

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

Oct. 2 Steve Turner
Oct. 9 Emily Johnson
Oct. 16 Paulette Turner
Oct. 23 Mae Todd
Oct. 30 Janice Hutton
Nov. 6 Donnie Barron

CONTACT VISITORS

Oct. 2 Jean Moore
Oct. 9 Carole Barron
Oct. 16 Steve & Paulette Turner
Oct. 23 Mae Todd
Oct. 30 Betty Kiep
Nov. 6 Jean Moore

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Oct. 2 Brenda Gilmore
Oct. 9 Anita Raby
Oct. 16 Carol Barron
Oct. 23 Brenda Gilmore
Oct. 30 Sandra McDonald
Nov. 6 Anita Raby

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Oct. 2 Tom Lewis
Oct. 9 Tom Lewis
Oct. 16 Ted Dixie
Oct. 23 Tom Lewis
Oct. 30 Tom Lewis
Nov. 6 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.

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
October 2022

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

This time of year, everyone in Alabama is thinking about football. We gather to cheer (or moan, depending upon the circumstances) for our favorite team. When they do well, we're happy; when they do poorly, we're not. I understand the passion for the game. I have it too!

But the reality is that it's just a game. If you won last week, or if you lost, in a week you won't be thinking about it. You'll be focused on the next game. Last week's game-good or bad, will be just a memory.

The truth is very few things are really permanent and very few things really matter. Most things around us are temporary. Most things hold very little meaning. Where can you find that permanence? Where can you find true meaning?

The one place you can find meaning is in the gospel. The words of Jesus Christ can be a comfort even in the darkest of times. More than that it can provide meaning to your life. Let me encourage you to put Jesus at the center of your life. You won't regret it.

Tom

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Sunday, October 30 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.

Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8, RSV

Our dear Father in heaven, we thank you that you have given us the Lord Jesus on high and that we are allowed to be with him and find joy even while still surrounded by all that must fade and perish. For in Jesus Christ you hold us by the hand through anxiety, need, and death. Grant that he may be with us as we continue our pilgrimage. Grant us your Spirit, for we are poor in spirit and in soul. Give us your Holy Spirit from on high. Just in our weakness we come to know what strength and victory you bring through the Lord Jesus, our Savior. The Lord Jesus is our Savior for body, soul, and spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

MISSIONS

Limestone County Churches Involved - LCCI

LCCI needs laundry detergent and bar soap. 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

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

Please give to our fund Fall break is October 7-16. 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

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



- Oct. 2 Larry Marker**
- Oct. 11 David Howgate**
- Oct. 13 Brinley Hardy**
- Oct. 18 Linda Dunivant**
- Oct. 19 Don Kennedy**
- Oct. 25 Emily Johnson**
- Oct. 30 Linda Faulk**

Anniversaries



- Oct. 1 Dot & Lavon Fogg**
- Oct. 10 Natalie & Steve Garner**

STEPHEN MINISTERS

The Scripture describes the Christian family in a variety of ways. One of the most powerful metaphors for this is used by the apostle Paul, who states that every Christian is a part of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). Just as the human body has many parts, so it is with the body of Christ (12:12). It encompasses people of vastly different ethnic groups, cultures, ages, abilities, and interests. Yet this heterogeneous body is a unity (12:13). Jesus has connected every believer with himself in such a way that he lives in us and we in him. In a burst of creative love God has suddenly laced us fragmented humans to himself and to each other with threads of gold.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*