

THE COPELAND CHIMES



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Happy Valentines Day!!



God Bless You!

A Note from Rev. Lewis

Hello, my friends. This week we celebrated the eighth anniversary of the adoption of Rachel and Laura. Thinking back to that time, I have very vivid memories of the event. Barbara and I were exhausted. We had already been awake for more than 24 hours when we arrived at the hotel. Rachel and Laura had already arrived and were waiting in the lobby when we got there.

We rushed upstairs and quickly gathered our things together for their arrival. Then came the knock on the door. The director of our agency stood in the doorway, along with her Chinese employee, Doris, and the director of the orphanage. They walked in and placed Laura in Barbara's arms and Rachel in mine. Rachel screamed, but Doris called her name and said something to her in Chinese. She calmed down and things were better.

A few minutes later, I sat there holding my daughter and started to sing to her. "Forever and ever you'll be in my heart, and I will love you. Forever and ever we never will part, oh, how I love you."

Friends, we've been adopted by Jesus Christ. We are children of the living God. Do you know what that means? Forever and ever you'll be in his heart and he will love you. When you find yourself wondering who cares about you. When you feel down, blue, depressed remember. He loves you always.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Stephen Ministry

The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Since 1975 nearly a half million Christian men and women from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers in their congregations. Most decide to become Stephen Ministers as a way to help hurting people in their congregation and community—but very quickly discover that God gives them amazing blessings in return.

"God gave me a heart for other people. Stephen Ministry gave me the skills I needed to minister to other people and bring God's love into their lives during a time of deep need. I'm humbled and awed God can use me like this."

Charlotte Sarles

Manager-Care/Case Management
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.*

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women has asked everyone in the congregation to please bring 1 food item each week until the end of the year for the Limestone County Churches Involved Food Pantry. Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Limestone County Churches Involved Food Pantry! Please continue to give flour, beans, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, and canned meat. Thank you!

Support our Schools! Save your Box tops!

A basket has been placed in the vestibule for you box tops, Tyson food labels (entire top) and Campbell soup labels. Thank you for your support! :)

Children's Prayer:



Valentine's Day prayer

Dear Jesus, today we celebrate Valentine's Day. We hear so much talk about love and tell people how much we love them. Today we realize that love would be nothing without you. You set the standard for love by coming to earth, living a perfect life, and dying for us so we can spend eternity in heaven with you. Help us to love others as you loved us. And help us to show how much we love you by serving others. In your name we pray.

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Matthew 21:22 (NIV)

February Bible Verse:

"For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
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That everyone who
Believes In Him
might Not perish,
But have Everlasting life."

— John 3:16

PW Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting the PW Fall Gathering at Copeland. The date is Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

Children's Mission Ministry Team

The CMMT will be giving Valentine's gift bags to the 24 elderly residents at Limestone Manor. The bags will include toiletry items, baby powder, lotion, night lights, hand sanitizer, lip balm, wash cloths, candy and a Valentine's Card.



Gifts from the Heart:



Thank you for all of your spiritual and generous monetary donations that are made from our special angels that live outside of our community. We greatly appreciate your continued support! God loves you and so do we.

Thank you and God Bless You!

JESUS LOVES EVEN ME





The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Romans 5:5
Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1870 (MIDI, score).




“I think it was in June, 1870, that ‘Jesus Loves Even Me’ was written,” writes Major Whittle. “Mr. and Mrs. Bliss were at that time members of my family in Chicago [Illinois]. One morning Mrs. Bliss came down to breakfast and said, as she entered the room: ‘Last night Mr. Bliss had a tune given to him that I think is going to live and be one of the most useful that he has written. I have been singing it all morning, and I cannot get it out of my mind.’ She then sang the notes over to us. The idea of Bliss, in writing the hymn, was to bring out the truth that the peace and comfort of a Christian are not founded so much upon his love to Christ as upon Christ’s love to him, and that to occupy the mind with Christ’s love would produce love and consecration...How much God has used this little song to lead sinners and doubting Christians to look away to Jesus, eternity alone can tell.”

Mr. Bliss said that this song was suggested to him by hearing the chorus of the hymn “Oh, how I love Jesus,” repeated very frequently in a meeting which he attended. After joining in the chorus a number of times the thought came to him, “Have I not been singing enough about my poor love for Jesus, and shall I not rather sing of his great love for me?” Under the impulse of this thought he went home and composed this, one of his most popular children’s hymns.



For More Information Visit: <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/j/l/jlovesem.htm>

SUPPORT FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE	 GREETERS & USHERS	 WORSHIP ASSISTANT	 CHILDREN’S STORY	 NURSERY
7 Feb	Bill & Vickey Hutton	Cindy Saseen	Anita Raby	Anita Raby
14 Feb	Steve & Paulette Turner	Steve Turner	Tom Lewis	Beth Faulk
21 Feb	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Anita Raby	Lynn Johnson	Linda Faulk
28 Feb	Brenda Gilmore & Steve Saseen	Sandra McDonald	Cindy Saseen	Mae Todd
7 March	C.H. & Jean Moore & Mea Todd	Cindy Saseen	Sandra McDonald	Carol Barts

DATE	 TODDLERS	 PRAYER CORNER	 CONTACT VISITORS
7 Feb	Vickey Hutton	Anne Turner	Steve & Paulette Turner
14 Feb	Emily Johnson	David & Brenda Gilmore	Jean Moore
21 Feb	Barbara Lewis	Russell & Mae Todd	Mae Todd
28 Feb	Paulette Turner	Jeff, Carol & Colin Barts	Steve & Paulette Turner
7 March	Anita Raby	Tim & Melia Collier	Jean Moore

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

 BIRTHDAYS	 ANNIVERSARIES
10 th – Stan Crocket 24 th – Joyce Richardson 27 th – Hayden Barts 27 th – Kevin Lee	15 th – C.H. & Jean Moore