

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS

August 6 Paulette Turner
August 13 Janice Hutton
August 20 Carole Barron
August 27 Betty Kiep
September 3 Steve Turner

CONTACT VISITORS

August 6 Betty Kiep
August 13 Jean Moore
August 20 Carole Barron
August 27 Steve & Paulette Turner
September 3 Betty Kiep

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

August 6 Stan Crockett
August 13 Carole Barron
August 20 Anita Raby
August 27 Sandra McDonald
September 3 Brenda Gilmore

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

August 6 Anita Raby
August 13 Tom Lewis
August 20 Sandra McDonald
August 27 Betty Kiep
September 3 Anita Raby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday, August 8th, Ladies Luncheon at 12:00 at D&L Seafood, Athens.

Saturday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m. Back to School Cookout. The church will be providing burgers, hot dogs, and buns. There is a list on the bulletin board of items needed. Please sign up and come and enjoy the fellowship. We will be staying inside for this cookout. See Brenda Gilmore for information.

Sunday, August 20th, Session Meeting at 12:30

The Copeland Chimes

Seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ
August 2023

Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

Does it seem to you that when things happen, they happen all at once? It sure seems that way to me. Right now, I'm having some work done on my house, so I'm dealing with painters and carpenters. I'm also juggling lawn maintenance, and trying to get them to cut up a tree that fell during last week's storms. At the same time, I'm planning to change insurance companies, so I'm dealing with new insurance agents. Finally, we have been moving Laura back from Auburn. In the midst of all this, I have to find time to do my day job.

We get so busy in our lives, that we can sometimes lose sight of what's important. My house needs some work, but it's easy to forget that the house that I live in would look like a mansion to the majority of people in the world.

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The tree that's down in my yard is unsightly, but it's really nothing more than an inconvenience. Laura's move is a pain, but it's also a luxury. Many people in the world don't have the option to move even if they want to do so.

My point is this. We all have troubles, but we are also blessed beyond any other people on Earth. Take time to thank God for the blessings that you have been given. I thank God for 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: pancake mix and syrup, tuna helper, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, laundry soap, and bar soap. Also, need small size personal care items for homeless. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate and designated to go to LCCI. Thanks to all who donated school supplies.

If you have questions about LCCI, please see Carol Barts.

Backpack Project

Please continue to donate for the gift cards for school year starting this month. 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

PRAYER FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me today as I go to school. Bless my going and my coming. Bless my learning and my playing. Please protect my heart from fear. Please keep me safe. Please give me good friends. Give me joy this day, and thank you for loving me from head to toe. Amen.

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL!**

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



- Aug 1 Daniel Wang**
- Aug 1 Sharon Moore**
- Aug 7 Ed Taylor**
- Aug 20 Ron Dunivant**
- Aug 23 Sandra McDonald**
- Aug 29 Vanessa Lee**

Anniversaries



- Aug 17 Carole & Donnie Barron**
- Aug 23 Cindy & Steve Saseen**
- Aug 28 Barbara & Tom Lewis**

STEPHEN MINISTERS

The Person Giving Empathy Benefits. Although the focus of empathy is on the person receiving it, you will also experience many benefits by giving it. You Build Stronger, More Meaningful Relationships. Being empathetic enhances your relationships with others by deepening their trust in and connection with you. The effects can touch all your relationships, as others can let out their real selves with you, and you with them. Neither you nor they need to hide any true thoughts or feelings. You Expand Your Own Perspective. Relating with empathy can help you better recognize your own perspective and biases, encouraging you to look beyond them and widen your thinking.

Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen*