

## ***Volunteer Reminders***

### **GREETERS & USHERS**

July 3 Mae Todd  
July 10 Pete & Betty Kiep  
July 17 Anita Raby  
July 24 Steve Turner  
July 31 Emily Johnson  
August 7 Brenda Gilmore

### **CONTACT VISITORS**

July 3 Steve & Paulette Turner  
July 10 Mae Todd  
July 17 Betty Kiep  
July 24 Jean Moore  
July 31 Carole Barron  
August 7 Steve & Paulette Turner

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

July 3 Sandra McDonald  
July 10 Laura Bouley  
July 17 Brenda Gilmore  
July 24 Carole Barron  
July 31 Anita Raby  
August 7 Sandra McDonald

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### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

July 3 Tom Lewis  
July 10 Tom Lewis  
July 17 Tom Lewis  
July 24 Tom Lewis  
July 31 Tom Lewis  
August 7 Tom Lewis

### **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](http://cpc-Athens.com).

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers needed: Prayerfully consider what you can do to help in the life of the church. We need volunteers for audio/visual and electronic sign operation, greeters, visitor contact, worship assistant and nursery/toddler attendants. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, where you may note what you are willing to do in service to the Lord.

# **The Copeland Chimes**

*Seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ*  
July 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church  
27085 Copeland Rd.  
Athens, AL 35613

### **FROM TOM'S DESK**

Hello my friends. As I sit down to write this article, the subject of loss is heavy on my mind. My brother-in-law, Dan, has passed. He lost his fight to live. I watched him during this process, and I thought to myself, loss is a part of life, whether that loss be loss of life or some other loss.

Dealing with loss is difficult. Our losses consume us; they keep us from focusing on anything else. We can remind ourselves of the promise of resurrection through the Grace of Christ Jesus. We can remind ourselves that, for the Christian, this is only a temporary reality.

The truth is- loss hurts. There's no sugar coating it. It just hurts.

I can't take the pain away. I can't take mine or your pain away. What I can do is tell you a simple truth. God loves you. So do I. May God comfort you in whatever loss you may be experiencing today.

Tom

Condemn no man for his mistakes...  
However grave they be... Someday you  
may be asking for... A little leniency...  
For Who is he that does not sin... Along  
his earthly way?... Sometime he falls  
as frequently... As seven times a day...  
You are no saintly character... Among  
your common brothers... If your incline  
to think that you... Are better than the  
others... Without the helpful grace of  
God... You could not draw a breath...  
With every passing second, you... Are  
nearer unto death... What profit can  
you gain from pride?... What fame is  
yours alone?... Forgive your fellowman  
his sins... As you confess your own.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fellowship meal will be after Worship  
Service on Sunday, July 31st plan to  
bring your lunch to share and enjoy a  
great meal and wonderful fellowship  
around the table.

### **MISSIONS**

**Limestone County Churches  
Involved - LCCI** is having a school  
supply drive for the children of  
Limestone County and Athens City  
Schools. Items can be dropped off at  
LCCI on or before July 18, Monday—  
Friday, 9 to 11 am or you can put them  
in the basket in the vestibule.

Also there in need of laundry soap,  
tuna helper, and individual size items  
and small size personal hygiene  
products (no beanie weenies needed at  
this time). Monetary donations are  
always appreciated to help with  
utility costs and rent, just put your  
check in the offering plate and  
designate that it goes to LCCI. If you  
have questions about LCCI, please see  
Carol Barts.

### **Backpack Project**

Please continue to give all summer to  
build up our fund for the backpack  
project. We will once again purchase  
gift cards to give to the backpack  
families for each of the school breaks.

Thanks for all the support everyone  
gives to our missions.  
God Bless.

### **Children's Corner**

### **GOD MY FRIEND**

[God, my friend](#), it is time for bed.  
Time to rest my sleepy head.  
I pray to you before I do.  
Please guide me down the path that's  
true.

God, my friend, please bless my  
mother, All your children--sisters,  
brothers. Oh! And then there's daddy,  
too--He says I am his gift from you.

God, my friend, it is time to sleep.  
I thank you for a soul unique,  
And thank you for another day,  
To run and jump and laugh and play!

God, my friend, it is time to go,  
But before I do I hope you know,  
I am thankful for my blessing, too,  
And God, my friend, I love you.

--Submitted by Michael J. Edger III MS

**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**



**July 3 Dawn Kiep**

**July 4 Colin Barts**

**July 6 Jeff Barts**

**July 7 Lavon Fogg**

**July 7 Rhonda Shiffler**

**July 8 Russ Finch**

**July 19 Lauren Fagan**

**July 29 Tom Jarrell**

**Anniversaries**



**July 29 Lynn & Glenn Johnson**

**STEPHEN MINISTERS**

Be generous with your time. When you are with people, pay attention to their desire to continue the conversation or draw the conversation to a close. People often have one more thing they would like to discuss, but they are hesitant to raise it. It is sometimes the most important matter to them. Choose a situation, meeting, or conversation today and be lavish with your time.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*