

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • January/February 2025

From Our Pastor

At the end of a year and the start of a new one, I have a personal practice of recounting significant events of each month in the last year. In a two-page spread in my journal, I'll write each month and then list two to four events that happened that month. Often as I'm reviewing the year month-by-month, I remember things I had forgotten happened, and I'm reminded of just how much life a year can hold. If I were to do this practice for 2024 for Covenant, here are some of the things I'd include:

- January – Passed a balanced budget for 2024
- February – Hosted Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting
- March – Retired renovation loan debt
- April – Celebrated Easter with worship services and a children's egg hunt on the front lawn
- May – Welcomed Jill Reeves Garren as our new Preschool Director
- June – Hosted the first four weeks of Summer Fun for young children in our community
- July – Sent 12 youth to Montreat Middle and High School Conferences
- August – Commissioned Preschool Staff and Christian Education leaders
- September – PDA Mission Trip to Florida; Hurricane Helene
- October – Hurricane Helene recovery and Trunk or Treat
- November – Considered God's presence and our ministry "Here In This Place" during our stewardship campaign
- December – Had a new roof installed on the sanctuary and fellowship hall; celebrated Advent with four Sundays of worship and special music

As we look back on 2024, we lived a lot of life together at Covenant. Some of it was wonderful and joyful; other experiences were unexpected and challenging (see: Hurricane Helene). Through it all, though, we saw evidence of God's faithfulness and goodness to us, and it was a gift to share those experiences together.

As we begin a new year, we trust that God's faithfulness and goodness will continue, and we look forward to seeing how we can be part of God's good work together as God's people. I'm glad to be part of this ministry with you, and I'm excited for all God has in store for us this year.

Peace,
Katelyn

Ordination/Installation

Sunday Potluck

Sunday, February 9 after
10:00 a.m. worship
Fellowship Hall



Join us for a church-wide potluck to celebrate the ordination and installation of our new officers! Drop your dish off in the kitchen by the fellowship hall before worship, and then plan to stay for lunch and fellowship afterward.

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:

Alexandria Dillahunt, Sherry Nash, and Sara van Plew

Church Administrator:

Rachel Gregory

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

Preschool Director: Jill Reeves Garren

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Office Hours:

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

Clerk's Corner

Building usage:

- Fellowship Hall
 - Lindsay Southwell for Ballet Class Performance, Friday, December 13, 2024
 - Angela Hobby for Alpha Delta Kappa Spring District Meeting, Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Sanctuary, Parlor, and Fellowship Hall
 - Karla Conditt Daniels for Community Mental Health Service, Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Membership:

Jennifer and Gabe Fuller joined the church by reaffirmation of faith on November 17, 2024.

Bobby Vernoy joined the church triumphant on December 9, 2024.

Jacquie Allison joined the church triumphant on December 15, 2024.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session



Year End Contribution Statements

Happy New Year, friends! I hope you each had a joyous holiday season with friends & family! Be on the lookout around the 4th week in January for your 2024 Year End Contribution Statements as I plan to mail them out on 1/22/25. If you do not receive your statement by the end of January please email me at jharrison@covenantaugusta.org and I can send you a digital version! Best wishes to all and please don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything I can do to better serve you!

Jenn Harrison,
Finance Secretary

Key Fobs and Exterior Door Locks

As many of you are aware, we are implementing a key fob access control system for the two main exterior doors. The exterior locks will be rekeyed in early to mid-March, and after this change, access to the building will only be possible with a key fob.

Please note that previously assigned keys will no longer work once the locks are rekeyed.

If you require a key fob, please sign up on the sheet located on the table just outside the sanctuary before March 3. I will reach out to you to arrange for you to receive your fob. Thank you for your cooperation!

Rachel Gregory
Church Administrator

Worship

Home Communion

Covenant deacons will be serving communion to homebound church members on Sunday, February 2, 2025, after 10:00 a.m. worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

2024 Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Joe Griffin

Jacque & Jerry Allison
Karen & Duane Anglin
Louise & William Ashby
Assoc. of Exotic Mammal
Veterinarians
Mary Beachum
Ann & Tom Blalock
Cam & Barney Boatwright
John Bowen
Janet & Buster Boshears
Nancy Carr
Stephanie Collins
Phoebe & Jim Crimmins
Martha & Ed Crosland
Kent Cunningham
Floride & Neal Dickert
Charlotte & John Ealick
Lucyle Ferris
Sandra & Murray Freedman
Shirley & Lyle Glascock
Bonnie Given
Frances Tyre & Allen Gray
Judy & James Hardison
Anne & Joseph Huff
Melissa Kling-Newberry
Pam & Frederick Kmiecik
Sandra Krusell
Lyn Latimer
Barbara & Ron Lewis
Elizabeth Lundquist
Julie Martin
Ann & J.B. Mathews
Linda & Bob McCollum
Amy McElderry
Katherine & Steve Moore
Ann & David Myers
Virginia Rogers
Sally & Gerald Stalls
Lynthia & William Strong
Philip Thevaos
Joseph Tollison
Suzanne & James Wade
Sandra & Wallace Watson
Arlene & Albert White
Elizabeth Wiggins
Catherine & Herbert Williams

In Memory of Carol Anne Harrison

Ann & Tom Blalock
Nancy Carr
Lucyle Ferris
Marianne & Huey Frye
Diane Griffin
Carol & David Lapp
Carol & David Myers

In Memory of Erroll Hatcher

Nancy Carr
Diane Griffin

In Memory of Priscilla Gilman

Diane Griffin
Barbara & Ron Lewis

In Memory of Tom Blalock

Nancy Carr
Martha & Fred Chewnin
Diane Griffin
Carol & David Lapp

In Memory of Mary Beachum

Diane Griffin
Barbara & Ron Lewis
Amy McElderry
Addison Simpson

In Memory of Jim Crimmins

Jacque & Jerry Allison
Lola & Steve Bell
Ann Blalock
Janet & Buster Boshears
Rebecca & Jimmy Carson
Charlotte & John Ealick
Lucyle Ferris
Bonnie & Tom Ficken
Robert Ficken
Bonnie Given
Shirley & Lyle Glasscock
Judy & Dave Grieve
Pam & Fred Kmiecik
Sherrod & James Lamkin
Carol & David Lapp
Lynn Latimer
Lyla Leigh
Barbara & Ron Lewis
Ruth & Johnny Lowe
Julia & Bruce Mallette
Jane & David Milligan
Kathy & Rick Ordelt

Phyllis & Eddie Parker
Fred Pauer
Patsy Pennington & Johnny Johnson
Edward Porubsky
Kathleen Rice
Addison Simpson
Megan & Brad Sperr
Bonnie Swartzenberg
Jane & Robert Taylor
Joseph Tollison
Suzanne & James Wade

In Memory of Bobby Vernoy

Karla & Buddy Avery
Nancy Carr
Judy & Dave Grieve
Ralph Holcome, Jr.

In Memory of Jacquie Allison

Nancy & Howard Amols
Kandi & Tracy Atkinson
Frank Andrews
Robert Andrews, III
Janet & Buster Boshears
Brown Radiology
Nancy Carr
Crystal & Danny Craig
Phoebe Crimmins
Marla Dunham
Lucyle Ferris
Jonathan Harris
Lena Jane
Carol & David Lapp
Barbara & Ron Lewis
Richard Manly
Penny Vaughn



Children

Preschool

Children ages 2 through kindergarten, Sunday morning, 11:15 - 11:35 a.m. // Room 2

During their time together, preschoolers hear a Bible story, sing a song or make a craft, and say a prayer together. The activities are geared to preschoolers' learning styles and attention spans, and we also have a lot of fun together! After their 20-minute lesson, children play together until the end of the Sunday School time.

Elementary School

1st-5th graders, Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Room 103

This year, elementary students are learning about God's big story in the Bible. Each week, we dive into a story from Scripture to see what it can teach us about who God is and who we are called to be. Here are the stories we'll be learning about in January and February:

January 5 – It's Epiphany! Let's Worship Jesus! (Matthew 2:1-12); January 12 – You Are My Beloved (Luke 3:1-22)

January 19 – It's Tempting (Luke 4:1-13); January 26 – Good News! (Luke 4:14-21)

February 2 – Spreading the Good News (Luke 4:16-30); February 16 – Blessed Are... (Luke 6:17-26)

February 23 – God's Way to Live (Luke 6:27-38)

Childrens's Music

2nd and 4th Sunday mornings, 11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Room 3

Preschool and elementary students come together for 20 minutes of music with Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lyn, and other special guests. Join us as we make a joyful noise together!

Youth

Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Rooms 203 and 204

January 5, 12, 19, 26 // Youth Sunday Planning

Youth Sunday is coming up on Sunday, February 2, and we're spending the mornings in January getting ready for this special service. We'll spend time studying the Scripture passages for the day, developing a theme for the service, and writing liturgy. Youth will also have a chance to decide how they'd like to participate in the service itself, and there's room for everyone. We look forward to seeing how the Spirit guides us in our preparations!

February 2 - Youth Sunday Breakfast and Celebration

After the youth lead worship at 10:00 a.m., we'll have breakfast together and enjoy some fellowship time in the youth room.

February 16 - In the fall, we learned about God's big story in Scripture through the Echo the Story curriculum. This winter and spring, we'll learn about the stories of individual people of faith who were committed to God's love and justice for all people – even if it occasionally meant going against the status quo. Starting on February 16, we'll be using materials from a curriculum titled *We Are Made of Stories and Stardust*, and we'll hear a different person's story each week.

On February 16, we'll have our first lesson, titled "Let's Make Some Holy Trouble."

February 23 - On the fourth Sundays of the month between February and April, the youth will get to invite a guest from the congregation to come share their own stories and faith.

Confirmants will also have their monthly classes on the fourth Sundays of the month in January, February, March, and April, and they will meet in room 204 while the other youth meet in room 203.

Confirmation

Confirmation Lunch, Sunday, January 12 // 12:15 p.m. // Fellowship Hall



To kick-off this year's Confirmation class, Confirmation youth, parents, and mentors will gather for lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and learning more about the Confirmation experience.

Confirmation Classes, Sundays, January 26 and February 23 // 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. // Room 203

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the Confirmands will meet to learn about a different spiritual discipline (or "things Christians do"). In January, we'll learn more about Christian worship: why it's important, what it includes, and why we do what we do in worship as Presbyterians. In February, we'll spend time with the Bible and learn more about what we believe about Scripture.

Beyond Sunday Mornings

January Second Sunday ~~Service~~ Fellowship: Youth Lunch, Sunday, January 12 // 12:15 p.m.

Let's have lunch together! After our Youth Sunday planning session on Sunday, January 12, we'll go off campus for lunch together at a place of the youth's choosing. Youth will be responsible for paying for their meal. We hope you can join us!

January Fourth Sunday ~~Fellowship~~ Service: College Care Packages and Cards to Homebound Members
Sunday, January 26 // 3:00-4:30 p.m. // Youth Room

There are many people in our church family who aren't always able to join us on Sunday mornings, and they include college students and homebound members. For our Second Sunday Service activity this month, we'll be making care packages to send to our college students and cards to send to our homebound members.

February ~~Second~~ First Sunday Service: Youth Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2

Leading worship is an act of service to our family of faith, and we look forward to sharing God's love and word with the congregation on Sunday, February 2. We'll also be receiving the Souper Bowl of Caring special offering on this Sunday, and the donations we receive for this offering are given to GAP Ministries to support their work to stop hunger in our community.

February Fourth Sunday Fellowship, Sunday, February 23: Stay tuned to other church publications for more info about the February Fourth Fellowship activity!

Summer Trips

We have one summer trip opportunity for Covenant youth this year, and Kate-lyn will share registration information with youth families via email in mid-January.

Montreat Youth Conference (completed 8th grade-graduated senior)

Theme: "Light My Path"

Sunday, July 6-Saturday, July 12, 2025

Montreat, North Carolina

Save the Date: Weekend Workshop & Worship

The Education Ministry Team invites you to save the date for Covenant's first Weekend Workshop and Worship event on March 28 and 29, 2025!



Over the course of Saturday and Sunday, we'll go deeper in exploring the stories we tell as people of faith as well as the stories that Jesus told. We're excited to welcome The Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito as our guest speaker for this event. She'll lead the Saturday workshop, preach in worship on Sunday morning, and then meet with Covenant youth during the Sunday School time.

Be sure to check your email inbox on Wednesday, January 22 for more details about the program and registration information!

Presbyterians 101



On Sunday mornings in January, Andy Cooke will lead a 4-week series for the Emmaus Class on the history and theology

of the Presbyterian Church. Many people in our congregation do not have a long history with our denomination, and they are curious to know what makes us different from other denominations. Others may want a refresher on our history and theology. Because our incoming elders and deacons will also be participating in this class as a part of their training, we are moving from the normal meeting space to the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us!

SALT Class

Facilitators: Kathy Ordelt, Judy Grieve, and Steve Bell

Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Room 7

On January 5, we began a new series entitled *Nasty Rumors* by Dr. Rod Pinder. David Rhoades is leading us through an interesting examination of people's views related to Biblical content - are they fact or fiction? All adults are welcome to join us as we learn more about Christianity's ancient collection of sacred writings, revealing God's everlasting love and Christ's sacrificial gift for all. Books will be available in Room 7.

Coffee and Conversation

Sunday Mornings 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!

Financial Peace University

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? Do you have questions about the right insurance for your family? Do you want a proven plan to avoid debt and create lasting wealth? This. Is. Your. Time. And you don't even have to leave your home to do it! Just visit <https://www.fpu.com/727FA8> to join our virtual Financial Peace University class starting on Monday January 20th at 6:00pm for 9 weeks. Make today the day you decide to own your money—not the other way around. You've got this!

Preschool

December was a full and fun month at the preschool, and we're excited to be back after Christmas Break! The second half of our school year includes Valentine's Day celebrations, Read Across America Week, Egg Hunts, and class photos. We're also looking ahead to the summer and the 2025-2026 school year!

Registration for the next school year will open to current preschool families on Monday, February 3 and to the public on Monday, February 10. Information about the registration process will be available on the preschool website, and we also offer tours for interested families.

We're always grateful for the prayers and support from the Covenant church family. Thank you!

Jill Reeves Garren
Preschool Director



Playground Task Force

After Hurricane Helene, our church and community were especially saddened by the destruction of the Covenant playground. It was a gift when church members were able to establish a temporary playground for the preschool students in October, and now we're excited to share that the session has formed a Playground Task Force, which will have its third meeting in late January.

The task force includes a combination of church members, preschool parents, and staff with members Jim Buckalew, Dalton Cooper, Andy Cooke, Katelyn Gordon Cooke, Jill Reeves Garren, Chloe James, and Tara Swim.

To date, we have received almost \$20,000 in donations to the Playground Fund, and we had an informative and helpful Zoom meeting with a playground company representative in early January. In January, we'll also be inviting input from the church, preschool, and wider community about features for the new playground, and we're looking forward to receiving that feedback.

Thank you for keeping this group in your prayers, and we will continue to share updates about our progress in future church publications!



Preschool Christmas Program

December 19, 2024

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 1000am Worship Service*	30 Preschool Christmas Break	31 Preschool Christmas Break	1 New Year's Day, Office Closed Preschool Christmas Break	2 Preschool Christmas Break	3 Preschool Christmas Break	4 800am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 1000am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104 2:00pm Bobby Venny Memorial Service
5 1000am Communion Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	6 Preschool Christmas Break Preschool Staff Meeting, Room 7 2:00pm Presbytery Town Hall, Fellowship Hall 3:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:00pm Playground Task Force, Rm 7	7 CHIMES DEADLINE, JAN/FEB 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 3:30pm Brandon Wilde Communion 6:30pm Mental Health Service, Sanctuary, Parlor, and Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	8 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Disciples Bible Study, Rm 104 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	9 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	10	11 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:00pm Green Team 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
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19 9:45am Called Session Meeting, Parlor 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	20 MLK, Jr. Day - Preschool and Church Office Closed 3:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	21 9:15am PW Coordinating Team, Room 104 10:30am PW Wings Meeting, Room 7 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7	22 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Disciples Bible Study, Rm 104 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner* 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program* 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	23 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	24 5:30pm Kids' Movie Night, Fellowship Hall	25 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
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*Childcare available

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Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Please join us in praying for our deacons and elders this month as they transition to a new year. On January 5, our new officers began their training in preparation for their ordinations/installations. Our elders-elect are Dalton Cooper (second term), Amy House, Lindsay Southwell, and Debbie van Tuyl. Our deacons-elect are Jimmy Carson, Jeff Heck, and David Ross. On February 7 and 8, our current and new officers will gather for their annual retreat. On Sunday, February 9, we will ordain and install our new deacons and elders during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Thank you to Outgoing Leaders

When our new officers are installed on February 9, the terms of service for several other leaders will conclude. Thank you to Dalton Cooper, Charlotte Ealick, Judy Grieve, and María Rivera for three years of service as elders. Thank you Joyce Bowers, Kathy Ordelt, and Sabina Widner for three years of service as deacons. Thank you to Elaine Lea and Pat Ritter for two years of service on the Congregational Nominating Committee. Please be sure to thank these people in person for their years of service at Covenant!

Congregational Meeting

The annual stated meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service (at approximately 11:00 a.m.). All are welcome at this open meeting, but only members of the congregation may vote. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the annual report and 2025 budget, to vote on the pastors' terms of call, and to elect a president and treasurer for the corporation.

Officer Retreat

The annual Officer Retreat is happening on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8. Officers from the classes of 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028 will gather for dinner, worship, a blessing for outgoing officers, and a time of sharing faith statements from incoming officers.

On Saturday, we'll spend time exploring the story of Isaiah's call and his well-known response to God: "Here am I; send me!" We'll consider our own call stories to faith and to service as officers in the church. Deacons and elders will also meet separately to set their meeting schedule and determine ministry team placements.

This retreat is an important time for the leaders of our church, and we ask that you keep Covenant elders and deacons in your prayers in this time of preparation and transition.

Congregational Life

Men's Brownbag Lunch

Men's lunch meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *The Thirteen Apostles*.

Jan. 14: James the Lesser (James son of Alphaus)

Jan. 28: Simon the Zealot

Feb. 11: Nathanael (a.k.a. Bartholomew)

Feb. 25: Matthew

Bring your own bagged lunch and join us if you can!

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Bone Fish Grill, 2911 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.

Kids' Movie Night

Friday, January 24 // 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Covenant kids are invited to a movie night at the church! We'll have pizza for dinner, and then we'll watch a movie together upstairs in room 204.

Congregational Life ministry team members will stay with the kiddos, so parents are welcome to go enjoy a few hours to themselves on a Friday night!

There is no cost for this event, but we do ask that you register your child so we'll know how many children to expect. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CovKidsMovieNight> to RSVP by Monday, January 20.



Wednesday Night Fellowship

Even if you haven't come to Wednesday Night Fellowship in the past, you're welcome to join us now. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:15 p.m., and the program will be from 6:15-7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided each week in room 2.

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, and 29
6:15-7:00 p.m.

After several delays due to the hurricane last fall, we are looking forward to welcoming members of the Creation Care and Matthew 25 task forces to leading the WNF programs in January. Specifics about each week's program will be available in the Friday emails and weekly bulletins.

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26
6:15-7:00 p.m.

We don't know what the February WNF program series will be yet, but we'll let you know when we do 😊 Keep an eye on other church publications for more information coming soon.



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- Family of Jocelyn Martin-Moses** (Karell Moses' mother) – who passed away on December 28 (0113)
- Family of Bob Yost** (Pat Ritter's brother) - who passed away on January 3 (0113)

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
- All the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton**
- Ogden Tabb (Oggie)** (family of Susan & Philip Monk) - cancer, hospitalization in Marietta (0108)

- Gloria Melvin** (mother of Matthew Crowe) – undergoing rehab for walking/standing on her own (0108)
- Jamie Harrell and Luke Russell** - recently engaged (0102)
- Carolyn Broad** (sister of Vernon Barnes) - Vernon, B.C. - serious infection, hospitalization (1227)
- Family of Steve Toomey** (father of Adam Toomey) who passed away on December 13 (1216)
- Family of Jacquie Allison** - who passed away on December 15 (1216)
- Family of Bobby Vernoy** - who passed away on December 9 (1209)
- Lola Bell** - recovery from hip replacement surgery (0106)
- Maxine McCraw** (sister-in-law of Joannie McCraw) - lung cancer (1212)
- Haley McKenna Williams** (friend of Mary McCarter) - brain cancer (1212)
- Dana and Rob Johnson** - on the birth of their son, Benjamin Allen Johnson, born on 11/27 (1203)
- Family of Gwen Ewing** (sister of Lucyle Ferris) - who passed away on 11/17 (1118)
- Doris Charnoch** (friend of Marian Moseley and Aldersgate UMC

- member) - in poor health at Brandon Wilde (1115)
- Charlotte Works** (cousin of Beth Ashmore) - corticobasal degeneration disease (1104)
- Nancy Ferenacz** (sister of Kathy Ordelt) on the death of her husband (1104)
- Stu Ritter** - continuing effects of Parkinson's disease (1024)
- Sam and Maddie McCarter** - celebration and prayers for a healthy pregnancy (1209)
- Jim Wade** - recent hospitalization and recovery from fall (1122)
- Sue Walsh** (friend of Diane Griffin) - recurrent cancer (1115)
- Corinne Russell** (Diane Griffin's sister) cancer treatment (1115)
- Bill Simmermon** (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Winter Park, FL - pancreatic cancer (1015)

ENDURING CONCERNS

- Dorris Andrews** (Elaine Lea's mother) Brandon Wilde
- Buster Boshears** - Brandon Wilde
- Beverly Carpenter** (stepmother of Paula Reardon) - At home
- Joe and Eunice Cook** – Brandon Wilde
- Bill Cornes** – At home
- Phyllis Daniels** – Brandon Wilde
- Wally Dill** – suffering from dementia, and his wife Marilyn (friends of Joane McCraw)
- Fred Gehle** - at home
- Polly Hendrix** (Aunt of Angela Hobby) Nashville, GA
- Betty Johnston** - Brandon Wilde
- Ellen Moore** (mother of Aubrey Moore) at home and receiving home health care.
- Anita Parker** (Joslyn Fields' cousin) – Beaufort, SC
- Jennifer Shook** (Elaine Lea's sister) – treatment for cancer
- Elizabeth Swink** – At home
- Jane Terry** (Chris Terry's mother) – Lake Wales, FL
- Sue and Jim Wade** - At home
- Danny Williams** – Barclay House

Father Tim, an Episcopal priest, is the main character in the Mitford series of books written by Jan Karon. The stories are set in a charming small town in the South. He often reminds the town's folks that the best prayer to pray when things start falling apart in their lives are these powerful four words – “Thy will be done”. It's good advice for us folks living in the CSRA too!

Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. – Matthew 6:9-10

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

WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

All women are invited to the monthly meetings of WINGS. Our next two meetings will be on January 21, and the February meeting on February 18. Both meetings will be at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7. We will be continuing our study of Creation Care concerns using *Come to the Waters (2015 - 2016 PW Study)* and *The Green Bible*. Please join us as we have fellowship together and consider our role in the care of the earth.



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.

January/February Worship Schedule

PREACHER

1/12: Andy Cooke
 1/19: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
 1/26: Andy Cooke
 2/2: Youth
 2/9: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
 2/16: Andy Cooke
 2/23: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

1/12: Naomi Gillies
 1/19: Lindsay Kircher
 1/26: Buddy Simpson
 2/2: Lindsay & Beau Southwell
 2/9: Sabina Widner
 2/16: Beth Wilson
 2/23: Gail Baker

A/V TEAM

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

COORDINATORS

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

LITURGIST/READER

1/12: Dalton Cooper
 1/19: Blake Rogers
 1/26: Andrea Butt
 2/2: Youth Sunday
 2/9: LJ Jay
 2/16: Judy Grieve
 2/23: Amelia Hall

USHERS

1/12: Brian Bauereiss, Megan Buckalew, Judy Grieve, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
 1/19: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
 1/26: Jim Buckalew, William Davis, Chris Henry, Beau Southwell, Charlie Terry
 2/2: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris, Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe, Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
 2/9: Brian Bauereiss, Megan Buckalew, Judy Grieve, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
 2/16: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
 2/23: Jim Buckalew, William Davis, Chris Henry, Beau Southwell, Charlie Terry

Mission

GAP Ministries

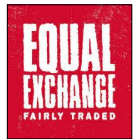
GAP needs our help to keep the food pantry stocked amongst rising food costs! On your next trip to the grocery store, look out for “Buy One Get One” deals and other sales on all non-perishable foods to make the most of your donations. Everything helps, but some specific needs are instant grits, instant 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

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate Sale

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on January 12 and February 9. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner



Thank-yous

Thank You

Thank you to Covenant’s talented and faithful singers, ringers, instrumentalists, and soloists who volunteered their musical gifts to beautify our Advent and Christmas services! Your efforts were eagerly anticipated by the entire congregation and enjoyed and appreciated by everyone present and online.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Lyn Patterson
 Director of Music

Thank You

Thank you to the many people who delivered meals for Family Promise at the start of the holiday season. Jimmy Carson was our first chef, followed by Susan & Phil Monk, Becky DeLecuona, Melissa & Jeremy Tyler, Jennifer & Gabe Fuller, and Kathy & Rick Ordelt. There were three families: three moms, three teens, and a two-year-old. Covenant was highly praised for how well they treated them.

Chuck Baldwin
 Family Promise Coordinator

Thank You

Thank you to a caring and generous congregation. Due to your support of Presbyterian Women mission projects, we were able to assemble 300 treat bags for the troops at Fort Eisenhower going home for the first time since arriving and 200 goodie bags of fresh baked items for the clients at GAP. You are the BEST.



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Festival of Lessons & Carols
December 15, 2024



Hanging of the Greens
December 1, 2024



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