

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

Sept. 4 Janice Hutton
Sept. 11 Donnie Barron
Sept. 18 Betty Kiep
Sept. 25 Anita Raby
Oct. 2 Steve Turner

CONTACT VISITORS

Sept. 4 Carole Barron
Sept. 11 Steve & Paulette Turner
Sept. 18 Mae Todd
Sept. 25 Betty Kiep
Oct. 2 Jean Moore

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Sept. 4 Brenda Gilmore
Sept. 11 Carole Barron
Sept. 18 Anita Raby
Sept. 25 Sandra McDonald
Oct. 2 Brenda Gilmore

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sept. 4 Tom Lewis
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you can't worship with us in person, you can view Pastor Tom's sermon on the website at cpc-Athens.com.

We hope to work out a solution and return to live streaming soon.

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
September 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

For some reason, I find myself thinking about the state of our country today. I don't know why that is. Nothing especially terrible happened today, though it is only a matter of time until the news is bad again. However, I think in today's world it is becoming increasingly difficult to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

That may not seem readily apparent. Lots of people claim to be truly following Jesus, but when you take a look at their actions, they don't resemble the behaviors to which we are called. There seems to be precious little love; precious little forgiveness; precious little gentleness; precious little kindness in this world today.

If we're going to take the name "Christian", then we need to dedicate ourselves to the values that the bible exhorts us to follow. We need to manifest the fruits of the spirit in our lives. If you don't know what I mean by that, then read Galatians 5. Let's honor Jesus by being his disciples- no, I mean really.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., we will have orientation for the Emotionally Healthy Relationships course. It is NOT a requirement for you to have gone through the Emotionally Healthy Spiritually course. Questions: see Pastor Lewis.

Sunday, September 25th at 12:00 noon — Fellowship meal after worship. Please plan to bring your lunch to share and enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship around the table.

Luke 2:8-20. Father God, we bow before you, and recognize our great need of a Savior. Today we want to lift our hearts and give thanks for Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We lift our hearts in praise to our Savior, and as your loved children and your redeemed servants, we lay our lives before you in worship.

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 give to our fund as school has started and fall break will be here soon. We will once again purchase gift cards to give to the backpack families.

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

Children's Corner

Psalm 19:1

God of heaven, the heavens declare Your glory and the angels worship at Your throne! How amazing that all of creation is called to worship You. As a child, I pray that You give me a heart of worship so that I can give You the glory and honor that You deserve! I thank You for my life and I thank You for everything that You have done for me. Lord I offer my praises to You for You are more than good! How excellent is Your Name, Amen.

John 3:16-17

Heavenly Father, I thank You so much for who You are. You loved the world so much that You have given Your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but will have eternal life! You didn't send Your Son to send us to hell, but You sent Him so that through Him, children like me can be saved! Wow, thank you for Your unconditional love. Thank You for Your grace and for Your mercies, Amen.

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



- Sept. 7 Steve Saseen**
- Sept. 24 Nancy Ferguson**
- Sept. 25 Natalie Garner**
- Sept. 27 Carole Barron**
- Sept. 27 Cathey Kaufman**

Anniversaries



- Sept. 4 Betty & Tom Jarrell**
- Sept. 23 Brenda & David Gilmore**
- Sept. 23 Paulette & Steve Turner**

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