, and is a member of the *Ensembells*. Chris and his wife Vickie were married at Covenant in 2000. They have a son, Charlie, who was baptized at Covenant.



Jodi Huff has been a member of Covenant since the early 1990s. She grew up in a military

family. She graduated from Presbyterian College and shortly after moved to Augusta with her husband Joe. At Covenant, she has served as an Elder, been a youth leader, taught Sunday school, and been a member of Women of the Church. Jodi and Joe have 3 children. Jodi is the Administrator at GAP Ministries.

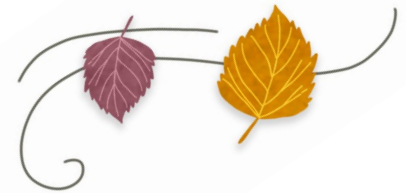


November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Kirklin' O' the Jarans Sunday</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service*</p> <p>11:15am Sunday School*</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p> <p>5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>9:15am Preschool Halloween Fun, Room 12</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary</p> <p>7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm Jubilation Rings</p> <p>7:00pm Stewardship Task Force, Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Veterans Day-Preschool Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:00am Building and Grounds Workday</p> <p>10:00am Meals on Wheels</p> <p>1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>10:00am Communion Worship Service*</p> <p>11:15am Sunday School*</p> <p>2:30pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground</p> <p>4:30pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p> <p>5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor</p>	<p>7</p> <p>General and Special Elections, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room 7</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p> <p>3:30pm Communion at Brandon Wilde</p> <p>7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Parlor</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary</p> <p>1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room</p> <p>7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Conference</p> <p>12:30pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground</p> <p>6:00pm Jubilation Rings</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Veterans Day-Preschool Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>9:30am Youth, Second Saturday Service</p> <p>10:00am Meals on Wheels</p> <p>1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service*</p> <p>11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale*</p> <p>11:15am Extral Event, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Preschool Spirit Week</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p> <p>5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor</p> <p>6:30pm Building and Grounds Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Preschool Spirit Week</p> <p>8:45am PW Coordinating Team, Room 104</p> <p>10:00am PW Wings Meeting, Room 7</p> <p>11:30am Ladies for Lunch, Olivianas</p> <p>12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>12:45pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym</p> <p>4:00pm Education Ministry Team, Room 104</p> <p>6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Preschool Spirit Week</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:30pm BINGO Night, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Preschool Spirit Week</p> <p>1:15pm Preschool Staff Meeting, Room 7</p> <p>6:00pm Jubilation Rings</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Preschool Spirit Week</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Church Women United Meeting/Program, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:00am Meals on Wheels</p> <p>1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Special Offering: Thornwell Offering</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service*</p> <p>11:00am Called Congregational Meeting</p> <p>11:15am Sunday School*</p>	<p>20</p> <p>COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE</p> <p>Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</p> <p>5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday - No School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Meals on Wheels</p> <p>1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Advent Preparations, Sanctuary</p> <p>9:45am Called Session Meeting, Parlor</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service*</p> <p>11:15am Sunday School*</p> <p>12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor</p> <p>12:15pm Youth Fellowship Time</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary</p> <p>1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room</p> <p>7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Jubilation Rings</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:00am Approved Birthday Party, Playground</p> <p>10:00am Meals on Wheels</p> <p>1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104</p>

November Spotlight

Each month we'll share a few fun facts about current officers and/or Covenant Staff.



Getting to know
Lindsay Kircher,
Deacon

A few fun facts about Lindsay:

- I have been a vegetarian for 24 years.
- I have 3 dogs and 3 cats.
- My favorite place I have visited (so far) is Greystones, Ireland.



Getting to know
Judy Grieve,
Elder

A few fun facts about Judy:

- *"This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24 is my favorite Bible verse.
- My favorite place I have visited was the underwater world off Guantanamo Bay.
- I spent my junior year in college with Georgetown University attending University of Madrid.



On October 7, nine members of Covenant ran the Fire 5K together at Evans Town Center. Everyone finished and we had a great time together!

World Communion Sunday Potluck // October 1, 2023



Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Oliviana's, 399 Highland Avenue. 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 Brownbag Lunch

Join us on Tuesday, November 14 at noon in the fellowship hall when Chuck Baldwin will share the history of how of the Kings James Bible came to be.

On Tuesday, November 28, there is an opening if anyone would like to volunteer to lead our devotional.

Men's Brownbag Lunch meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring your own lunch and join us if you can!

Bingo Night

The Congregational Life Ministry Team invites you to join us for a BINGO NIGHT!

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be provided, and all are welcome!

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BINGO night

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NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Vivian Silver, who was kidnapped by Hamas from Kibbutz Nahal Oz in Israel. She is friend of a Robyn Dudley, a volunteer at GAP (1023)
Diane Griffin – accident followed by surgery on her ankle and leg (1024)

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

Miriam Morrison (Friend of Lyn Patterson) - on the death of her husband (1018)

Charmaine Angwafo, who has moved back to Cameroon for a new job (1018)

Priscilla Gilman - hospitalized for arrhythmia in Aurora, CO (1018)

Tom Fickling (Friend of Angela and Bobby Vernoy) (1019)

Celina (preschool teacher) and **Kodi Alexander** on the birth of their son Elijah James (0930)

Sheri Pauer (daughter of Connie and Fred Pauer) - WI (1002)

Polly Hendrix (Aunt of Angela Hobby) - Nashville, GA (0926)

Kathy and Don Widener (Friend of Sarah Colborn) - Kathy is recovering from colon cancer (0918)

Lori Rogers - Breast cancer surgery (0823)

Bebe Raymer (Daughter of Beth Ashmore) - Oral Surgery (0803)

James Golden (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) - Morgan, GA (0725)

Charles Teffeteller (Friend of Angela & Bobby Vernoy) - Birmingham, AL (0725)

Fred Gehle – At home (0906)

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 rgregory@covenantaugusta.org. The prayer team will pray for these and other confidential/unlisted prayer concerns on a weekly basis. To add a confidential/unlisted prayer concern, please contact a pastor or a deacon.

Sam and Maddie McCarter, who are expecting a baby (0419)

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) – Bandon, OR (0901)

Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) – Cancer treatment (0901)

ENDURING CONCERNS

Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde

Dorris Andrews (Elaine Lea's mother) – Brandon Wilde

Joe and Eunice Cook – Brandon Wilde

Bill Cornes – At home

Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde

Dan Freeman (Kaye Petkas' brother) – Winter Park, FL

Erroll Hatcher – Adairsville, GA

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

Danny Williams – Benton House



We often offer prayers of gratitude for God's presence in our lives and for the many blessings we receive each day. If you ever find it hard to express your thankfulness, try praying scripture verses like [Psalm 145](#) or the words of a hymn like [Amazing Grace](#).

This quote may also help:

“In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without heart.” - *Mahatma Gandhi*

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team
Joyce Bowers, LJ Jay, and
Kathy Ordelt

November Worship Schedule

PREACHER

11/5: Andy Cooke
11/12: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
11/19: Andy Cooke
11/26: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

11/5: Gail Baker
11/12: Lola Bell
11/19: Jimmy Carson
11/26: Kadie Cheeks & Kathryn Crandall

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

11/5: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Ruben Rivera
11/12: Jim Buckalew, Jim Crimmins, William Davis, Jimmy Lea, Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry
11/19: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp, Lucyle Ferris, Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
11/26: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry, Ruth Mayhall, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry

LITURGIST/READER

AT 10:00 AM SERVICE

11/5: Audrey Baldwin
11/12: Steve Bell
11/19: Mac Hobby
11/26: Chuck Baldwin

COORDINATORS

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

Home Communion

Covenant deacons will be serving communion to homebound church members on Sunday, November 5 after 10:00 a.m. If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

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Mission

GAP ITEM OF THE MONTH

The GAP items of the month November is stuffing mix (type which only needs water added). 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

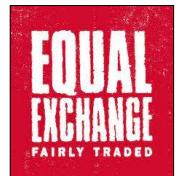
January: Hot chocolate
February: Canned pork and beans
March: Canned chicken or ham
April: Boxes of cereal
May: Toothbrushes & toothpaste
June: Deodorant
July: Canned fruit
August: Canned pork and beans
September: Canned soup
October: Instant grits or oatmeal (Individual packets)
November: Stuffing mix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

EQUAL EXCHANGE

COFFEE AND

CHOCOLATE SALE

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, November 12. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service. Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner





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How beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet of the
messenger who announces
peace, who brings good
news, who announces
salvation, who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns."

Isaiah 52:7

Please join us on November 12 for
Dedication Sunday.