

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • May 2024

Church Workday

Our next workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Dalton Cooper.

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
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Church Administrator:

Rachel Gregory

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

From Our Pastor

This month's *Chimes* seems to be all about transitions. Of course, May is the time that we celebrate graduates, and we hope that you will follow the link on page 5 to help us celebrate your graduate. We will be moving to Summer Sundays and thanking all our teachers from this past year. Katelyn and Vickie will be concluding their positions at Covenant Preschool, and we are grateful for their service. And you may notice that we are marking the retirement of our building debt with a celebration in the parking lot on May 3—a “retirement party” since we are 65 years old this year!

Whenever there is a transition, the question “What’s next?” often follows. As we celebrate the retirement of our building loan, I wanted to give you an update on the *Home Improvement Plan* that we began almost a year and a half ago. It can be hard to remember all that we said and did in November 2022. I found myself needing to go back and look at that brochure that we mailed to all of you that month as I asked myself, “What’s next?”

As you may remember, the *Home Improvement Plan* is a three-year effort from January 2023 through December 2025 to raise funds for the purposes of paying off our 2006 building loan, replacing our sanctuary HVAC system, and repairing or replacing the roof. After we introduced this plan, the congregation made three-year pledges totaling \$264,854. Today, we are not quite halfway through this three-year term, but we have received just over half of those pledges (\$133,585 as of 4/22/24). Thank you for your faithful giving!

In last month's *Chimes*, our Treasurer, Aubrey Moore, informed you that we have now successfully paid off our 2006 building loan. We have also completed the sanctuary HVAC project, which we financed through the denomination's Investment and Loan Program. Finally, we have repaired many of the worst leaks in our roof.

So what's next?

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From Our Pastor

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First, we would be grateful for your continued generosity as you complete those pledges over the next 20 months. We are also glad to have you add to those pledges or to make a new pledge if you have not been able to do so yet. Jenn Harrison, our Finance Secretary, will be happy to help you with that. Second, we still have roofing needs and HVAC loan debt that we need to address. The remainder of the pledges will not handle all of that, but I believe that our leaders will discern a way forward with God's guidance.

It has been a joy for us to see God bless this congregation over the past few years. Not long ago, it seemed that our debt and our building issues might be more than we could handle. Now, we are looking ahead to a time when those burdens are nothing but a memory. Thanks be to God for these blessings that we share!

Grace and peace,

Andy

Columbarium and Ash Garden

Many of you are aware that we have a beautiful memorial garden on the Walton Way side of the church where many members have chosen to have their cremains (ashes) interred. There are 72 columbarium niches in this garden, and half of them have now been purchased and/or filled. There are also 78 ground plots, and just over 40% of them have been purchased and/or filled. Additionally, Covenant also owns two plots in Westover Memorial Park. If you would like to inquire about purchasing a niche or a plot, then please contact Andy Cooke.

Clerk's Corner

Facility usage requests: Playground for four birthday parties; and Fellowship Hall for Ballet Performance and Military Pinning Ceremony.

Membership: David Ross joined Covenant on March 10, 2024. The following members joined the church triumphant: Priscilla Gilman on March 5, 2024, and Erroll Hatcher on March 17, 2024.

Clerk Communications: Thank you note received from Elaine Wiegert on behalf of NEGA Presbyterian Women for hosting the annual gathering at Covenant.

Treasurer's Report: Through March, the church has a surplus of \$6,044.03, and the preschool has a surplus of \$14,078.07 on their year-to-date financials. Also for the first time since 2008, renovation loan is not on the balance sheet as it was paid off 55 months early.

Communion servers for May 5, 2024, will be Dalton Cooper, Charlotte Ealick, and Jim Buckalew.

Motions:

- Mission Ministry Team and Creation Care task force recommended that each ministry team use the Earth Care congregation checklist to make plans for the next year. Motion passed.
- Motion to create a restricted account for Matthew 25 Task Force funds and to move \$15,000 from 080857 Memorials into the new account. Motion passed.
- Education Ministry Team recommended to move \$844.11 from 80330 Preschool Scholarship Fund Pass Through account to the Covenant Preschool account 060118 Memorials. Motion passed.

Aubrey made a motion to approve the baptism of Scarlett Rose McCarter, daughter of Samuel and Madison McCarter, during worship on April 28, 2024. Motion passed.

Praise God, for all the blessings we are given. Amen!

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session

Financial Peace Class

In June, the Financial Peace class returns and is titled 'Rapid Ramsey'. All nine lessons will be covered in one month instead of the normal nine weeks. The class will meet virtually on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting June 3 and ending July 1. The cost is \$80.

For more information, email Laurie Hudson at laurierfc@icloud.com.

Congregational Life

Food Truck Friday + Renovation Loan Retirement Celebration!

FAMILY * FOOD * FRIENDS!



**FOOD TRUCK
FRIDAY**

Friday, May 3
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Did you know that this year is Covenant's 65th anniversary? Did you also know that we retired our renovation loan in March (55 months early!)? We want to celebrate God's faithfulness and your generosity together!

Join us for food and fellowship with your Covenant friends!

Dinner Menu: Moe's Taco Bar
Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$20 family maximum

Oh, and there will be CAKE!

B.Y.O. chair or blanket

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Carrabba's, 2832 Washington Road. Contact Phoebe Crimmins at 706-738-7820 or by email at pbjcrim.949@gmail.com to make your reservation for this gathering so that we may have space for you.

Men's Brownbag Lunch

Men's Lunch will meet on Tuesday, May 14 and May 28 at noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship and a brief program. Men's Lunch will not meet in June or July.

Covenant Preschool

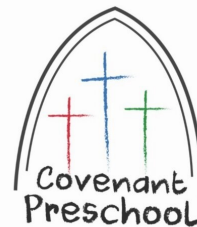
The end of the school year is always bittersweet at the preschool. Most of us are ready and excited for summer's change of pace and routine, but we also know that we'll miss our friends during the summer months.

This year feels particularly bittersweet as I conclude my time as the director and Vickie Terry concludes her time as the assistant director. Vickie has been on staff at the preschool for 11 years in a variety of roles. If you've enjoyed the hall decorations throughout the school year or liked one of our Covenant Preschool t-shirts, you can say thank you to Vickie for those. She's been a blessing to the school in so many ways, and we wish her the best in her next chapter.

While it's always hard to say goodbye, I'm also confident that good things are ahead for the preschool. The preschool director search committee has had interviews with several candidates and is making good progress in its search. We have great enrollment for Summer Fun, and Kim Ball, who is the Summer Fun Director, has some fun plans in the works for each week, including visits from some musicians, construction vehicles, and reptiles!

Covenant Preschool and Children's Day Out is a special community, and I'm grateful for the many ways the congregation cares for and supports the school!

Peace,
Katelyn Gordon Cooke



WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

Our May meeting of WINGS will be a joint meeting with the Presbyterian Women of Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church on May 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will meet at Belle Terrace PC, 2073 Golden Camp Road, Augusta, GA for fellowship, Bible Study and refreshments.

The meeting will be facilitated by Pastor Sharon Caldwell.

Please contact Cindy Wallerich if you have NOT already sent your plans to attend.

Matthew 18:20



Education Ministry

Emmaus Class

Sundays at 11:15 a.m. Room 12

Leader: Karla Conditt Daniels

The Emmaus Class will use the two Sunday meetings in May to tie some loose ends.

On May 5 we will complete our study of Jonah by widening our focus, looking at the book of Jonah as a whole story, rather than stand-alone chapters. On May 12 we will intermingle fellowship with planning for future class topics and summer social events.

There is always room to join the circle and the conversation.

SALT

Adult SALT

(Sharing and Learning Together)
11:15 a.m. in Room 7

Did you know that Christ quoted the Psalms more than any other Old Testament book? On April 28, May 5 and 12, we'll be reading and discussing some of our class attendees' favorite psalms. Please join us for our venture into what has become the most popular book in the Bible - and come with a treasured psalm in mind.

Men's Breakfast

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

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!



Thank You to 2023-2024 Faith Formation Leaders!



As we conclude the 2023-2024 program year, the Education Ministry Team would like to recognize and appreciate this year's faith formation leaders (listed below). These leaders have helped us to grow as disciples, and we are grateful for the many ways they've shared their time, faith, and energy with us this year!

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

Youth: Kadie Cheeks, Kathryn Crandall, Lillie DeLecuona, Amelia Hall, and Mary McCarter

Children: Gail Baker, Lola Bell, Lucyle Ferris, Susan Monk, and Lindsay Southwell

In honor of these leaders, the Education Ministry Team has purchased three books to be added to the Covenant library: *Jesus Is Risen!: A Pop-Up Book* by Agostino Traini, *Every Season Sacred* by Kayla Craig, and *A Is for Alabaster* by Anna Carter Florence.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 19 after worship for a reception in the fellowship hall to thank these leaders and to celebrate this year's high school graduates!

Punch in the Parlor + Summer Sundays

Each week starting on June 2, we'll have Punch in the Parlor as part of our fellowship time after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We hope you'll stop by the parlor, enjoy some punch (or lemonade ☺), and catch up with your church friends. Each week, you'll also have a chance to learn more about a Covenant ministry, how we're serving God and our neighbors in our community, and how you might get involved.

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/CovSummer24> for more information and to sign up.

Thank you so much!

Education Ministry

Children

Sunday School

Preschool

Sunday mornings // 11:15-11:30 a.m.
Room 2

As part of their time in worship nursery, our youngest members also get to hear a Bible story, do a craft or activity, and say a prayer together each week. The weekly Bible stories correspond with the liturgical season and the stories we hear in worship on Sunday mornings.

Elementary

Sunday, May 12 // 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Room 103

This month we're learning about what our faith has to say about friendship.

Graduation Sunday



On Sunday, May 19, 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/CovGrad2024> or by calling the church office by Monday, May 13.

Thank you!

Youth

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sundays May 5 and 12 // 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Room 204
High School Youth Room 203

We say the Lord's Prayer together in worship every Sunday, and many of us know it by heart. This prayer was Jesus' answer to the disciples' request to teach them how to pray, but what does it really mean? And what are we really saying when we pray it?

This month, middle and high school youth are continuing their study of this well-known prayer and considering how the Lord's Prayer is both comprehensive and formative for people of faith.

Second Sunday Service

Sunday, May 12
Room 203

Mother Teresa once said, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." This month's second Sunday service activity is just about doing that – especially loving your mom!

The second Sunday of May is the same every year because it's Mother's Day! Covenant youth 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!

Youth Fundraiser

This year's youth fundraiser is a Giving Wall! The Giving Wall will feature envelopes with numbers on them, and members are invited to pick an envelope with the amount that matches the amount they'd like to give. The envelopes will also feature fun trivia about Covenant youth, Montreat summer trips, and more.

The Giving Wall will be in the lobby area outside the sanctuary starting Sunday, April 28 through Sunday, May 5, and all donations will go to offset the costs of youth summer trips.



Children's Easter Celebration March 31, 2024



Photo credit: Milledge Austin

May Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Lyn Patterson,
Director of Music
and Organist/Pianist

A few fun facts about Lyn:

- *“Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”* Psalm 150 is my favorite Bible verse.
- I prefer to drive a manual transmission car.
- Lhasa Apso is my favorite dog breed.



Thank You

Thank you to our Covenant family for all your support, prayers and wonderful cards and calls when Judy had her accident. Your love and kindness helped us get through some challenging times. What a joy to be part of a caring congregation.

Judy and Dave Grieve



Getting to know
William Davis,
Elder

A few fun facts about William:

- *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.”* Psalm 23 is my favorite Bible verse.
- My favorite place to travel to is Nepal.
- Traveling with a dance band during my teenage years is an interesting fact about me.

Congratulations

Join us in congratulating our Financial Assistant, Jenn Harrison and her husband, Matt, as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on May 8th! Jenn & Matt met in 2nd grade at Curtis Baptist School and were a part of the same close friend group all through school. They started dating their second year of college and were married in 2004! They spend their days loving on their fur babies, traveling as often as possible and will be spending their anniversary in the Greek Isles!



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 2:30pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground 3:00pm Youth, Fellowship, Top Golf	29	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 9:00am PTO Meeting, Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	30	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room 7 Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym	1	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 7:15pm Covenant Choir	2	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Room 7 Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 6:00pm Jubilation Ringers	3	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 5:30pm Food Truck Friday/Renovation Party, Playground Parking Lot.	4	Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 9:30am Bell Rerearsal, Sanctuary 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
5	Home Communion Youth Fundraiser: Giving Wall 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	6	Teacher Appreciation Week 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	7	Teacher Appreciation Week 9:15am Preschool Appreciation Breakfast, Parlor 11:30am Augusta Clergy Cohort, Rm 7 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	8	Teacher Appreciation Week 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir	9	Teacher Appreciation Week	10	Teacher Appreciation Week	11	9:00am Cimmins Family, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Approved Birthday Party, Playground 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 2:00pm Memorial Service for Tom Blalock, Sanctuary/Parlor*
12	10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:15am Sunday School*	13	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:30pm Building and Grounds Ministry Team Meeting, Gathering Area 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 7:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom	14	12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7	15	9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15pm Covenant Choir	16	Preschool - Last Day of School 11:00am Preschool End of Year Program, Sanctuary	17	Preschool, Teachers Post-Planning	18	9:00am Church Workday-Playground 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 2:30pm Approved Birthday Party, Playground
19	Pentecost/Graduation Sunday 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Thank You Education Leaders & Graduates Reception, Fellowship Hall*	20	COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	21	General Primary and Special Election, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Presbytery Meeting, Oconee Presbyterian 10:00am PW Coordinating Team, Room 104 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7	22	1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 6:30pm Matthew 25 Task Force, Rm 7 7:15pm Covenant Choir	23		24		25	10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
26	Summer Choir Begins 10:00am Worship Service*	27	5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	28	12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	29		30		31		1	8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104

*Childcare available

Mission



GAP 45th Anniversary Celebration!

GAP Ministries invites you to GAP's **45th Anniversary Celebration**. The event will be Friday evening, **June 7 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at GAP**. This congregation is an integral part of the success GAP has experienced through the years. Through your donations of funds, food and time GAP has been able to serve more than 300 clients each week.

Please come celebrate this accomplishment with us.

Lola Bell

GAP Ministries

GAP needs our help to keep the food pantry stocked amongst rising food costs! On your next trip to the grocery store, look out for "Buy One Get One" deals and other sales on all non-perishable foods to make the most of your donations. Everything helps, but some specific needs are instant grits, instant oatmeal, canned chili, and canned soup. Let's see if we can fill our donation boxes — they're located at the main entrance of the church and underneath the mailboxes near the church office. If we all add a couple items to our carts, we can make a big difference in the community!

Claire Welborn Hancock

Special Offering

Pentecost Offering, May 19

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.

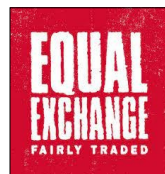
Your gift will support participants in the Young Adult Volunteer program who engage in a year of service while discerning how best to love God and neighbor. As Presbyterians, we believe that serving others is more than just something good to do; it is foundational to our faith formation and teaches us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

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate Sale

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

Charlotte Ealick and
Sabina Widner



Work Mission Trip to Florida

Our Mission Ministry Team would like to invite you to be a part of our work mission team this September. We will travel to Ft. Myers, Florida from September 14-21 to help with the recovery from Hurricane Ian.

We will sleep, shower and eat our meals at the Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers. The projects we will work on will be assigned by the volunteer organizer for The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. All of our assignments will involve unskilled labor.

Contact Elaine Lea at leaje81@gmail.com or 706-339-4484 for more information or to join the team.



Tuesday Crew in Homes

Every Tuesday morning, a group of volunteers known as "The Tuesday Crew" gather at the church to do odd jobs and light maintenance work around the property. Recently, members of this group have begun helping congregation members with similar work around their homes. If you have a small maintenance need that we can help you with around your house, then please reach out to Chuck Baldwin or the church office.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Beachum - cancer diagnosis, recent move to Brandon Wilde (0404)

Lynn Latimer - recovering from eye surgery (0422)

Bob Yost (Pat Ritter's brother) - cancer diagnosis (0422)

Fred Gehle - foot surgery (0422)

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, and all who serve in the U.S. Military

Family of Steve Krzeminiski (Charles Jay's brother-in-law) who passed away on April 17 (0418)

Wayne Narr (Kathy Ordelt's brother) - cancer diagnosis (0402)

Family of Tom Blalock, who passed away on April 2 (0402)

Eunice Cook - recovering from a fall (0328)

Corinne Russell (Diane Griffin's sister) - cancer treatment (0328)

Family of Erroll Hatcher, who passed away on March 17 (0318)

Bill Paulson - recent move to Philadelphia (0313)

Sandy Hobbs (friend of Sabina Widner and Aubrey Moore) - cancer diagnosis (0308)

Joe Jay (Charles Jay's brother) - Tallahassee, FL - in the hospital following a stroke (0307)

Family of Priscilla Gilman, who passed away on March 5 (0306)

Kaye Petkas - recovering from knee replacement surgery (0304)

Katie and Dalton Cooper - for a healthy pregnancy (0212)

Philip Monk - recovering from knee replacement surgery (0215)

Cheryl Andrews (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - recovering from brain surgery (0213)

Bill Simmermon (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Orlando, FL - pancreatic cancer (0213)

Diane Griffin - recovering at home (0306)

Jennifer Shook (Elaine Lea's sister) - Bandon, OR (0306)

Sascha Hagerman (Liz Weckel Hagerman's husband) - recovering at home (0306)

Claire and Eddie Hancock - for a healthy pregnancy (0306)

Jim Buckalew - recovering from back surgery (0309)

Amelia Hall and Edward Tremel - for a healthy pregnancy (0307)

ENDURING CONCERNS

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

Joe and Eunice Cook - Brandon Wilde

Bill Cornes - At home

Phyllis Daniels - Brandon Wilde

Fred Gehle - At home

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

Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde

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

Sue and Jim Wade - At home

Danny Williams - Barclay House



What is your favorite Psalm? Have you ever "prayed it back" to God? The words of the Psalms make helpful and heart-felt ways to pray. A few examples include when you are:

- Thankful - Psalms 8, 100, 145
- Worried or afraid - 16, 27, 118
- Sick - 6, 23, 103
- Angry - 7, 37, 143
- Confessing - 38, 51, 103

"Sing the Psalms songs, and they will renew you from head to toe, from heart to mind. Pray the Psalms poems, and they will sustain you on the long, hard but exhilarating road of Christian discipleship." - NT Wright

Your Diaconate Prayer Action Team
Kadie Cheeks, LJ Jay, and Kathy Ordelt

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Kadie Cheeks, Kathy Ordelt, 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.

May Worship Schedule

PREACHER

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

GREETERS

5/5: Jimmy Carson
5/12: Kadie Cheeks &
Kathryn Crandall
5/19: Jane & Fred Gehle
5/26: Naomi Gillies

LITURGIST/READER

5/5: Chris Henry
5/12: Naomi Gillies
5/19: Andrea Butt
5/26: Blake Rogers

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

5/5: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
5/12: Jim Buckalew, William Davis,
Chris Henry, Beau Southwell,
Charlie Terry
5/19: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
5/26: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve,
Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson,
Bill Usry

COORDINATORS

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

Worship

“Then Sings My Soul”

July Sermon Series

Music has an integral place in our worship services, and most of us have a favorite hymn (or several!) that has been important to our own faith journey.

This July, our sermon series will be called “Then Sings My Soul,” and each week we’ll explore a beloved hymn with an accompanying Scripture passage. With over 800 hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnbook, we need your help picking the hymns for this series!

To submit your hymn suggestion(s) for this series, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Cov-ThenSingsMySoul>. The link will be live through Sunday, May 26. After that, we’ll compile the list of suggestions for you to vote on the top ten in June.

Summer Singing Opportunity

Summer Choir is almost here! It is the perfect opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy singing with the Covenant Choir and have no regular commitment or obligation. Perhaps you’ve been thinking about joining the Choir but aren’t sure, or maybe you think you aren’t old enough. **Summer Choir** is your time to try singing with us!

Sunday Summer Choir begins May 26 and ends September 1. Singers of all ages are welcome! This includes singers who can’t participate on a continuing basis as well as regular members of the Covenant Choir. We will meet in the balcony at 9:15 a.m. for 30 minutes, prepare a simple anthem, and sing it that morning at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us as we use our gifts of music to praise God in a special musical offering each Sunday morning throughout the summer.

Caution: Singing with the Covenant Choir is addictive!

Lyn Patterson (lpatterson@covenantaugusta.org or 803.474.6003).

Summer Choir



Blalock Memorial Service

A service of Witness to the Resurrection in gratitude for the life of Tom Blalock will be held in the sanctuary on **Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m.** A brief reception will be held in the parlor following the service. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.



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