

## ***Volunteer Reminders***

### **GREETERS**

**May 7** Janice Hutton  
**May 14** Carole & Donnie Barron  
**May 21** Betty Kiep  
**May 28** Steve Turner  
**June 4** Emily Johnson

### **CONTACT VISITORS**

**May 7** Steve & Paulette Turner  
**May 14** Betty Kiep  
**May 21** Jean Moore  
**May 28** Carole Barron  
**June 4** Steve & Paulette Turner

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

**May 7** Anita Raby  
**May 14** Sandra McDonald  
**May 21** Brenda Gilmore  
**May 28** Stan Crockett  
**June 4** Carole Barron

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### **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**May 7** Betty Kiep  
**May 14** Anita Raby  
**May 21** Tom Lewis  
**May 28** Sandra McDonald  
**June 4** 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](http://cpc-Athens.com).

May 7th, we will celebrate our church founding with Copeland Day. Invite friends and family to come to worship and fellowship with us and bring your favorite dishes to share.

Communion will be held Sunday, May 14th.

Ultreya, Sunday, May 21st, at 2:30 at FPC Rogers Center. Come and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. (see flyer on bulletin board for more info)

# **The Copeland Chimes**

*Seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ*  
May 2023

Copeland Presbyterian Church  
27085 Copeland Rd.  
Athens, AL 35613

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

Let me ask you a question. Do you know how God is calling you to minister? If the answer to that is no, you're not alone. My experience has taught me that most people don't. In fact, if you have pondered that question at all, you're ahead of the game.

The bible says that each of us receives gifts from the Holy Spirit. Those gifts are meant to be used in the service of the Kingdom of God. Yet, it amazes me how little time we spend discovering and developing those gifts. What amazes me even more is that the church universal spends very little time focusing on developing those gifts. Let me give you an example of what I'm talking about.

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Let's imagine a person who is a dedicated prayer warrior. They are constantly in prayer. Typically, the questions I have heard the church ask about such persons are the same questions I would have heard about anyone else. Do they attend worship regularly? Do they give regularly and generously? Are they serving on committees?

The questions I think we *should* be asking about this person are different; they are different from the questions I just asked; they are different from the questions I would ask about other people who have other gifts.

Here are the questions I would ask an obvious prayer warrior. Are you praying only for people whom you know, or are you praying for others? There are people in our congregation, at your work, and in your neighborhood who struggle to pray- are you teaching them to pray? Are you leading a prayer group? Are you even attending a prayer group?

Again, these are the type questions I would have for someone with the gift of prayer. I would have different questions for the person with the gift of teaching. I would have yet another set of questions for a person with the gift of counseling, or the gift of leadership, or the gift of evangelism. The point is that we should all be identifying and using our gifts. I hope you will take some time to consider yours.

*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: canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, pancake syrup. Also, need small size personal care items for homeless, chap stick, capri sun or a similar drink. 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 continue to collect individual sized food items for the weekend backpacks. Please place this food in the Fellowship Hall closet.

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 DISCIPLINES

### 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.

— Michael J. Edger III MS

**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**



- May 5     Langley Redmill**
- May 6     Don Kyker**
- May 7     Susanne Slaten**
- May 10    Janice Kennedy**
- May 13    Nancy Copley**
- May 13    Misty King**
- May 17    Donnie Barron**

**Anniversaries**



- May 1     Carol & Jeff Barts**
- May 22    Janice & Don Kennedy**

**STEPHEN MINISTERS**

A Christian caring relationship touches the whole person. It is not limited to the physical, or the mental, or the social, or the emotional, or the spiritual. Christian caregivers follow the example of Jesus Christ and cannot avoid being holistic to the best of their abilities. Christian caregivers understand that the whole person needs ministry. Christian caregivers realize that some needs are more immediately compelling than others. Christian caregivers know that God alone is the one who takes broken individuals and makes them whole.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*