

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

Sept 4 Sandra & Ronald McDonald
Sept 11 Steve & Paulette Turner
Sept 18 Betty & Pete Kiep
Sept 25 Carole & Donnie Barron
Oct 2 Ron & Linda Dunivant

CONTACT VISITORS

Sept 4 Betty Kiep
Sept 11 Jean Moore
Sept 18 Carole Barron
Sept 25 Steve & Paulette Turner
Oct 2 Mae Todd

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Sept 4 Sandra McDonald
Sept 11 Anita Raby
Sept 18 Linda Faulk
Sept 25 Carole Barron
Oct 2 Brenda Gilmore

Box Tops for Schools

Please save your box tops to help our local schools. A labeled drop off box is in the kitchen. Thank you for your support!

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Children's Sermon

Sept 4 Sandra McDonald
Sept 11 Tom Lewis
Sept 18 Linda Faulk
Sept 25 Barbara Lewis
Oct 2 Anita Raby

Volunteers Needed

Greeters and Ushers - be in the lobby during Sunday School and Worship to greet, hand out bulletins and name badges, welcome and assist visitors, call for nursery attendants at visitor's request, remain in lobby during services in case of emergency, to give assistance as needed, to be aware of anyone entering the church.

Worship Assistant - lead Welcome and Announcements and lead the first part of Worship.

Contact Visitors - When we have a visitor try to make contact with them by phone or visit.

Nursery - Be on call if we have babies during worship service.

Children's Sermon - Prepare a children's story for children during worship.

The Copeland Chimes



seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ

September 2016
Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

As I stated in last month's article, I have decided recently to adopt a set of core principles for leadership. During these times I believe the need for principled leadership is greater than at any time in recent memory. These principles are guidelines that I have developed for myself. They represent not so much who I am as who I wish to be. Last month's article was on the principle, "Be a Servant." I drew inspiration for that from Matthew 23:10-12.

The second Principle I've adopted is: "Is what I'm saying or doing loving?" For that I draw my inspiration from Matthew 22:36-40. "Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" And He said to them, "You shall love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

You would think that this commandment would go without saying. Unfortunately, it doesn't. Do we truly devote our time and effort to God? Or are our lives about ourselves? When I look back over the breadth of my life, I'm surprised by how much of it I have spent wrapped up in my own concerns. If I'm being honest, I can't truly say I was devoted to God. I have been devoted to self.

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From Tom's Desk (Continued)

And my neighbor? Like anyone, I have a tendency to place myself first. I will help my neighbor when and if I can. I will help my neighbor if it suits me. Again as I look back over my life I'm ashamed at the number of petty and hurtful things I have done. And for what?

Now, more than ever, this world needs for Christians to practice love: with each other, with God and with their neighbor. The world around us needs us to be Christ's disciples- they need us to be about love. I'm going to devote myself to answering that call. Will you?
Tom

SESSION MEETING NOTES

- Emily Johnson reported the Christian Education Ministry Team was going to change up the Sunday school ages when they have their next meeting.
- Carole Barron reported the last food distribution for the summer will be Wednesday, August 3, 2016. School supplies have been collected and will be given to the families as well. Thanks to the Copeland congregation for all the donations and support this summer for our families
- Linda Wheeler, Office Manager, North Alabama Presbytery, sent a message that the July Stated Meeting that was held at Copeland was very nice and thanked all for the support during this meeting.
- Our next Session meeting will be September, 2016.

MISSIONS

School has begun and children at Johnson School have started carrying their weekend food home. We have 17 children participating right now from 7 different families. That changes sometimes weekly due to different circumstances. Because of this, we are trying to meet at the school and pack around 80 or so bags at a time so the school's nurse will have them available if a child has to leave early, extra children are in need or whatever might come up. Thank you for continuing to bring individual sized items for this program.

Limestone Co. Schools will be closed for their Fall Break the first week of October. To give us time to prepare a box of food for that week for these 7 families, we'd like to start now asking for food to put in them. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for certain items. These will be family sized items. All food needs to be put in the closet in the fellowship hall by Sunday, Sept. 25th. We will meet either the 26th or 27th to pack these boxes at Johnson School. You may go ahead and start bringing food and let Carole Barron know if you will be available to pack boxes.

Children's Corner

Bedtime Prayer

Jesus,

You know me.

You understand my thoughts.

You protect me when I'm scared.

You encourage me when I'm nervous

You comfort me when I'm hurt.

You jump with me when I'm excited.

You smile with me when I'm happy.

You watch over me as I sleep.

Thank you.

(A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

CMMT

Mark your calendars! Our next CMMT (Children's Mission Ministry Team) meeting will be on Sunday September 11 after worship service until 3:30. We will eat lunch, have a bible lesson and take a trip to Lyon Farms (the pumpkin patch) in Taft, TN. We will learn hands on about God's wonderful world! All children are invited. I hope to see you there!

Pastor

Rev. Tom Lewis (256) 468-0383

Session

Class of 2016

Carole Barron (256) 423-3310
Emily Johnson (256) 232-7700

Class of 2017

Tim Collier (256) 256-233-6126
Brenda Gilmore—Clerk
(256) 603-2899

Class of 2018

Linda Faulk (256) 837-4429
Stephen Guess (931) 308-5201

**Ministry Team/
Committee Leaders**

Building and Grounds

Tim Collier

Children's Mission

Susanne Slaten

Christian Education

Linda Faulk & Roger Faulk

Missions

Carole Barron, Anita Raby &
Janice Hutton

Outreach/Fellowship

Mae Todd & Stephen Guess

Presbyterian Women

Susanne Slaten

Scholarship

Susanne Slaten

Stephen Ministry

Cindy Saseen & Mae Todd

Teens and Tweens

Natalie Guess

Worship

Emily Johnson & Janice Hutton

Birthdays



- Sept 7 Steve Saseen
- Sept 24 Nancy Ferguson
- Sept 24 Tom Woody
- Sept 25 Natalie Guess
- Sept 27 Carole Barron
- Sept 27 Cathey Kaufman

Anniversaries



- Sept 4 Betty & Tom Jarrell
- Sept 23 David & Brenda Gilmore
- Sept 23 Paulette & Steve Turner

LCCI DONATIONS

Please continue to bring food items for Limestone County Churches Involved (LCCI). The need is always great. Roger Faulk is now the Copeland representative to LCCI. Thanks be to God for Ron Dunivant's service as representative for several years and for Linda D. for her able assistance.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers offer emotional and spiritual support in times of trouble. Stephen Ministers do not judge. Stephen Ministers do not tell you what to do. They just walk beside their care receiver during troublesome times.

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.

Presbyterian Women

PW Fall Gathering will be at Camp Maranatha Sept. 13th. Registration at 9:15a. See Susanne Slaten for details.

Copeland's PW meeting will be on Monday September 19 at 6:30pm. **We will meet at Jean Moore's house.** Our Horizon bible study is *Who is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker. All ladies are welcome to attend. I hope to see you there!