

THE COPELAND CHIMES

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God Bless You!

Happy New Year!!



A Note from Rev. Lewis

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places" Thus wrote Ernest Hemingway. The last year has been hard for many of us. The economy has been down, our political system is in turmoil, and natural disasters have plagued us. Some of us are facing health problems, some are facing financial problems, and some are facing marital problems. There may be those who are close to us who are having trouble with drugs or alcohol. Truthfully, the world breaks us all.

But there is a secret to being strong at the broken places. That secret is Jesus Christ. If you find yourself broken by the world then hear the following words:

For [God] spoke, and it was done
God commanded, and it stood fast.
The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations;
God frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
The plans of God's heart from generation to generation
(Psalms 33: 9-12)

You might also take counsel from the Apostle Paul:

"...for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:11-13)

Finally, you might consider these words from James:

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial for once one has been approved, one will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Christ." (James 1:12)

Grace and Peace,
Tom

Stephen Ministry

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

Christmas Joy Offering

Thank you for your generous donations to the Joy offering.

Manse Needs

We would like to make the manse more comfortable and usable for the Stephen Ministry, Children's Mission Ministry Team, Teens and Tweens and visiting tornado work teams. Please see the list of needs on the bulletin board. Please see Anita, if you have any questions. Thank you for your donations!!

Support our Schools! Save your Box tops!

Start clipping your Box Tops, Tyson food labels and Campbell soup labels! A basket has been placed in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!

Children's Prayer:



Prayers for Parents

Almighty and most merciful God, who in Thy infinite goodness hast committed us unto the charge of loving parents, who are to watch over us and provide for all our wants of body and soul, we pray Thee, protect and prolong their life, that we may continue to enjoy their loving care, and strengthen us that as obedient children we may be subject to their will and hold them in love and esteem; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

January Bible Verse:

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!...
He gives snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes.
He casts forth His ice as fragments,
Who can stand before His cold?
He sends forth His word and melts them
He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.
-Psalm 147:12-18.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

... for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (ESV)
God has given you a fresh new start this day! Go forward with courage, faith, and praise.

Poinsettias

Thank you for sending Poinsettias to remember your loved ones.

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- Session Meeting Sunday Jan. 15th at 5:00pm
 - Wednesday Feb. 1st Family Night Supper 6:30pm

Mission Opportunity!

Have you ever wanted to visit a '3rd World', developing, Carribean, impoverished island where you'd have opportunity to worship and work with people seeking to show God's love?

Now is your chance!

In Barahona, Dominican Republic there is an 85-year old church, a Christian school, mission house, and soon-to-be orphanage --ready to welcome you with a mission team, finding ways to be of service.

For the past 2 years, members of North Alabama Presbytery have stayed in the safe, gated Rivers of the World compound: building, teaching, painting (and playing with bright-eyed children) at the orphanage next to the Haitian mountains.

If you'd like to be part of the next team, email uptonmiller@knology.net, or talk to Charlotte. The date is November 2-10, 2012. A deposit of \$100 will hold a spot for you---or you can help sponsor another member eager to go. (estimated total is ><\$1,000 (plus insurance) with another \$300 due in June and \$600 due by September at address below).

The 2011 Faith Presbyterian Mission Team would love to tell you about their experience! Send \$100 deposit by February to:

Charlotte Upton Miller (who will accompany team)
8601 Esslinger Court, SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35802 for additional paperwork tbd








Proposed Itinerary

Friday 11/02/12 -- 4 pm Transportation to Holiday Inn South---Atlanta---overnight.
Team to meet at Faith Presbyterian, South parking lot, Huntsville



SATURDAY 11/03/12 DELTA FLIGHT ___ ATLANTA (Dep @ 10 am)To SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (Arr 1pm) Bus to Rivers of the World compound in Barahona, DR in care of Pastor Pedro Johnson

SATURDAY 11/10/12 DELTA FLIGHT ___ SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC To ATLANTA (Arrive @ 10pm) Bus to Huntsville, Alabama

SUPPORT FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

DATE	 GREETERS & USHERS	 WORSHIP ASSISTANT	 CHILDREN'S STORY	 NURSERY
8 Jan	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Anita Raby	Sandra McDonald	Barbara Lewis
15 Jan	Brenda Gilmore & Steve Saseen	Sandra McDonald	Anita Raby	Paulette Turner
22 Jan	Linda & Ron Dunivant	Cindy Saseen	Cindy Saseen	Carol Barts
29 Jan	Ronald & Sandra McDonald	Linda Dunivant	Anita Raby	Sandra McDonald
5 Feb	Steve & Paulette Turner	Anita Raby	Tom Lewis	Linda Dunivant
12 Feb	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Steve Turner	Sandra McDonald	Barbara Lewis
DATE	 TODDLERS	 PRAYER CORNER	 CONTACT VISITORS	
8 Jan	Emily Johnson	Anita Raby	Anne Turner	
15 Jan	Linda Faulk	David & Brenda Gilmore	Steve & Paulette Turner	
22 Jan	Anita Raby	Russell & Mae Todd	Jean Moore	
29 Jan	Paulette Turner	Ronald & Sandra McDonald	Anne Turner	
5 Feb	Lisa & Carson Kennedy	Steve & Paulette Turner	Steve & Paulette Turner	
12 Feb	Emily Johnson	Jeff, Carol & Colin Barts	Jean Moore	

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

 BIRTHDAYS	 ANNIVERSARIES
5 th – Beth Faulk 9 th – Edith Howgate 14 th – Mason Lee 2nd Birthday 15 th – Eva Kennedy 2nd Birthday 18 th – Tim Collier	6 th – H.L. & Jane Redding (Happy 60 th Anniversary!!) :)
19 ^h – Matthew Fagan 22 nd – David Gilmore 23 rd – Gelia Redmill 26 th – Russell Todd 29 th – Jane Redding	