

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

August 7 Mae Todd
August 14 Sandra McDonald
August 21 Paulette Turner
August 28 Brenda Gilmore
Sept. 4 Janice Hutton

CONTACT VISITORS

August 7 Steve & Paulette Turner
August 14 Mae Todd
August 21 Betty Kiep
August 28 Jean Moore
Sept. 4 Carole Barron

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

August 7 Sandra McDonald
August 14 Brenda Gilmore
August 21 Carole Barron
August 28 Anita Raby
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

August 7 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

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
August 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

As the summer wanes on, I'm thinking a lot about life. Over the last two years things have not turned out as we expected. For years life has been good to us; for the last two, not so much.

Of course, you all know about the death of my brother-in-law, but it isn't just that. Life is messy. We can't choose the way life goes. What happens, happens. For me, I have some questions about where to go next. The truth is I don't have a plan. I'm not sure it would matter if I did. What happens, happens.

However, one positive thing that has come out of this is that the last two years haven't negatively impacted my faith. If anything, the last two years have strengthened my faith. Maybe it's that I feel I have nowhere else to turn. Maybe it's because I have been surrounded by friends who have uplifted me in love. Maybe it's because I have a pretty good life overall, and have lots of reasons to be grateful. Whatever it is my faith is stronger today than it has been in a long time.

I don't know where you are today. For most of you, I don't know how your life has been. What I know is that God loves you. When you face trials in your life, you have a choice. You can turn away from God, you can stay where you are, or you can turn toward God. The choice is yours to make. Tom

Father, thank you that You take care of us. Lord, I trust that whatever my kids lack this year in school, You will teach them. For the ones doing school away from me, I ask that You give them teachers who are filled with compassion, understanding and grace. I pray that I am filled with compassion, understanding and grace as I teach my two at home. Fill their school year with abundant favor and blessing. I pray no detail will be left undone for them for this year; everything they need will be provided for them. Thank you that You are preparing me to teach this year and prepping my kids to learn. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**God will supply all my needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to me in Christ Jesus.
(adapted from Philippians 4:19)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship meal will be after Worship Service on Sunday, August 28th plan to bring your lunch to share and enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship around the table.

MISSIONS

Limestone County Churches Involved - LCCI

LCCI needs laundry detergent but anything given is helpful. Items needed for the homeless include: drink pouches, bottled water, spam and chicken or tuna in pouches, and vegetable cups. Monetary donations are very welcome and can be used for rent or utilities assistance. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate and designated to go to LCCI.

If you have questions about LCCI, please see Carol Barts.

Backpack Project

We need to again bring individual sized breakfast, lunch and snack items for the weekend backpacks. Place in the Fellowship Hall closet.

Please continue to give as school starts this month. We need 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

PRAYERS TO SAY WITH CHILD BEFORE SCHOOL

Father in heaven, bless me as I leave for school this morning. Help me be kind to other students on the bus and in my classroom and stay out of trouble. Help me listen to my teacher and not goof off when her back is turned. Help me do my work well and finish everything on time. Help me have a good time in P.E. class and improve my skills. Keep me safe all day. Amen.

CHILD'S PRAYER FOR SCHOOL AND TEACHERS

Heavenly Father, God divine,
On my school may Your face shine.
Please bless all the teachers dear
As from them we learn and hear
All they teach us through the day
So we know what to do and say
Throughout life, in every way.
Help them use creativity
To teach us so we clearly see.
Protect us, keep us in safety.
So from fear we can be free. Amen.

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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



August 1 Sharon Moore

August 1 Daniel Wang

August 7 Ed Taylor

August 16 Betty Jarrell

August 20 Ron Dunivant

August 23 Sandra McDonald

August 29 Vanessa Lee

Anniversaries



August 17 Carole & Donnie Barron

August 23 Cindy & Steve Saseen

August 28 Barbara & Tom Lewis

STEPHEN MINISTERS

LISTEN

Set aside your thoughts, ideas, and agenda and really listen to what the other person is saying to you. Listening is the most important communication skill.

More than 45% of our time communicating is spent listening, 9% writing , 16% reading, and 30% speaking. Most people wish that the people close to them were better listeners. Become a generous listener.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*