

## ***Volunteer Reminders***

### **GREETERS & USHERS**

**Nov. 6 Donnie Barron**  
**Nov. 13 Betty Kiep**  
**Nov. 20 Anita Raby**  
**Nov. 27 Brenda Gilmore**  
**Dec. 4 Sandra McDonald**

### **CONTACT VISITORS**

**Nov. 6 Jean Moore**  
**Nov. 13 Carole Barron**  
**Nov. 20 Steve & Paulette Turner**  
**Nov. 27 Mae Todd**  
**Dec. 4 Betty Kiep**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

**Nov. 6 Anita Raby**  
**Nov. 13 Brenda Gilmore**  
**Nov. 20 Stan Crockett**  
**Nov. 27 Sandra McDonald**  
**Dec. 4 Carole Barron**

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### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Nov. 6 Tom Lewis**  
**Nov. 13 Tom Lewis**  
**Nov. 20 Tom Lewis**  
**Nov. 27 Tom Lewis**  
**Dec. 4 Tom Lewis**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you can't worship with us in person, you can view Pastor Tom's sermon on the website at [cpc-Athens.com](http://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 nursery/toddler attendants and bring food to members following surgery, etc. 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*  
November 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church  
27085 Copeland Rd.  
Athens, AL 35613

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

As I write this, I'm thinking about the seasons of our lives. At the moment, I'm experiencing a season of sadness. Over the past two years I've struggled with the day-to-day grind of living. During that time, I've experienced a major remodel of my house, having my mother-in-law come to live with us (not a disappointment, but certainly, an adjustment), the church shut down due to a major pandemic, an economic downturn, and the premature death of my brother-in-law. There have been other things happen as well, things that I will not mention here. There have been many days where joy seems elusive.

When times are difficult, it can be easy to blame God. I know there are people within the church whose lives are even more difficult than mine. Some of you have suffered even more loss than I have. When times get hard it can be easy to blame God. I don't.

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I don't because I'm no more deserving than anyone else of being blessed. More importantly, I've been blessed beyond measure to be allowed to serve God in this life. I've been blessed beyond measure to be granted the gift of grace that leads to eternal life. Plus, my life is so much better than so many others I have been privileged to know- and many more that I don't!

I won't lie to you and tell you that life is easy. It isn't. I won't promise you that there won't be days where I blame God. There are and I will. Most times, however, I approach life the way I do today. While I might complain about the way my life is at the moment, I don't blame God for it. Instead, I praise God, knowing the glory that awaits me as his servant.

*Tom*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, November 20 at 12:00 noon. Thanksgiving Fellowship meal after worship. Please plan to bring your lunch to share and enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship around the table.

### **MISSIONS**

#### **Limestone County Churches Involved - LCCI**

Please continue to donate items of food or personal hygiene. 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.

Stuff-A-Truck will be Saturday, 12 November from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the First National Bank on the SW corner of Highway 72 East and Lindsey Lane. Stuff-A-Truck is a great way to have the people of Limestone County and City of Athens to participate in helping to feed those who are in need right here at home. Items needed are being sent in an email to all. Nov. 13 is Hunger and Homelessness Sunday.

#### **Backpack Project**

We have 18 families with 42 children participating in the Backpack ministry. We are collecting individual sized items for their weekend backpacks and money for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Breaks to use for food gift cards.

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

### **Children's Corner**

#### **THANKSGIVING LETTERS**

**T** is for turkey on Thanksgiving Day,

**H** is for "Hurry, I'm hungry!" we say.

**A** is for Auntie, she works and she mends,

**N** is for Native American friends.

**K** is for kitchen, the oven's on low,

**S** is for silverware, set in a row.

**G** is for Grandma, the one we love most,

**I** is for inside, where we're warm as toast.

**V** is for vegetables, eat them we try,

**I** is for ice cream on top of the pie.

**N** is for never do we have enough dressing,

**G** is for Grandpa, who gives thanks for our blessings.

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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**



- Nov. 10 Griff Redmill**
- Nov. 16 Taylor Hardy**
- Nov. 19 Zackary Slaten**
- Nov. 21 Randal Slaten**
- Nov. 24 Betty Kiep**
- Nov. 29 Bryant Guess**
- Nov. 29 Mae Todd**
- Nov. 30 Laura Bouley**

**Anniversaries**



- Nov. 1 Gelia & Griff Redmill**

**STEPHEN MINISTERS**

If you are dealing with any kind of difficulty, if you are struggling with faith questions or doubts, if you are feeling lost and alone, then I encourage you to consider getting a Stephen Minister. It just might be that God already has a special one picked out just for you.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*