

# THE COPELAND CHIMES



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Have a Blessed Day!



God Bless You!

## A Note from Rev. Lewis

As I look out my window, I see leaves budding on the tree in my front yard. After a long, snowy winter, could there be a more welcome sight? In all my years I have never been so happy to see spring arrive.

It started me thinking: this is something like the relationship each of us has with Jesus Christ. Each of us goes through trying times in our faith. There are times when our faith is tested. We then find ourselves asking the question, "Will spring ever come? Will the cold ever end?"

The good news is that in Jesus Christ every day can be the first day of spring. You could wake up today and start anew- start afresh! I find, most of the time, that if I look hard enough, I can see the buds sprouting in my life already. There is always some new grace or blessing that I'm receiving from our Lord and Savior.

I pray you have a blessed spring.  
Tom

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## Scholarship Ministry Team

On behalf of the Scholarship Ministry Team, the scholarship forms and applications are now available. If you are planning on or attending college in the Fall, please fill out an application. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Missions:

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Limestone County Churches Involved Food Pantry! Please continue to support the food Pantry with your generous canned food donations.

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## 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.

"I think that Stephen Ministry is how God has called me to help hurting people," Jo Ann said as she reflected on her life and ministry. "When I first went to nursing school, I was 17. I needed to gain some maturity so I could understand people well enough to help them."

Jo Ann Zimmerman  
Northglenn, Colorado

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

## 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:



O almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy apostles many excellent gifts and commandedst them faithfully to feed Thy flock, bless, we beseech Thee, our pastor that he may diligently preach Thy holy Word, and grant us grace to believe Thy saving Gospel and obediently to follow the teachings of Thy Word, that we may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

## March Bible Verse:

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

## Proverbs 22:11

*Whoever loves a pure heart and gracious speech will have the king as a friend. (NLT)*

## John 15:13-15

*There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. (NLT)*

## Special Notes:

Ash Wednesday Service March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Session Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm

The Presbyterian Home for Children is a non-profit Christian caring community for children and families in need; serving children and families regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin or disability. The ministry is governed by a Board of Trustees elected in part by North Alabama Presbytery, the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and South Alabama Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Mission Statement**

(Adopted by the Board of Trustees, October 7, 2008)

*The Presbyterian Home for Children is an agent of God's love called to transform the lives of children and their families.*








**History of The Home**

Following the Civil War, members of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, recognizing the large number of widows and orphans in Alabama, decided to open a children's home to provide these children with food and shelter, an education, and a foundation of faith in God. After several years of struggling to raise the money needed to open the doors, the Home accepted its first children in 1868.



The 80-acre campus in Talladega, Alabama has grown tremendously since the 1800's, transforming itself from a children's refuge and farming community into a well respected educational facility. The Home opened its own school, Hope Academy, in 1997 to meet the educational needs of its residents. Realizing a greater need, Hope Academy began offering it's services to the community in 2004 by accepting private day and residential students into the education program. Today, the Talladega Campus includes residential cottages, school buildings, a gymnasium, dining hall and well staffed counseling center which serves both campus residents and the community.

The Presbyterian Home is a member of the Alabama Association of Child Care Agencies (AACCA) and the association of Presbyterian Children's Home and Related Ministries (PCHARM). Hope Academy at the Presbyterian Home is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

**SUPPORT FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

DATE	 GREETERS & USHERS	 WORSHIP ASSISTANT	 CHILDREN'S STORY	 NURSERY
6 March	Brenda Gilmore & Steve Saseen	Sandra McDonald	Anita Raby	Melia Collier
13 March	Ronald & Sandra McDonald	Steve Turner	Tom Lewis	Barbara Lewis
20 March	Linda & Ron Dunivant	Anita Raby	Lynn Johnson	Carol Barts
27 March	Bill & Vickey Hutton	Cindy Saseen	Cindy Saseen	Linda Faulk
3 April	Steve & Paulette Turner	Sandra McDonald	Anita Raby	Emily Johnson
10 April	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Steve Turner	Sandra McDonald	Mae Todd
17 April	Brenda Gilmore & Steve Saseen	Anita Raby	Lynn Johnson	Sandra McDonald
DATE	 TODDLERS	 PRAYER CORNER	 CONTACT VISITORS	
6 March	Linda Dunivant	Russell & Mae Todd	Steve & Paulette Turner	
13 March	Mae Todd	Ronald & Sandra McDonald	Anne Turner	
20 March	Melia Collier	Steve & Paulette Turner	Jean Moore	
27 March	Paulette Turner	Jeff, Carol & Colin Barts	Mae Todd	
3 April	Vickey Hutton	Tim & Melia Collier	Steve & Paulette Turner	
10 April	Barbara Lewis	H.L. & Jane Redding	Anne Turner	
17 April	Linda Faulk	Tommy & Janice Hutton	Jean Moore	

**SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER**

 BIRTHDAYS	 ANNIVERSARIES
5 <sup>th</sup> – Lynne Johnson 15 <sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Fogg 15 <sup>th</sup> – Ann Bailey Redmill 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Jack Redmill 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Brenda Gilmore 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sherry Langley 29 <sup>th</sup> – Kenny Turner 31 <sup>st</sup> – Anne Turner	19 <sup>th</sup> – E.T & Nancy Ferguson 28 <sup>th</sup> – Ronald & Sandra McDonald 28 <sup>th</sup> – David & Edith Howgate