

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • October 2024

World Communion

Sunday Potluck

Congregational Life invites you to a **World Communion Sunday Potluck** Sunday, October 6 in the fellowship hall after 10:00 a.m. worship.

Bring your favorite international dish, and enjoy food and fellowship with your church family!



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:

Maria Biondolillo, Alexandria Dillahunt,
Sherry Nash, and Sara van Plew

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

From Our Pastor

When many people think of the session, they think of a governing board—all business, budgets, and buildings. But that is not the whole story. Our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order says that the session guides a congregation's "...witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness." (G-3.0201).

To that end, the session spends a significant portion of every meeting in prayer and study. Sometimes, we study the Book of Order or the Book of Confessions, which are important to know about as we lead the congregation. Recently, we have been reading more mainstream Christian books on leadership and discipleship. This year, we are reading The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon.

In this book, the authors explore Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors while challenging the readers to consider their literal neighbors—the people who live in their vicinity. Even though we are only a couple of chapters in, the session has already found this book to be a helpful challenge to the ways that we bring the teachings of Jesus to bear on our own lives. If you are interested in reading along with us, then I would encourage you to pick up a copy this month. I'll be curious to hear your thoughts.

As I write this, the Congregational Nominating Committee is working on a slate of nominees to present to you next month, including four new elders who will help us to be and become "...a community of faith, hope, love, and witness." Please pray for them as they continue this work.

October will also bring World Communion Sunday and a potluck luncheon on October 6. We'll mark Matthew 25 Sunday on October 20 and consider our call to eradicate systemic poverty in our community and bring dignity to our neighbors. October 27 is Reformation Sunday, and we will celebrate *Kirkin' o' the Tartans* on that day. We'll finish the month with Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on October 30, where you can come and help us to get to know our neighbors who will show up in costumes that night.

I'll look forward to seeing you at Covenant this month as we bring to life the teaching of Jesus to love our neighbors!

Grace and peace,

Andy

Clerk's Corner

- Building usage included four groups using the playground for a total of 90 participants, the parlor for 20 participants at a baby shower, and Room 7 for two meetings with a total of 22 participants.
- Leah Mannel joined the church triumphant on August 7, 2024.
- Ann Blalock, Jamie Harrell, Luke Russell, and Rob and Elyse Scholl were received into membership at Covenant on August 25, 2024 by letter of transfer.
- Report from Commissioners for Presbytery meeting on August 17, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Gainesville included a discussion on all of the transition taking place at Presbytery with many people in new roles. Please pray for our church leadership at Presbytery.
- Communion servers for World Communion Sunday on October 6, 2024 are Amelia Hall, William Davis, and Susan Monk.

Treasurer's Report

- Aubrey reported that we have a year-to-date deficit of \$406.00. This is likely due to quarterly payments. Preschool has a surplus due mainly to how the school year runs when we collect some tuition in advance.

Motions

- Motion that the Audit report for 2023 Financial Year be received from committee. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Motion made to move \$2,296.87 from 80823 Mission Trips to 80337 Family Promise. No second required and motion passed.
- Motion to schedule the Officer Retreat February 7 – February 9, 2025. Motion was seconded and passed.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session

Welcome New Members



Reception of New Members
August 25, 2024

Ann Blalock

After having been away for 25 years, Ann has returned to Covenant. She is the mother of members Laurie Hudson and Nancy Gilleland. She is happy to be back at Covenant.

Jamie Harrell and Luke Russell

Luke and Jamie started attending Covenant back in January and couldn't have asked for a more loving church family. Jamie grew up in Appling, Ga and was raised in the United Methodist Church. Luke was raised in Clover, SC and was brought up in the PCUSA Church. Currently Jamie is a Golf Cart Engine builder, and Luke works for the Columbia County School System.

They are so happy to now officially be members at Covenant!

Rob and Elyse Scholl

Rob and Elyse Scholl recently moved to the Augusta area from Wichita, Kansas, where they were members of Grace Presbyterian Church. They are parents to Marisa (17), Nate (14) and 2 Labrador retrievers (Lolli and Zelda). They look forward to getting to know more of the congregation!



On September 8, Angela Hobby received the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership. Congratulations, Angela!

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 - 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.

Program – 6:15-7:00 p.m.



The Creation Care Task Force will host Wednesday night fellowship programming on October 2 and 9. We will have guest speakers who are experts in their fields. Please come and hear what they have to say.

October 2nd: Georgia Climate Project

October 9th: Recycling in Augusta



The Matthew 25 Task Force will host Wednesday night fellowship programming on October 16 and 23.

We will be looking at a video about poverty in America. Please plan to join us.

Preschool

September was a full month for us at the preschool, and here are a few highlights:

- Grandfriends Day celebration!
On Tuesday, September 10, we welcomed grandparents and special older friends to join our students in the fellowship hall for crafts and sweet treats.
- Soccer Shots Kick-Off!
We're excited to be partnering with Soccer Shots Augusta again this year. They are offering soccer classes for our students ages 2 through 5! Soccer Shots teaches students soccer basics and also focuses on character development. Look for our Big Tots, Tater Tots, PK 3 and PK 4 students in the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Parent Teacher Organization
At the end of September, we had our first Parent Teacher Organization meeting of the year. We're grateful to have Shannen Edry and Elise Edry again this year as the PTO co-chairs. Shannen and Elise are sisters-in-law, and they are also long-time parents at the preschool. We're looking forward to a great year with our families and staff!

Jill Reeves Garren
Preschool Director

Preschool Grandfriends Day September 10, 2024



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

On October 13, 20, and 27, Andy Cooke will lead a 3-week 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, especially as we approach Reformation Sunday/Kirkin' o' the Tartans and celebrate that history. Please join us in room 12 this month as we explore this topic together.

Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on October 5, 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

Christian Nationalism – what is it and how should we respond?

The SALT class will explore the meaning of Christian nationalism in relation to our faith and our understanding of God. As faithful Americans, should we be supporting the movement? If God created all people, is it appropriate to suggest that a certain people are somehow favored or special in the sight of God or the nation? Join us as Brock Daniels leads the class to explore the dangers of this movement that is popular in America today. Three sessions beginning October 13th, just in time for our pre-election deliberations. All adults are welcome to join us!

NOTE: No class on October 6—World Communion Sunday potluck lunch in the fellowship hall.

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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 7. This year we will be studying Creation Care concerns, their impact and our responses to them through our faith and our communities, 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.

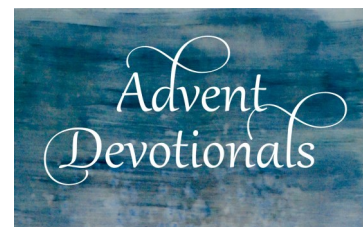
Advent Devotional

The liturgical season of Advent is all about getting ready for the coming of the Christ Child, and, believe it or not, we're already starting to get ready for Advent!

In keeping with the theme of "The Stories We Tell," this year's Advent devotional will feature stories from you! We're taking a page from *The New York Times'* Tiny Love Stories and asking Covenant members to share stories of 100 words or less about hope, peace, joy, and love. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 10, and the final product will be a printed booklet that will be available at the start of Advent.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/CPCAdvent24>



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 October:

October 13 – God Proclaims Jubilee (Leviticus 25:1-12, 25-28, 35-42)

October 20 – God Chooses Deborah as Leader (Judges 4:1-10)

October 27 – God Sends Elijah to Help (1 Kings 17:8-16)

Preschool and Elementary

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 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Children's Fellowship Event

Sunday, October 27 // 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Steed's Dairy Corn Maze

4634 Wrightsboro Road, Grovetown, GA 30813

Preschool and elementary kiddos and their families are invited to join us for some fall fun at Steed's Dairy Corn Maze! We'll meet there and enjoy the petting zoo, corn maze, hayride, and other activities. The church will cover the cost of admission for our group, and you can contact Katelyn for more information.

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 October:

October 13 – Judges & Kings (Numbers 14, 22; Joshua 11; Judges 2-3, 17, 21; 1 Samuel 8-9, 13-18, 22-23, 26, 31; 2 Samuel 5, 7-8, 11-12; 1 Kings 14)

October 20 – Exile (1 Kings 3-5, 8-14; 2 Kings 17, 24-25; 2 Chronicles 7, 36; Amos 3-5, 7; Jeremiah 18, 23, 29, 31; Ezekiel 36; Ezra 1-2; Nehemiah 4, 6)

October 27 – God-with-Us (Luke 1-3; Matthew 1-3; Mark 1; John 1)

Beyond Sunday Mornings

Second Sunday Service - GAP Diaper Ministry

Sunday, October 13 // 3:00-4:30 p.m.

One of the many services that GAP provides for our Augusta neighbors is a diaper ministry with diapers for babies and adults. For the youth service activity this month, we'll head down to GAP to learn more about this important ministry and to help package diapers. Drop-off and pick-up will be at GAP (1240 Ellis Street).

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, October 27 // 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Steed's Dairy Corn Maze

4634 Wrightsboro Road, Grovetown, GA 30813

Enjoy an afternoon at Steed's Dairy Corn Maze with your youth group friends! We'll see if we can find our way out of the corn maze, test out the zipline, go for a hayride, and more. The church will cover the cost of admission, and friends are welcome to join us. Look for a text from Katelyn as the date gets closer with more information!

Mission

GAP Ministries

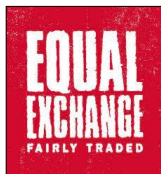
GAP needs our help to keep the food pantry stocked amongst rising food costs! On your next trip to the grocery store, look out for “Buy One Get One” deals and other sales on all non-perishable foods to make the most of your donations. Everything helps, but some specific needs are instant grits, instant 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 October 13. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.



Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner

Mission Trip to Florida



Mission team in Ft. Myers, Florida September 14-21
doing hurricane recovery work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



October Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Alex Krumme,
Babies Teacher

A few fun facts about Alex:

- My favorite place I've traveled to is Germany; it is so beautiful.
- I teach acro tumbling skills to dancers, cheerleaders, and karate kids.
- I love to read books.



Getting to know
Celina Alexander,
Big Tots Teacher

A few fun facts about Celina:

- I am from Orange County, California.
- I love to craft and spend time with my family.
- Isaiah 43:1-7 is my favorite Bible verse.



Thank You

Dear Covenant Family,
I am touched by the support and care extended by everyone during the time of my sister Elaine Sanders-Jackson's passing.

Your comforting words, and acts of kindness have helped my family through this challenging time and profoundly demonstrated the spirit of communal fellowship inherent in our church. For all of your many acts of kindness we are eternally grateful

With joy & peace,

Joslyn Fields

Covenant Choir Seasonal Singers' Invitation for Advent/Christmas

The first 40 minutes of each Wednesday evening rehearsal of the Covenant Choir will be devoted to preparing the music for our festive Lessons & Carols Christmas Service to be presented at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 15.

If you are unable to sing with us on a regular basis, but would like to join the Covenant Festival Choir for this annual event, please consider attending our rehearsal from **7:15 – 7:55 p.m.** on Wednesdays. At 7:55 p.m. you will be free to depart, and our rehearsal will then continue as we work to prepare music for weekly worship services.

Questions? Please contact Lyn Patterson. *Soli Deo Gloria!*





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Congregational Nominating Committee, Rm 7	30 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	1 Organ Tuning, Sanctuary a.m. 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 3:30pm Brandon Wilde Communion 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Room 7	2 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner* 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program* 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	3 4:00pm Stewardship Task Force, Rm 7 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	4	5 8:00am Approved Birthday Party, Playground 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
6 Special Offering: Peace & Global Witness 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:30am World Communion Sunday Congregational Lunch, Fellowship Hall 12:15pm Congregational Nominating Committee, Rm 7	7 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	8 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7 6:30pm P.E.O. Meeting, Rm 7 6:30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness, Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall	9 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	10 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	11 Preschool Fall Break, No School	12 8:00am Green Team 10:00am Meals on Wheels 12:00pm AU Volleyball Games 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
13 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 3:00pm Youth Service Activity	14 Preschool Fall Break, No School 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	15 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	16 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Dinner* 6:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship, Program* 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	17 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	18	19 9:00am Approved Birthday Party, Playground 9:30am Jubilation Ringers, Sanctuary 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
20 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 12:15pm Congregational Nominating Committee, Rm 7	21 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	22 10:00am Presbytery Meeting, Cleveland, GA 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	23 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	24 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	25	26 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
27 Kirkin' of the Tartans Reformation Sunday 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:40am Children's Music, Room 3 12:15pm Congregational Nominating Committee, Rm 7 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor* 3:00pm Children's Fellowship Event 3:00pm Youth Fellowship Activity	28 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	29 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym	30 5:30am Trunk or Treat, Walton Way Parking Lot 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	31 Preschool Halloween Fun, Room 12 Preschool, Fellowship Hall am 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubilation Ringers	1	2 8:00am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:00pm Baby Shower, Parlor 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104

*Childcare available

Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Raes Costal Café, 3208 W. Wimbledon Drive, Augusta. 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

On the second and fourth Tuesday at noon, several men in our congregation gather in the fellowship hall to share a meal and a brief devotional or study. This year, our guide will be a book entitled The Thirteen Apostles by J. Ellsworth Kalas. You are welcome to order this book and read along, or you could just show up and learn from the discussion. We hope that you will bring your own lunch and join us on October 8 and 22 as we learn more about Peter and James. For more information, contact Andy Cooke.

Augusta University Volleyball

Saturday, October 12
12:00 p.m.

Join your Covenant friends and cheer on the AU Women's Volleyball team at the Augusta Tri-Match on Saturday, October 12! More information about tickets will be available in upcoming Friday emails and the Sunday bulletin.

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30

5:30-7:00 p.m.
Walton Way Parking
Lot



The Congregational Life Ministry Team is hosting another fun-filled Trunk-or-Treat event at the end of October! Tap into your spooky and silly sides, and join us for a night of fun and plenty of candy! Kid-friendly costumes are highly encouraged!

There are several ways you can add to the fun of Trunk or Treat:

- Decorate your trunk and hand out candy at the event
- Donate candy ahead of time
- Help set-up and/or clean-up on the day of the event

Sign up to volunteer by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CovTrunkorTreat24>. Starting on Monday, October 7, there will be a box outside of the church office for candy donations.

For more information, please contact Susan Monk (monk@bellsouth.net) or Chris Terry (caterry005@gmail.com).

Worship

Matthew 25 Sunday, October 20

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is on October 17 each year. The session has designated the closest Sunday as *Matthew 25 Sunday*, a day when we consider our call to eradicate systemic poverty in our community.

Reformation Sunday/ Kirkin' o' the Tartans, October 27

Every year, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) designates the last Sunday in October as Reformation Sunday. This is a time for us to celebrate our history and the formation of our denomination, which has its roots in the 16th century Scottish Reformation. At Covenant, we mark Reformation Sunday with a service called *Kirkin' o' the Tartans*, a service popularized by the Presbyterian minister Peter Marshall in the 1940's. The service will feature bagpipes and other special music along with some traditional Scottish liturgy.

Home Communion

Covenant deacons will be serving communion to homebound church members on Sunday, November 3 after 10:00 a.m. worship. If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please contact Katelyn Gordon Cooke.

All Saints' Sunday, November 3

All Saints' Day occurs on November 1 every year. This is a time to remember those who have come before us and now rest eternally with God. At Covenant, we remember these people on the first Sunday in November, a day that we refer to as All Saints' Sunday. On this day, during our celebration of communion, we will name those members of our congregation who have passed away over the last twelve months and ring a bell as we speak their names. Then, we will have a time for you to speak aloud the names of those known to you who have passed away this year. Please join us for this solemn day as we remember those who have gone before us.



NEW CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Sam and Maddie McCarter - celebration and prayers for a healthy pregnancy (0911)

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)

Jim Wade - recent hospitalization and recovery from fall (0828)

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

Ginger Cornes - healing after hospitalization (0820)

Bobby Vernoy - hospice care (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) - cancer treatment (0815)

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

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

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

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

David Lapp - cancer diagnosis and treatment (0619)

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

Fred Gehle - at home

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



How can we be more Christlike — in word and deed — during the 2024 U.S. election season? We know a few things for sure: We're called to love others (John 15:12). We're called to [pray for our leaders](#) (1 Timothy 2:1-2). And we're called to live in unity (Ephesians 4:3).

In an election year, choosing love feels extra challenging when our environment often pushes us to pick one side and shun the other. How can we keep choosing love and kindness rather than anger and resentment?

God sees our frustration and confusion. And God promises that when we pray, we'll receive God's guidance and peace.

Urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

—1 Timothy 2:1-2

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.

October Worship Schedule

PREACHER

10/6: Andy Cooke
10/13: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
10/20: Andy Cooke
10/27: Andy Cooke

GREETERS

10/6: Lola Bell
10/13: Jimmy Carson
10/20: Kadie Cheeks & Kathryn Crandall
10/27: Naomi Gillies

LITURGIST/READER

10/6: Mac Hobby
10/13: Andrea Butt
10/20: LJ Jay
10/27: Judy Grieve

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

10/6: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
10/13: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
10/20: Jim Buckalew, William Davis, Chris Henry, Beau Southwell, Charlie Terry
10/27: Hugh Dobbins, Lucyle Ferris, Dave Lapp, Johnny Lowe, Edwin Scott, Beth Wilson

COORDINATORS

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

Access Control Installation on Entrance Doors

In order to enhance the control of access to the building the Building and Grounds committee have approved the installation of access controls on the two main entrances: the door by the office and the door by the preschool.

The access control system will allow people to enter the building using a fob or key code. The plan is to learn the new system and test it (regular key access will not change during this time) to identify any potential issues. Once the system has been grasped, the exterior doors will be rekeyed. The goal is to switch completely to the new system in early 2025. There will be ample notice before this change is made.

Rachel Gregory
Church Administrator

Building & Grounds

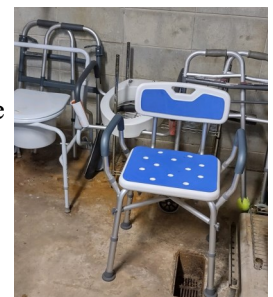
B & G Ministry Team would like to invite all that are interested in donating two hours a month to miscellaneous chores like weeding, planting, mulching, raking, trimming, and pressure washing around our church grounds with our Green Team. We are in need of more help, and what better way to share your 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 **October 12**, we will focus on the Walton Way building area. 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.



Medical items at Covenant

At the church, there is a growing collection of things such as walkers and shower chairs. In case you need one of those items, make sure to check with the church before buying anything. Contact Rachel in the office and she'll get in touch with Building & Grounds to find out what we have.

Chuck Baldwin





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