

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • September 2024

World Communion Sunday

Save the Date and Plan to Join Us!

World Communion Sunday Potluck,
Sunday, October 6 after 10:00 a.m.
worship in the fellowship hall.



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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Office Hours:

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

From Our Pastor

Over the summer, *The New York Times* published a list of “The 100 Best Books of the 21st Century.” To create the list, the *Times* sent a survey to “hundreds of literary luminaries” and asked them to name the top ten books published since January 1, 2000. More than five hundred novelists, poets, non-fiction writers, and bibliophiles responded, and the resulting list was the source of much Internet-chatter for a few days in July.

Not surprisingly, people had strong feelings about the books on the list. To appease its opinionated readers, the *Times* created a survey for people to submit their own lists of the top ten books of the century so far. The readers’ list included 39 books that were on the original list and 61 different titles.

If you’ve ever been part of a book club, then you know that books can be a great catalyst for spirited and meaningful discussion. As people of faith, we know that the same can be said of the Bible. The stories of Scripture are sources of comfort, challenge, and sometimes confusion. Engaging with God’s story also helps us engage with the stories of our loved ones as well as the stories of people around the world. Stories create connection and cultivate compassion.

As you read this issue of the *Chimes*, I hope you’ll notice the stories that God is writing through our church. There are stories of hope through our service with GAP and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. There are stories of growth through our preschool and our faith formation offerings. There are stories of healing as well stories of grief in our prayer requests. God’s Spirit is present in each and every one of these stories, and it’s a beautiful thing to be part of these stories together.

Grace and peace,

Katelyn



Clerk's Corner

- Approved baptism of Rosemary Constance, daughter of Amelia Hall and Edward Tremel on August 11, 2024.
- Building usage: the playground continues to be popular with three different group requests with a total of 75 participants. There was also a request to use the parlor on six occasions for 20 participants each time.
- Communications received included a thank you from Presbyterian Mission for our financial support as well as a letter acknowledging the contribution to Undue Medical Debt.
- Commissioners to the August 17, 2024 Presbytery meeting were Anne Ealick Henry, Judy Grieve, Aubrey Moore and Susan Monk.
- Communion servers for September 1, 2024 are Jim Buckalew, Dalton Cooper, Judy Grieve and Susan Monk.

Treasurer's Report

- Aubrey reported that we have a surplus this past month and year to date. Preschool ended the year with a \$1,689.61 surplus.

Motions

- Motion that Session not approve the request to attach an emblem to the outside of a columbarium niche in keeping with the Columbarium and Memorial Garden policy. Motion seconded and passed.
- Motion to designate October 20, 2024 as "Matthew 25 Sunday." Needing no second, motion passed.
- Motion to approve request to use funds received in memory of Joe Griffin to support GAP and the Music Fund, equally. Needing no second, motion passed.
- Motion to approve required maintenance on the columbarium, including opening filled niches so that the internal coverings can be replaced and sealed. No second required, motion passed.
- Motion to approve plans to install access controls at the two main doors and to rekey the office suite and exterior doors. No second required, motion passed.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session

Creation Care Corner

Have you ever considered switching beans for beef?

Livestock (especially cattle) are responsible for 18% of global greenhouse gas emissions, which is more than cars, planes, and all transportation sources combined. How do livestock contribute so much to greenhouse gases? Because of the tremendous demand for beef, there are about 1.5 billion cows on the planet. According to the U.N. almost 1/3 of land on earth is used to raise livestock or livestock feed. About 80% of deforestation in the Amazon forests has been for the purpose of cattle ranching. Those forests are cleared by burning, which releases carbon into the atmosphere, and reduces the rainforest available to absorb carbon dioxide. Fossil fuels are also used to produce fertilizer to grow the feed, in meat production, and in transporting meat. Cow gas and manure produce more than a third of all methane emissions, and methane is 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide in its impact on global warming.

According to a 2016 study, individual contributions to greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced 63% by switching to a vegetarian diet. Many of us may not be willing to give up meat entirely, but there is a single change you could make that would have a high impact: substitute beans for beef. In 2017, a team of scientists calculated that if every American made this single change, it would dramatically reduce greenhouse gases and free up 42% of U.S. croplands.

Our family read about this study in 2017 and while we haven't given up beef completely, it is now a special occasion meal rather than a regular menu item. Consider joining us in making this change!

Amy House, Chair, Creation Care Task Force



2024 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women will be received on September 8, 2024. This year, eight projects have been selected for funding. Grants have been awarded to:



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

- 1) Waniyeta Consulting of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, for education, teaching and direction to young mothers.
- 2) Voices of Jubilee, a program to benefit incarcerated youth and their families.
- 3) SAFEchild, which provides prevention and intervention services for at-risk children.
- 4) Forward Paths Foundation, which works to influence at-risk youth to complete high school, attain a work history and learn financial management skills.
- 5) Peace Promise, which provides advocacy, education and economic empowerment to survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Peace Promise provides employment to survivors, mentoring education and on-the-job training.
- 6) The Office of Immigration Issues of the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to purchase software that will track legislation and improve users' ability to contact lawmakers.
- 7) Presbyterian Church in Congo - Presbyterian Ministries with Vulnerable Children, which coordinates protection and care for at-risk children.
- 8) Higgins Brothers' Surgicenter for Hope in Haiti, for an ambulance to transport rural patients to the Surgicenter and help with transporting health care workers.

Thank you for your consideration of giving to this mission of Presbyterian Women.

Financial Peace University

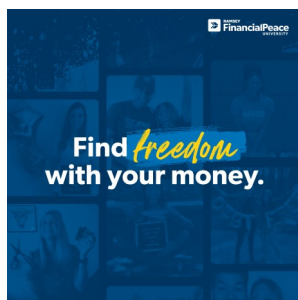
Want to find out where you stand financially?

Do you know how much insurance you need and what kind protects you and your loved ones?

Maybe you want to finally get organized and tell your money what to do instead of asking where it went. This nine course series walks you through all of the pitfalls of our toxic money culture and gives you a foundation in personal finance that will carry you for a lifetime. The class will meet virtually on Thursday nights beginning on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. for an hour. Sign up at Ramsey Solutions. Go to Products-Financial Peace University-Buy for myself. After you get your online codes, sign up for the Covenant class <https://www.fpu.com/914375>. Please allow 7-10 days to receive your workbook in the mail.



Laurie Blalock Hudson, Class Facilitator
704-617-9463



Nominations for Leadership

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is beginning the annual process of discerning who among us might be called to leadership at Covenant. We are searching for four elders (3 year term), three deacons (3 year term), and two CNC members (2 year term). Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to these leadership roles. To make a nomination, you may come by the church office during the week to fill out a form, or email the chair of the CNC, William Davis, at wdavis2@augusta.edu. You are also welcome to nominate yourself. The session has called a congregation meeting for Sunday, November 17 to hear a report from the CNC and to elect those leaders. Thank you for your help in this important work!

Education Ministry

Emmaus Class

Facilitators: Kathryn Crandall, Matt Crowe, Karla Conditt Daniels, and Katelyn Gordon Cooke

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

Of the four gospels, do you know which one is the oldest? Which one is the shortest? Which one doesn't include an origin story for Jesus? If you answered Mark, then you're correct!

During the month of September, the Emmaus Class will focus its study on the Gospel of Mark. Matt Crowe will lead the class in this study as the class explores together the structure, significance, and story of the first gospel.

Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on September 7, at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

SALT Class

Facilitators: Kathy Ordelt, Judy Grieve, and Steve Bell

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

All adults are welcome to join us for an engaging 5-week journey through TheoEd, a faith-based speaker series that brings together leading thinkers in the church. (Think of it as TED talks for churches!) Each week's speaker will give a short talk after which we'll have plenty of time for discussion, as we explore fresh ways to think about and deepen our faith. Katelyn will lead our class on September 8. (No class on September 1, Labor Day weekend). Hope to see you there!

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!



WINGS-Women in God's Service (PW)

All women are invited to the 2024-25 monthly meetings of WINGS. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30 am in Room 7. This year we will be studying Creation Care concerns using "Come to the Waters" (2015-2016 PW Study) along with The Green Bible. Please join us as we have fellowship together and consider what we can do to care for the earth.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, and 25
Fellowship Hall

Dinner – 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Dinner is provided each week by one of the Covenant Ministry Teams. Check the weekly email and Sunday bulletin for menu details.

The Stories We Tell – 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Leader: Katelyn Gordon Cooke & Andy Cooke



The Stories We Tell

If you think back to your high school English classes, you may remember that all stories have a set of key elements, including characters, setting, plot, and conflict and resolution. We can see these elements in our favorite novels, and they're also present in the stories of Scripture and the stories of our lives. Join us on Wednesday evenings as we explore these narrative elements and why and how they matter for our faith and our daily life.

September 4 – The People in the Story (Characters)

September 11 – Location, Location, Location (Setting)

September 18 – What's Happening? (Plot)

September 25 – It's Complicated (Conflict and Resolution)

Children

Preschool

Children ages 2 through kindergarten
Sunday mornings
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 September:

September 8 – God Makes a Promise (Genesis 12:1-9; 15:2-6)
September 15 – God Gives Joseph Dreams (Genesis 37:1-11)
September 22 – God Saves the People (Exodus 12:31-42)
September 29 – God Provides Food and Water (Exodus 16:1-8, 13-15; 17:1-7)

Preschool and Elementary Music

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

We're excited that Children's Music kicks off this month! Preschool and elementary students come together for 20 minutes of music with Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lyn, and other special guests on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning Small Groups

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

God loves a good story, and that's evident throughout the stories of Scripture. The Bible includes stories of triumph and stories of defeat, stories of heartbreak and stories of miracles. All of these individual stories are part of God's big story with humanity, and this fall, we're getting an overview of the Bible as we study 12 stories and themes of Scripture. Here are our topics for the month of September:

September 8 – Disruption (Genesis 3-9)
September 15 – The Promise (Genesis 12-13; 15-18; 21)
September 22 – Exodus (Exodus 1-5; 7-15)
September 29 – Commands (Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 31-32; 34; 40)

Beyond Sunday Mornings

September Second Service - GAP Food Drive Support

Sunday, September 8 // 3:00-4:30 p.m. // Room 203

For our first service activity of the fall, middle and high school youth will help support Covenant's canned food drive to benefit GAP! We'll make some signs for the donation area, weigh the food that's been donated so far (we have a goal to collect 1,000 pounds of food!), and learn about why this food drive is important for our neighbors in the Augusta community. Youth are encouraged to bring two canned goods to contribute to the food drive too!

September Fourth Fellowship - PuttPutt!

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

Putt-Putt Fun Center
3763 Martinez Blvd., Martinez, GA

Spend the afternoon with youth friends at Putt-Putt and see who can get a hole-in-one! Drop-off and pick-up will be at Putt-Putt, and we'll meet out front before going in together. The church will pay for your mini golf; bring money for snacks or drinks afterward.

Mission

Covenant Food Drive for GAP

The Covenant Mission Ministry is holding a food drive through the month of September to help keep groceries on the shelf at GAP.

Please grab a few items on sale when you make your trips to the grocery store.

We always need canned fruit, soups, flavored rice, pasta, mac and cheese, peanut butter, and pork and beans.

We are trying to grow a mountain of groceries to help those in need. You can drop your items in the designated area of the Fellowship Hall throughout the month. We will weigh the items periodically and let you know how we are doing as we move through the month. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds! Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

Elaine Lea



Mission Trip to Florida

Please pray for our mission team, who will be in Ft. Myers, Florida from September 14-21 doing hurricane recovery work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our team members are Elaine Lea (team leader), Chuck Baldwin, Laretta Burton, Brock Daniels, Charlotte Ealick, Joslyn Fields, Jimmy Lea, Mary McCarter, Aubrey Moore, Jeannine Purvis, and Beth Wilson.

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate Sale

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on September 8. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner



Mission Trip Luncheon August 11, 2024



Building & Grounds



B & G Ministry Team would like to invite all that are interested in donating two hours a month to miscellaneous chores like weeding, planting, mulching, raking, trimming, and pressure washing around our church grounds with our Green Team. We are in need of more help, and what better way to share your time and talents at Covenant. We will have a set schedule for the gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. On **September 14**, we will focus on alley landscaping. No skills or equipment are required, and you do not need to commit to all of the gatherings. Kids of all ages are also welcome! If you have any questions, you may reach out to Mary McCarter or Dalton Cooper.

September Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Sherry Nash,
Tiny Tots Teacher

A few fun facts about Sherry:

- I have been babysitting since I was nine years old and I taught middle school for 20 years and 47 days.
- I have loved being part of Covenant Presbyterian Church and Preschool since the early 1990's. I am grateful for the warm welcome I received upon my return after a six year hiatus.
- I have been to Scotland and would love to visit again. I was in awe of the beauty.

Note: Sherry doesn't like having her picture taken, but she loves sharing pictures of her dog!



Getting to know
Jill Reeves Garren,
Preschool Director

A few fun facts about Jill:

- My family and I regularly attend St. Mary's on the Hill; however, when given the chance, we thoroughly enjoy coming to worship at Covenant. We appreciate how welcoming everyone has been, and it really means a lot to my family and me.
- Peru was one of my favorite places to travel. While there, I had the opportunity to work in some of the school systems, as well as travel to many of the historic landmarks. Most of my time there was spent in the city of Cusco.
- I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, crafting, and hosting.

Young Adult Gathering July 25, 2024



September

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	9:15am Covenant Summer Choir, Balcony* 10:00am Communion Worship Service*	2 Labor Day, Office & Preschool Closed	3 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	4 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner* 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program* 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	5 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:00pm Stewardship Task Force, Rm 7 6:30pm Matthew 25 Task Force, Rm 7	6 5:30pm Food Truck Friday	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 9:30am Day of Singing, Sanctuary/Parlor 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Church Women United Meeting, Rm 7 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104	
8	Special Offering: PW Thank Offering 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:40am Children's Music, Room 3 12:15pm Congregational Nominating Committee, Rm 7 12:15pm Diaconate Meeting, Parlor 3:00pm Youth Service Activity	9 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:30pm Building and Grounds Ministry Team Meeting, Gathering Area	10 9:30am Preschool Grandfriends Day, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7 6:30pm Sustainability Ministry Team, Room 7	11 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	12 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:00pm Financial Peace University Class, Zoom 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers 7:00pm Creation Care Task Force, Zoom	13 Work Mission Trip to Florida 8:00am Green Team 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104	14 Work Mission Trip to Florida 8:00am Green Team 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104	
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*Childcare available

Preschool

The 2024-2025 school year is off to a great start at Covenant Preschool and Children's Day Out. I know I speak for myself, as well as all of the teachers, when I say we were overwhelmed with the amount of generosity and support from the congregation during the preschool's supply drive. Thank you so much for all of the baby sensory toys, building blocks, Fisher Price toys, Kinetic sand and much more! These things are essential to the everyday "learning through play" atmosphere that we try to strive for each day.

The students and teachers are getting settled into their routines and classrooms, and this month, we will begin our enrichment activities, which include weekly Spanish and music classes, as well as a weekly chapel service in the sanctuary. We are also having our second Grandfriends Day on September 10, and we'll welcome and celebrate our students' grandparents and older friends to our classrooms.

Your prayers and support mean so much to the staff and their families of the preschool. Thank you for the many ways you share God's love with us and help us to feel welcome at the church!

Thank you,
Jill Reeves Garren
Preschool Director



Preschool Sunday & Commissioning
Preschool Staff
August 11, 2024

Worship

Children's Worship Bags

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we believe that Jesus' invitation to children included worship. At the same time, we know it can be hard for younger members to sit through a worship service, so we want to help.

Children's bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary every Sunday. These bulletins frequently correspond with the sermon Scripture reading, and they include word puzzles, games, and coloring activities.

We've also recently refreshed our children's worship bag space in the back of the sanctuary! Each tote bag has a clipboard, white paper, crayons, and markers, and then children have the opportunity to choose two or three other items from the worship bag cart to play with during the service. We update the materials and books frequently, so you'll want to check back and see what's new from week to week.

After the service, please return the tote bag (with all items still in it) to the coat rack, so we can reset them for the next week.

Sunday Morning Childcare Staff

Updates

September will mark Alex Krumme's last month with Covenant as one of our Sunday morning nursery workers. At the end of the month, Alex will begin a new job with a local dance studio where she'll be teaching on Sundays. It's been a joy to have Alex with us in this position for the past several years, and we're glad that she'll still be part of the Covenant community as one of our preschool teachers.

Sara van Plew, who has been one of our Wednesday evening nursery workers and a preschool floater, will start working on Sunday mornings in the nursery on September 8. Sara is a teacher at another local preschool. Sara is mom to Dexter, who's nine years old, and she loves plants and cats.

Sunday Worship Nursery

9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. // Room 2

Childcare is available for infants through kindergarteners during the Sunday morning worship service. Especially in light of our growing number of young children (ages 4 and under), we ask that children in 1st grade and above stay in the sanctuary for the full worship service. We have children's worship bags and bulletins available every week to help older children participate in the worship service.

Please note that childcare ends at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, and we ask your help in respecting the childcare staff's schedule by picking up your child on time. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Katelyn. Thank you!



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Rebekah Henry Murphy and John Patrick Murphy on the passing of John’s mother, Patricia Maureen McGrath Murphy who passed away on August 24 (0824)
Terry Bowers - prayer of thanksgiving after a successful procedure (0827)

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

Ellen Moore (mother of Aubrey Moore) - recovering in a rehabilitation facility after a fall (0820)

Fred Gehle - at Doctors Hospital (0820)

Ginger Cornes - healing after foot surgery (0820)

Bobby Vernoy - at Doctors Hospital (0820)

Sue Walsh (friend of Diane Griffin) - recurrent cancer (0822)

Bob Yost (Pat Ritter’s brother) - cancer diagnosis (0822)

Corinne Russell (Diane Griffin’s sister) - cancer treatment (0822)

Barbara Fortson (friend of Marion Mosley) - healing after surgery (0813)

Will Stevens (father of Christina Stevens, girlfriend of William Ealick) - prayers for his upcoming cancer treatment (0815)

Laurie Smith Cochran (former Covenant member) - recovering after abdominal surgery (0809)

Family of Elaine Sanders-Jackson (Joslyn Fields’ sister) who passed away on August 4 (0804)

Family of Leah Mannel, who passed away on August 6 (0806)

Sandy Patterson (friend of Susan Monk) - heart catheterization (0801)

Sandy and Bob Kelley - Sandy at home, Bob the ability to care for Sandy (0721)

Cheryl Andrews (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - in hospice care in Augusta (0721)

Bill Simmermon (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Winter Park, FL - pancreatic cancer (0721)

Dana and Rob Johnson - celebration and prayers for a healthy pregnancy (0702)

Family of Lorraine O’Quinn (mother of Joanie McCraw) who passed away on July 2 (0702)

Family of Jim Crimmins, who passed away on June 28 (0628)

Gloria Melvin (mother of Matthew Crowe) experiencing pain after a fall (0625)

David Lapp - cancer diagnosis and treatment (0619)

Genna (friend of Sarah Colborn's granddaughter, Adelaid) cancer diagnosis (0620)

ENDURING CONCERNS

Jacquie Allison - Brandon Wilde

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

Beverly Carpenter (stepmother of Paula Reardon) - At home

Joe and Eunice Cook – Brandon Wilde

Bill Cornes – At home

Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde

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

Betty Johnston - Brandon Wilde

Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Moses’ mother) – At home

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



You’ve probably noticed how a cord made up of three strands is much stronger than a single or double braided cord. The intertwined strands give the cord extra strength and keep it from breaking apart. By welcoming Christ through prayer as the third cord in our relationships, we can fortify and nourish them with his love, strength, and grace.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. - Ephesians 4:2-3

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.

September Worship Schedule

PREACHER

9/1: Amy Hobby Rickard
9/8: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
9/15: Andy Cooke
9/22: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
9/29: Andy Cooke

GREETERS

9/1: Buddy Simpson
9/8: Lindsay & Beau Southwell
9/15: Sabina Widner
9/22: Beth Wilson
9/29: Gail Baker

LITURGIST/READER

9/1: Lori Rogers
9/8: Dalton Cooper
9/15: Naomi Gillies
9/22: Charlie Terry
9/29: Dalton Cooper

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

9/1: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe,
Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson
9/8: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve,
Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson,
Bill Usry
9/15: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson,
Dalton Cooper, John Ealick,
Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
9/22: Jim Buckalew, William Davis,
Chris Henry, Beau Southwell,
Charlie Terry
9/29: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris,
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COORDINATORS

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

Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at French Market Grille, 425 Highland Ave. 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.

Food Truck Friday

Join us for the next Food Truck Friday event!

Friday, September 6, 2024
5:30-7:00 p.m.

FAMILY * FOOD * FRIENDS!



**FOOD TRUCK
FRIDAY**

Willie Jewell's BBQ

Dessert: Italian Ice

Cost: \$10/adult; \$5/child; \$20 max/
family

B.Y.O. chair or blanket
and invite your friends!

Men's Brownbag Lunch

Join us on Tuesday, September 10 & 24 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for Men's Brownbag Lunch.

Bring your own lunch from home or grab something on the way to the church. We'll catch up with each other and share a brief devotional together.

We will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Andy Cooke.

DAY OF SINGING & SEASONAL SINGERS' INVITATION

The Covenant Choir's annual Day of Singing is scheduled for Saturday, September 7; we will meet from 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the balcony. Snacks for the break will be provided, water will be available, and a light lunch will also be served. Advent and Christmas music will be rehearsed first for any *Seasonal Singers* who may join us. After the break they will be excused (with no guilt!) and the remaining time will be spent working on the anthems selected for Sundays in September, October, and November.

If your schedule does not allow you to sing with the Covenant Choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us as a *Seasonal Singer* for this year's Advent and Christmas seasons. This involves attending the first hour + of the Day of Singing (September 7) and beginning on Wednesday, October 2, rehearsing from 7:15–7:55 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Lyn Patterson for more information.

Soli Deo Gloria!



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