

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

May 1 Sandra McDonald
May 8 Betty Kiep
May 15 Mae Todd
May 22 Brenda Gilmore
May 29 Anita Raby
June 5 Janice Hutton

CONTACT VISITORS

May 1 Mae Todd
May 8 Betty Kiep
May 15 Jean Moore
May 22 Carole Barron
May 29 Steve & Paulette Turner
June 5 Mae Todd

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

May 1 Anita Raby
May 8 Laura Bouley
May 15 Sandra McDonald
May 22 Brenda Gilmore
May 29 Anita Raby
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

May 1 Tom Lewis
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may worship at 10:30am each Sunday on Facebook, on Thomas Lewis page, or you may view it later.

The new church website is cpc-Athens.com.

VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for the following: Nursery Workers, Greeters, and Worship Assistants. Please let Brenda Gilmore know to add you to the rotation.

The Copeland Chimes

Seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ
May 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

We just finished our third week of Emotionally Healthy Discipleship, and I couldn't be more pleased. The course is difficult, and some people are wrestling with some of the content. That's okay. I firmly believe that wrestling will lead to growth.

We're also beginning to get back to normal a little bit. We will soon be returning to our monthly church dinners. Also, we will be making some repairs to our sanctuary, which will be happening about the time we release this copy of the chimes.

As things go forward, remember that God has a plan for everything that is happening. God has a plan for Copeland Presbyterian Church. I'm excited to see where God will lead us.

Tom

TRUTH AND LOVE

So how do we know if we are speaking the truth in love?

- * Is it helpful? Will saying this bring about good?
- * Is it necessary? Must I say this?
- * Is it loving? Will it build someone up in Christ?

Speaking the truth in Love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

(Ephesians 4:15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Session has decided to resume our monthly fellowship meals, but have them on the last Sunday of the month.

The first one will be on Sunday, June 26th, plan to bring your lunch to share.

MISSIONS

Limestone County Churches

Involved - LCCI needs crackers, bar soap and individual size items for the homeless (cans need to be pop-top). Of course monetary donations are welcome for those who may need assistance with housing and utilities. You can put monetary donations in the offering plate and designate on your check or pew envelope for it to go to "LCCI". Thanks to all for your continued support of LCCI. For questions about donations or volunteering at LCCI, see Carol Barts.

Backpack Project - Spring Break was the first time we gave grocery gift cards to the families. Whitney, our teacher contact at Johnson ES, says that the gift cards were well received. One mother said, "Oh, now I can go and buy milk and eggs!" Thank you for your generous support for this project.

Whitney thinks that we have enough weekend food to finish this school year. If you find individual sized items on sale over the summer and the expiration date will be good into the fall, bring them to the Fellowship Hall Closet.

The school schedule shows Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks are very close together. So, we need to continue to give all summer to build up our fund. When you include the weekends and the Teacher Work Days or E-Learning Days, the students are at home for ten days for Fall Break. nine days for Thanksgiving and eighteen days for Christmas. Because of our gifts, these children do not have to worry that they won't have enough to eat while not in school. Thanks be to God!

Children's Corner

HURRY TO PRAY

(Adapted from Philippians 4:6-7)

I won't fret and I won't worry
Instead, I'll hurry to pray.
I'll turn my problems into petitions
And lift my hands in praise.
I'll say goodbye to all my fears,
His presence sets me free
Although I may not understand
I feel God's peace in me.

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Child's Prayer for Protection

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here;
Ever this day, be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide.

Traditional

Pastor

Rev. Tom Lewis

Session

Class of 2022

Carol Barts
Bill Johnson
Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Susanne Slaten
Ed Taylor

Class of 2024

Anita Raby
Sandra McDonald

**Ministry Team/
Committee Leaders**

Building and Grounds

Ed Taylor

Children's Mission

Susanne Slaten

Christian Education

Sandra McDonald

Missions

Carol Barts

Outreach/Fellowship

Anita Raby, Susanne Slaten/
Mae Todd

Presbyterian Women

Susanne Slaten

Scholarship

Susanne Slaten

Security Team

Steve Turner/Bill Johnson

Stephen Ministry

Cindy Saseen & Mae Todd

Worship

Susanne Slaten/Anita Raby

Birthdays



- May 5 Langley Redmill**
- May 6 Don Kyker**
- May 7 Susanne Slaten**
- May 10 Jan Kennedy**
- May 13 Nancy Copley**
- May 13 Misty King**
- May 17 Donnie Barron**

Anniversaries



- May 2 Chaz & Taylor Hardy**

**STEPHEN MINISTERS THE
AFTER PEOPLE**

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the **After People**.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- . . . **after** the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
 - . . . **after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
 - . . . **after** the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
 - . . . **after** the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
 - . . . **after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
 - . . . **after** the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
 - . . . **after** the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
 - . . . **after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
 - . . . **after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
 - . . . **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out
- Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*