

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

Jan 1 Carole & Donnie Barron
Jan 8 Ronald & Sandra McDonald
Jan 15 Ron & Linda Dunivant
Jan 22 Steve & Paulette Turner
Jan 29 Betty & Pete Kiep
Feb 5 Carole & Donnie Barron

CONTACT VISITORS

Jan 1 Carole Barron
Jan 8 Steve & Paulette Turner
Jan 15 Mae Todd
Jan 22 Betty Kiep
Jan 29 Jean Moore
Feb 5 Carole Barron

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Jan 1 Linda Faulk
Jan 8 Carole Barron
Jan 15 Brenda Gilmore
Jan 22 Sandra McDonald
Jan 29 Anita Raby
Feb 5 Linda Faulk

Volunteer Reminders

Children's Sermon

Jan 1 Linda Faulk
Jan 8 Barbara Lewis
Jan 15 Anita Raby
Jan 22 Sandra McDonald
Jan 29 Tom Lewis
Feb 5 Linda Faulk

RADA CUTLERY—FUND RAISER

Please check your email for a link and information about the Fund Raiser with Rada Cutlery. Monies will go on Copeland's loan.

Please send to family and friends. Ordering on-line is easy and the products will ship directly to you.

www.helpourfundraiser.com
Internet ordering # 506504
Password(lower case)
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Also, there are books on the table in the vestibule for your convenience, with lots of products.

You can order for Christmas or early next year. There is no set deadline.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Copeland Chimes



seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ

January 2017
Copeland Presbyterian Church
27085 Copeland Rd.
Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

We've had a good year. We've begun bible studies, and they continue to be well attended. We've made changes to our worship service. We've sadly said goodbye to some old friends, but joyfully said hello to some new ones.

I don't plan for us to rest on our laurels. I hope to do two things in the New Year. I would like to hold a New Member orientation for our new friends, hopefully in the spring. Secondly, I hope to do some workshops on building a better prayer life.

I also want to do two things with the Session in the New Year. I want us to talk about the way we have been doing officer training and the way we've been doing devotionals. We don't necessarily have to make changes- I just think we should discuss them.

Nobody knows what the New Year will bring. Will it be a good year? Will it be a bad year? Only God can say.

What I do know is that Christ loves us. My hope and prayer is that this will be the year that God shows us direction. I pray that God gives us a mission: a mission that all of us can embrace. Until that happens, my prayers are with all of you for a happy and prosperous new year.

Tom

SESSION MEETING NOTES

- Our next Session/Budget meeting will be January 7, please see a Session member if you have concerns or comments.

A New Year's Prayer

*O Saviour Christ, to Thee I bring
The Year that now is dawning..
To Thee, my Master and my King,
I come this New Year's morning.
I do not ask that it should be
A year of great prosperity;
I do not ask for power and wealth;
I do not even ask for health;
I only pray this year may be
A copy of Thy Will for me.*

*I pray Thee, Lord, to keep my heart
As every moment passes on:
Oh make me pure, and strong and true,
Take from me every thought of wrong.
I pray that as each day goes by
It may be filled with loving deeds,
And I may learn to look on high
To find the strength for all my needs;
That at the end, Thine eyes may see
A Year that has been lived for Thee.*



MISSIONS

What a blessing Copeland Presbyterian Church has been to so many people in 2016. We have been able to continue our support of The Presbyterian Children's Home and LCCI each month with monetary means, along with donations and food for LCCI from individual congregation members. These two missions will always need as much support as they can receive.

Our Backpack Program has grown as the needs of children in our community has grown. This mission has provided food for children who are home on the weekends and might not have enough to eat until they get back to school on Monday. Due to the generosity of everyone at Copeland, substantial family food boxes were also sent home for their Spring Break, Fall Break, Christmas Break, and for several families during the summer. Right now we have 10 families with a total of 25 children in this program. As Christmas approached we were able to sponsor 13 children for Christmas gifts who might not have gotten anything otherwise. Again, your generosity is overwhelming.

As we enter into 2017, serving others is in the forefront as we continue our missions. We will be packing weekend food bags, preparing for Spring Break food boxes and thinking about our Summer Food Program for some of these families.

Children's Corner

Child's Evening Prayer

I hear no voice, I feel no touch,
I see no glory bright;
But yet I know that God is near,
In darkness as in light.

He watches ever by my side,
And hears my whispered prayer:
The Father for His little child
Both night and day doth care.

-- Author Unknown

CMMT

CMMT will meet in January date to be announced.

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!

Pastor

Rev. Tom Lewis (256) 468-0383

Session

Class of 2017

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Brenda Gilmore—Clerk
(256) 603-2899

Class of 2018

Linda Faulk (256) 837-4429

Stephen Guess (931) 308-5201

Class of 2019

Misty King (256) 874-2195

Emily Johnson (256) 232-7700

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



- Jan 3 Grace Barts
- Jan 9 Edith Howgate
- Jan 10 Sabrina Taylor
- Jan 14 Mason Lee
- Jan 18 Jon Kiep
- Jan 19 Matthew Fagan
- Jan 22 David Gilmore
- Jan 23 Gelia Redmill
- Jan 26 Russell Todd

Anniversaries



None this month

God goes before us to guide us,
 Behind us to encourage us,
 Beside us to befriend us,
 Beneath us to uphold us,
 Above us to bless us, and,
 Inside us to empower us.

Stephen Ministers

Our Stephen Ministers are deeply committed to the ministry of our church. It is a joy to see hurting people receiving care. They know that someone is there for them, and will be, for as long as needed.

Leaders: Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.

CMMT

CMMT would like to thank all those who participated in the bake sale and pecan sales this year. God is good and we feel his presence at Copeland working through our congregation. God Bless All.

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 and will deliver the food each week.