

COVENANT CHIMES

Covenant Presbyterian Church • Augusta, Georgia • November 2024

Dedication Sunday Potluck

You are invited to **Dedication Sunday Potluck** Sunday, November 10 in the fellowship hall after 10:00 a.m. worship.

Bring your favorite 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:

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

From Our Pastor

Location, location, location. Every realtor will tell you that location is the most important thing about real estate. The criteria for “good” location will depend on the buyer (when Andy and I moved to Augusta, I wanted to be close to a Target – whatever that says about me!), but it’s hard to deny that location is important.

This conviction isn’t unique to the real estate market; location is important in Scripture too. Earlier in the fall as part of our September Wednesday Night Fellowship series, we talked about common settings in the stories of Scripture, and we explored how the location of a biblical event can help us better understand its significance. Mountaintops are often places of divine revelation, the wilderness is place of disorientation and reorientation, and gardens are places of new life and possibility.

For those of us whom God has gathered at Covenant, this little plot of land on the corner of Walton Way and Aumond Road is important. Here in this place, we come together as God’s people in worship. Here in this place, we explore God’s word for us and seek to put into practice as we love and serve our neighbors. Here in this place, we share the love of Christ with our children, we encourage the curiosity of faith in our young people, and we witness to the promises of the resurrection when loved ones die. Yes, this place is important.

As you read through this issue of the *Chimes*, I’d encourage you to read the enclosed articles not just as information but as markers – signposts, if you will – of all that God is doing in this place. We may be one little lot of land in West Augusta, but God is doing big things here and it’s a blessing to be part of it together.

Grace and peace,

Katelyn

Clerk's Corner

Well it has been a different kind of month in many ways including in the life of the church and the work of the Session. The Session has been studying a book called *The Art of Neighboring* this year, and the need for neighbors has been on display in many ways recently. I know in my own neighborhood, I met neighbors I had only waved at before. There was definitely a sense of community that I hope we do not lose. I pray the same has been the case for all of you.

The outreach to our church has been amazing. We have been helped by friends from Madison Presbyterian, Covenant Athens Presbyterian, First Presbyterian Athens, Lawrenceville Presbyterian, Acworth Presbyterian, Independent Presbyterian (Birmingham), and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Churches in Florida and Virginia have prayed for us in our time of need. We appreciate so much the leadership from our pastors, Rev. Andy Cooke and Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke, as we just kept working hard and moving forward. The work is not done but we would not have gotten this far without all this help and support.

During the immediate aftermath of the storm, the following decisions were made by your Session:

- We decided to hire Caleb Naugle, from Joshua 19 Roofing, as our general contractor for all of the work outside on the roof and for the tree removal. This company was recommended by our insurance company, and we have been very pleased with the work so far.

A decision was made to create a designated Disaster Relief Fund account to receive gifts from individuals and organizations that wanted to donate to Covenant directly.

The following decision were made during our Session meeting in October:

- An updated Columbarium and Memorial Garden Policy was approved.
- A motion to create a restricted account to receive donations for our play ground rebuild.
- A decision to not have Wednesday Night Fellowship in November due to the continuing amount of debris on the roadsides.

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9 NRSV)

Susan Monk
Clerk of Session

Treats for Troops

Covenant Presbyterian Women will be collecting treats to make 300 snack bags for soldiers at Fort Eisenhower who will be traveling home for the holidays. Please consider donating individually wrapped food items such as cheese or peanut butter crackers, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, candy or cookies. Place your items in the boxes that will be in front of the office from November 1st to December 6th. Thanks to everyone who has supported this mission in the past.

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, November 19, at 10:30 am in Room 7. We will be discussing "The Green Bible Trail Guide, Theme One: And It Was Good". Please join us as we have fellowship together and consider our role in the care of the earth.

Helene Update

On September 27, we were all devastated by Hurricane Helene. Many of you have been working to restore damage to your homes and businesses since that day. Our property at Covenant was significantly impacted, and we want to make you aware of our recovery efforts in this place.

We lost over 100 trees on that day, and many fell on the building and the playground. We sustained significant roof, gutter, fascia, and masonry damage near the offices, gym, and fellowship hall. A stained-glass window near the choir loft was partially broken by a pine limb. Shingles blew off the sanctuary roof. One of our main water lines was broken. Three light poles came down on the Walton Way lot. The playground was almost completely destroyed by falling trees. There was a significant water incursion in the kitchen, fellowship hall, and gym as well as a minor incursion in the finance secretary's office.

It took nearly 48 hours for the roads to be clear enough to access the property, and we immediately began our recovery and cleanup efforts. After contacting our insurance company, we engaged the services of roofing and tree companies, an electrician, and a plumber to secure our property. In the meantime, volunteers from our church were joined by volunteers from Madison Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian Athens to clean up our property while also operating an emergency food pantry for our community. Those were long days, but we're glad to say that our property is safe and functioning now, except for internet and phone which continue to be down at the end of October.

Going forward, we are working with insurance and our roofing company to schedule roof repairs as soon as possible. It will take a little longer for specialized contractors to repair masonry, stained glass, and the playground. Several parking lot lights are out, and they will not be repaired until all our tree work is completed. Some work, like landscaping, will probably not happen until next year. We also have more tree debris than we could safely put along Walton Way and Aumond Rd., so we will need to move that debris after the first pass of debris cleanup is completed.

It has been a hard month, but we are on track for a complete recovery at 3131 Walton Way. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to reach out to a staff member. Thank you for your patience and we continue this long recovery effort.

Sincerely,

Andy & Katelyn Cooke



Communion Worship Service
October 6, 2024

Education Ministry

Adults

Sunday mornings
October 27, November 3,
and November 17
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

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

The SALT class and the Emmaus class will meet together in the fellowship hall and 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 to explore the dangers of this movement that is popular in America today. Three sessions led by Brock Daniels beginning October 27th. All adults are welcome to join us.

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!



Men's Breakfast

The Men of the Church will have a Saturday morning breakfast on November 2 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Advent Devotional

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>



November Spotlight

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



Getting to know
Anna Pankonin,
PK 3 Teacher

A few fun facts about Anna:

- My favorite place I've traveled to is Hendersonville, NC.
- My favorite flower is Cherokee rose.
- I enjoy reading books.



Getting to know
Mira Redman,
Tater Tot Teacher

A few fun facts about Mira:

- Monkeys are my favorite animal.
- I am the oldest of six siblings.
- My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 42:3,11.

Education Ministry

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 November:

November 3 – God Chooses Deborah as Leader (Judges 4:1-10)

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

November 24 – God Speaks in Stillness (1 Kings 19:1-18)

Preschool and Elementary

Music

11:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. // Room 3

On Sunday, November 24, preschool and elementary students will come together for 20 minutes of music with Ms. Sarah, Ms. Lyn, and other special guests.

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 November:

November 3 – Exile (1 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Amos, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah)

November 17 – God-with-Us (Luke 1-3; Matthew 1-3; Mark 1; John 1)

November 24 – Miracles (Matthew 8-9; Mark 2, 4; Luke 4-5; John 5)

Beyond Sunday Mornings

Second Sunday Service - Playground Clean-Up

Sunday, November 10 // 1:00-2:30 p.m. // Covenant Playground

One of the saddest things about Hurricane Helene was the damage it did to Covenant's playground. Many of our youth grew up playing on the playground when they were little, and it hurts to see the playground in its post-hurricane state.

It'll take a while for us to rebuild the playground, but we can help with the beginnings of its clean-up. On Sunday, November 10, after the Dedication Sunday potluck lunch, middle and high school youth will clean up debris and trash from the playground. Feel free to dress casually that day or bring a change of clothes for after worship and lunch!

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, November 24 // 12:00-1:30 p.m. // Sanctuary & Youth Room

Happy Almost-Thanksgiving-and-Advent!

It's time for one of our annual events where we help get the sanctuary ready for Advent! After Sunday morning small groups, we'll help assemble the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary and then have lunch together.

After that, we'll hang out in the youth room for more snacks and a viewing of *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. We can't wait to see you there!



Children & Youth Fellowship Event
October 27, 2024
Steed's Dairy

Congregational Nominating Committee Report

Elder Class of 2028



Dalton Cooper has been a member of Covenant since 2013. He is currently the chair for the Building and Grounds

Ministry Team and, in the past, has served on the Congregational Nominating Committee, Stewardship Task Force, and as a leader for Youth Sunday School. Dalton has been married to his high school sweetheart Katie since 2019, and they have three children, Charlotte (4), William (2), and Grier (3 months). Dalton is an attorney in Aiken.



Amy House, Ph.D. has been a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church since 1997 and has previously

been ordained as an elder. She is an active member of the Creation Care and Matthew 25 task forces. She and Ralph Gillies married at Covenant, and they have three children, Owen (19), Naomi (16), and Jonah (13). She is a clinical psychologist at the Medical College of Georgia, and she specializes in helping people who are suicidal, self-harming, and/or suffering from traumatic stress learn needed skills and build a life worth living. She has fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming a teacher by dedicating much of her career to teaching psychologists- and psychiatrists-in-training. She enjoys yoga, walking, and listening to podcasts and audiobooks.



Lindsay Southwell is an Augusta native. She graduated from Greenbrier High School then earned her Masters Degree in

Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Georgia. She enjoys working as a pediatric and school-based occupational therapist. Lindsay grew up dancing and continues to teach ballet classes to adults as well and individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities. Lindsay is married to Beau, and they have two children, Sarah (6) and Charlie (4), and a dog named Edgar. Lindsay enjoys serving on the Children's Ministry team at Covenant.



Debbie van Tuyl has been a member at Covenant for more than 30 years. She is a life-long Presbyterian who

has served three previous terms as elder. She has previously served on the Personnel Committee, the Education Ministry, and the Preschool Ministry. Debbie is a retired journalism professor who taught at AU for nearly 30 years, and she currently serves as executive editor of the Augusta Press. She is the author of nine books that mostly deal with journalism during the Civil War or the Irish American press.

Deacon Class of 2028



Jimmy Carson is a life long native of Augusta. He graduated from Richmond Academy and finished his pursuit of education at The Citadel, graduating in 1975. Jimmy is married

to Becky Carson, and they have one daughter and one granddaughter. He retired three years ago after spending 44 years in sales and marketing in the building materials business. Jimmy enjoys anything on the water...boating, fishing, and scuba diving. On early visits to Covenant, he picked up on a vibe that he liked and was certain he made the right choice in selecting this Church. Jimmy looks forward to serving the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church in the years ahead.



Jeff Heck was born in Tallahassee, Florida, Jeff migrated to the far north of Oak Ridge, Tennessee for his early years, then settled south to the perfect compromise of Augusta after college. The

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, provided degrees in journalism and library science, leading to jobs at UTK and what was then Augusta College in computers and administration. He met his wife, Grace (1954-2022), at the college, and they married in 2000. She and her family introduced Jeff to Covenant, where he has served once before as deacon, worked on three mission trips, and serves as librarian. His daughter, Eva, lives in Sweden with her husband and three children.

Congregational Nominating Committee Report



David Ross was born in London, UK. His father, who was in the Scots Guards, sent David at the age of seven to Queen Victoria School in Dunblane, Scotland, where he stayed until 17 years old. David moved back to London and attended Cheslea School of Art for his first Bachelors. During the 80's he moved to the South of France, living and working. After moving to the US over 30 years ago, graduating as a Certified Chef, his work brought him to Augusta. David is now married to Christine Ross and has a daughter, Sophie Ross (9). Covenant Presbyterian Church, Augusta, has become a perfect fit, spiritually and physically for David, who has found his local Church family.

Nominating Committee



Brock Daniels is active in Covenant's music and education programs and has served previously as Elder, Deacon and member of Pastor Nominating Committees. He is a retired human resources leader and stays active as Board Chair of the Georgia Rehabilitation Institute and as music teacher for the Covenant Preschool.



Jeremy Tyler was born and raised in Augusta and graduated from Augusta State University with a degree in finance. After college, he married his amazing wife Melissa and worked in the banking industry for eight years. After working in banking Jeremy decided to change his career and went back to school to get a Masters of engineering degree in construction management. Currently he is the co-owner of an industrial metal fabrication company. In his spare time, he enjoys all things outdoors and spending time on the lake.

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17 at the conclusion of the worship service (approximately 11:00 a.m.) for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee and electing elders, deacons, and members of the Congregational Nominating Committee itself. This is an open meeting, but only members of the congregation may vote.

Preschool

It was wonderful to be back at school after being out so long with Hurricane Helene coming through our area. It was such a blessing being able to see all of our students and families, and we can't thank the church enough for coming together to help clean our space so that we were able to do so.

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

In November, we're getting ready for Thanksgiving by focusing on gratitude, which is so fitting during this time.

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

Blessings,
Jill Reeves Garren
Preschool Director





November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Kirkin' of the Tartans Reformation Sunday 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:40am Children's Music, Room 3 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 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 5:30pm Trunk or Treat, Walton Way Parking Lot 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	31 Preschool Halloween Fun, Room 12 Preschool, Fellowship Hall am 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubellation 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
3 All Saints' Sunday Home Communion 10:00am Communion Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School*	4 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	5 General and Special Elections, Fellowship Hall 11:30am Ladies for Lunch 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:00pm Stated Session Meeting, Parlor	6 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	7 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:00pm Stewardship Task Force, Rm 7 6:30pm Jubellation Ringers	8 9	8:00am Green Team 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
10 Dedication Sunday 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Equal Exchange Coffee Sale* 11:30am Congregational Potluck, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Youth, Second Sunday Service	11 Veterans Day - Preschool Closed 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 6:30pm Building and Grounds Ministry Team Meeting, Gathering Area	12 Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences, Rm 7 12:00pm Men's Lunch, Fellowship Hall 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 4:30pm Education Ministry Team, Room 7	13 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00pm Disciples Bible Study, Rm 104 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	14 Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences, Rm 7 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubellation Ringers	15 16	10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
17 Special Offering: Thornwell Offering 10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Called Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary 11:15am Sunday School*	18 COVENANT CHIMES DEADLINE Preschool Spirit Week 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00pm Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom	19 Preschool Spirit Week 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	20 Preschool Spirit Week 9:30am Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:15pm Covenant Choir, Balcony	21 Preschool Spirit Week 1:00pm Preschool Soccer Shots, Gym 6:30pm Jubellation Ringers	22 Preschool Spirit Week	23 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104
24 10:00am Worship Service* 11:15am Sunday School* 11:40am Children's Music, Room 3 12:00pm Youth Fellowship Activity 12:15pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor*	25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool closed 5:00pm Companions in Christ, Parlor	26 Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool closed 6:30pm Mission Ministry Team, Zoom	27 Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool closed 1:30pm Covenant Staff Meeting, Work Room	28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool and Church Office Closed	29 Thanksgiving Holiday - Preschool and Church Office Closed	30 10:00am Meals on Wheels 1:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Rm 104

*Childcare available

Congregational Life

Ladies for Lunch

Ladies for Lunch will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m. Women and friends of Covenant will gather at Village Deli in Daniel Village Shopping Center.

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 November 12 at noon, several men in our congregation will gather in the fellowship hall to share a meal and a brief devotional or study. This year, our guide is 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 November 12 as we learn more about James. For more information, contact Andy Cooke.

Note: We will not meet on November 26 due to Thanksgiving.

Worship

Home Communion

Covenant deacons will be serving communion to homebound church members on Sunday, November 3 after 10:00 a.m. worship. We look forward to extending the table to Covenant members who aren't able to join us in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.


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.

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 November 10. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.

Charlotte Ealick and Sabina Widner



Family Promise

As we continue to emerge from the devastation of Hurricane Helene, Family Promise is an uplifting story of rebirth. For the first time in this mission's long history, they own a 4-bedroom house with a preschool/daycare operation and their administrative offices all on one property. Everything has been remodeled, and they can accommodate up to 15 residents.

We will be delivering meals beginning Sunday, November 24 through Saturday, November 30. I will meet the volunteers between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Covenant and lead them to the exact address on Wheeler Road (about three miles west of church).

Call/Text me at 706-339-1506 or email me at chuckjr.cb@gmail.com.

Chuck Baldwin, Family Promise Coordinator



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

All the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Stu Ritter - continuing effects of Parkinson's disease (1024)

Andy Cooke – healing after foot surgery (1011)

Sam and Maddie McCarter - celebrating a baby on the way and praying for a healthy pregnancy (0911)

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

Ellen Moore (mother of Aubrey Moore) - at home, making good progress, and receiving home health care. (0820)

Ginger Cornes - healing after foot surgery (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)

Bill Simmermon (friend of Andrea & Nick Butt) - Winter Park, FL - pancreatic cancer (1015)

Dana and Rob Johnson - celebration and prayers for a healthy pregnancy (1015)

Gloria Melvin (mother of Matthew Crowe) – experiencing pain after a fall (1015)

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

Wally Dill – suffering from dementia, and his wife Marilyn (friends of Joanie McCraw)

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



Have you ever heard of spiritual optimism? Experts on this concept tell us that it is the ability to see, align with, and celebrate what God is doing in our lives and in the world. It is trusting in God's faithfulness even in less than ideal circumstances.

A few things that can help us to be more spiritually optimistic include:

- Praying and meditating on God's Word
- Worshipping and being part of a body of believers
- Practicing gratitude
- Volunteering and helping others
- Spending time in nature

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well....for there is a Force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go.

-Julian of Norwich, circa 1380

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.

November Worship Schedule

PREACHER

11/3: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
 11/10: Andy Cooke
 11/17: Andy Cooke
 11/24: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

11/3: Amelia Hall
 11/10: Lindsay Kircher
 11/17: Buddy Simpson
 11/24: Lindsay & Beau Southwell

LITURGIST/READER

11/3: Chris Henry
 11/10: Amelia Hall
 11/17: Jimmy Carson
 11/24: Chuck Baldwin

A/V TEAM

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

USHERS

11/3: Shirley Gilleland, Judy Grieve, Philip Monk, Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
 11/10: Steve Bell, Jimmy Carson, Dalton Cooper, John Ealick, Angela Hobby, Rubén Rosa
 11/17: Jim Buckalew, William Davis, Chris Henry, Beau Southwell, Charlie Terry
 11/24: 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*

Festival Service of Lessons & Carols 2024

Sunday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. the Covenant Festival Choir, instrumental and vocal soloists, percussion, and organ will offer our annual Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. Choral music includes selections from Robert A. Hobby's service "*Holy Light*." The congregation will also be invited to join in singing seasonal carols as with Word and music we anticipate and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, our Savior.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Kirkin' O' The Tartans October 27, 2024



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“...in every place where I
cause my name to be
remembered I will come to
you and bless you.”

Exodus 20:24

Please join us on November 10
for Dedication Sunday and a potluck
lunch following worship.