

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS

June 4 **Emily Johnson**
June 11 **Sandra McDonald**
June 18 **Paulette Turner**
June 25 **Janice Hutton**
July 2 **Carole Barron**

CONTACT VISITORS

June 4 **Steve & Paulette Turner**
June 11 **Betty Kiep**
June 18 **Jean Moore**
June 25 **Carole Barron**
July 2 **Steve & Paulette Turner**

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

June 4 **Carole Barron**
June 11 **Anita Raby**
June 18 **Sandra McDonald**
June 25 **Brenda Gilmore**
July 2 **Stan Crockett**

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

June 4 **Betty Kiep**
June 11 **Anita Raby**
June 18 **Tom Lewis**
June 25 **Sandra McDonald**
July 2 **Betty Kiep**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, June 4, at 12:30p Session Meeting.

Saturday, June 10, at 5:00p, join us and bring your favorite homemade ice cream or dessert to celebrate school is out for the summer.

Anyone looking for someone to clean at their house, Dara Cox (the lady who cleans our church) has some openings. You can contact her at 256-603-7885.

The Copeland Chimes

Seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ
June 2023

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

As I sit here writing, there are some big changes happening in the Lewis Family. Both Rachel and Laura have finished college. Rachel is engaged to be married next year, and she will be moving off to Madison, Wisconsin in July to begin an exciting new job. We're preparing for what may be our last big vacation as a family for a very long time; we leave in two weeks.

As I said, big changes in our family. Life is full of changes. It's full of beginnings and endings. Throughout our lives one chapter closes and another opens. It occurs to me that life itself offers a great metaphor for our relationship with God. Every believer goes through seasons in their lives. Every congregation goes through seasons as well. *(continued next page)*

(Tom's desk Continued)

As I think back on the history of Copeland Presbyterian Church, I realize there are seasons. I think about a group of farmers back in 1895 who began a Sunday School to meet their needs. They called a young pastor named Berry Copeland to come and serve them the next year.

I think about the church/school building built before 1900 and the white frame church built in 1913 on land donated by the Richardson Family. And, I think of how it was replaced in 1958 with a brick building. In 1994 it was ravaged by a fire, but the congregation rebounded and rebuilt. Now we are coming out of a pandemic, our resilience tested but unbroken.

I think about how the church held on even when the community around them changed. Friends, there is a lot going on in the world around us, but I know that God who began a good work in you will continue to bless you.

Tom

MISSIONS

Limestone County Churches Involved - LCCI

The demand for food distribution at LCCI is great, so please continue to donate as you can, whether it be food items or monetary, everything is welcome. Some items needed: pancakes mix and syrup, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, and bars of soap. Also, need small size personal care items for homeless, chap stick, capri sun or a similar drink and bottled water. 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

This school year has ended, but we will continue to accept donations for the gift cards for next school year. Also, you may bring weekend backpack food items as long as the expiration date is at least past October of this year. We can keep them in the fellowship room closet and we will have a good supply to start off with when school resumes.

If you'd like to donate to this, please indicate the amount on your check and put a note for Mission/Backpacks. Thanks to all who have and continue to give. See Carole Barron or Mae Todd.

YOUNG DISCIPLIES

MAY GOD'S BLESSING GO WTH US TODAY

May God's blessing go with us today, At the end of this school year we pray. That you keep us safe and give us rest

So we start again renewed and refreshed. Full of health, full of fun Ready to come and learn again. May God's blessing go with us today, As we begin our school holiday. Give your peace and your joy, To every girl and every boy. Help the teachers to enjoy the break, and prepare and plan for the new intake. May God's blessings await us next year, To embrace each new challenge without fear. Fill this school with your love, and guide our hearts from above. Full of faith, full of hope, full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.

Read more at: https://www.living-prayers.com/children/end_of_school_year_prayer.html

Pastor

Rev. Tom Lewis

Session

Class of 2023

Susanne Slaten
Ed Taylor

Class of 2024

Anita Raby
Sandra McDonald

Class of 2025

Carol Barts
Bill Johnson
Clerk of Session

**Ministry Team/
Committee Leaders**

Building and Grounds

Ed Taylor

Children's Mission

Susanne Slaten

Christian Education

Sandra McDonald

Missions

Carol Barts

Outreach/Fellowship

Susanne Slaten/

Presbyterian Women

Susanne Slaten

Scholarship

Susanne Slaten

Security Team

Bill Johnson

Stephen Ministry

Cindy Saseen

Worship

Anita Raby

Birthdays



- June 12** **Pete Kiep**
- June 16** **Tom Lewis**
- June 17** **Barbara Lewis**
- June 17** **Seth Slaten**
- June 27** **Bill Hutton**

Anniversaries



- June 20** **Linda & Ron Dunivant**
- June 27** **Vanessa & Kevin Lee**

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen ministers listen with the heart of Jesus to someone who's going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministry is about one person supporting another in the name of the Lord. Your Stephen Minister is going to respect you. She's not going to tell you what to do; she's not going to judge you. She is there to listen—to walk alongside, to help you talk things out and work things through. And it's totally confidential . No one will even know you have a Stephen Minister, and your Stephen Minister won't share anything you say.

And remember, it's not just the two of you in that caring relationship—the Lord's there too, and that's where the healing comes in. It's God who does the healing.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*