

BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of January 12-18, 2014



WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, January 19:*

9 AM: Greeter: Savanna Harris
Host/Hostess: Christie Finley
Worship Leader: Sally Harris
Power Point: Dennis McMahan
11 AM: Usher: Larry Clark
Worship Leader: Kay Hanks
Readers: Mike Feehan (Isaiah 49:1-7)
David Lilly (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through January 18:*

Care Center Pick-up: Connie Sharp
WAVE Team: Ron Harris

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week, January 19-25:*

Care Center Pick-up: Kate Hosna
WAVE Team: Hartwell & Pat Lutz

The Children's Home Box brought in \$67.00 this week. *Thank you!*

MEETINGS and Activities this week:

- **Meditative Yoga:** Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 AM. Led by Lori Smith. \$10/lesson. First lesson free.
- **Immersion Bible Study** continues Wednesday night, January 15, at 6, with light supper at 5:30.
- **Thursday morning prayer group** will meet at 10 on January 16.

Important Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- **Sunday Night Youth (SNY) will be going to a hockey game** between the Huntsville Havoc and the Columbus Cottonmouths on Friday 24 January 2014. The game starts at 7:30, and we will car pool from the church at 6:30. We should be back between 9:30 and 10:00 Friday night. All SNY will have their ticket taken care of, and I assume our group will be big enough that tickets in General Admission for us will be \$10. Todd needs confirmation from everyone wanting to attend by the time SNY is over with this weekend (1/19/2014) in order to purchase the tickets. Questions or confirmation should be sent to Todd.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting**, January 26 at 5 PM. Please attend this important meeting to elect church officers & Nominating Committee members and to hear about the life of the church.

- **Installation and Ordination of Officers**—February 2 at 9 am
- **Intergenerational Christian Exploration at 9:55 February 2!** Bring a canned good for the Care Center for "Souper Bowl" Sunday!
- **TWO YOUTH RETREATS ARE COMING UP, both for 6th-12th graders.** One is the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's youth retreat at Camp McDowell Jan. 31-Feb. 2, which they have invited North Alabama Presbytery churches to attend since one of the keynote speakers will be David Palmer. The second is the North Alabama Presbytery youth retreat at Maranatha Feb. 21-22, with Brandon Miles, the new Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Florence, as the keynote speaker. Contact Pastor Rosemary for more information.
- **Start getting ready for the Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale** which will be Sunday, February 16. Free lunch for everyone following the 11:00 service. Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for the best chili.
- **Ladies! it is that time!** Time to make your reservation deposit for **LADIES WEEKEND GETAWAY 2014!** More information forthcoming but for now this is what you need to know:
Study facilitator: Pastor Rosemary
When: May 30 - June 1 (Friday 5:00 p.m. until Sunday 11:00 a.m.)
Where? Goose Pond Colony - Set in the trees on the waterfront, quiet, relaxing, yet all the comforts of home, each has two bedrooms with 2 queen beds, two bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, screened porch or deck, and grill. Also, there are piers for the cottages if you want to sunbathe, swim, fish, read, or water gaze!
Cost: Appx \$125-135 per person (with 4 to a cottage) plus Saturday evening meal at The Docks
Deposit: \$50.00 due by February 15 payable to Big Cove PCUSA ("For" Ladies retreat 2014)
Questions: Linda Wheeler, Debbie Book, or Diane Smith.

Important Announcements (*Opportunities to serve are marked with asterisks ***)*

- What would you like to be able to do in regard to the Bible?
 - Know how to...??
 - Remember the...??
 - Feel more comfortable about ...??
 - Teach a class about...???

We'll have a time to work on those questions, and others you've "always wanted to know" about the Bible, in eight sessions of "Bible 101," beginning on Sunday the 19th, at 9:55, in one of the upstairs classrooms. David Lilly and Houston Hodges are tag-team teaching this quest, aimed primarily at those with questions or limited knowledge of Scripture. "No shame, guilt, or embarrassment allowed!" Houston and David claim!

Here's the outline; dates will be adjusted to handle some all-church events which will take place in upcoming weeks:

1. The Inspiration of the Bible: what authority should it have?
2. What's in the Bible?
3. What's in the Old Testament?
4. What's in the New Testament?
5. How was the Bible written?
6. How did it become the Bible?
7. Versions and Translations -- which to use?
8. Wrap-up

- **Cans are still being left behind the white church.** If you know of any friends of the church who might still be donating cans, please let them know our campaign is over. If you are willing to take a sack to recycle, please do so. Otherwise, they will go out with the garbage.
- *** **At this web address, please check the lists of specific needs** for the food pantry and the thrift store at the CARE Center, as well as items that New Hope School needs. Also at this web address are some “Wish Lists” for the CARE Center and the school. Check it out and see how you might help: <http://www.thecarecenter.us/current-needs.html>.
- **See the following information about the display of Bibles** and ancient artifacts at Whitesburg Christian Academy:
 During the Grand Opening Celebration of Whitesburg Christian Academy’s first building at its new campus (at 7290 Whitesburg Drive-adjacent to the Whitesburg Baptist Center), a rare collection of Bibles of antiquity and ancient artifacts will be displayed in the new campus media center.
 The original first printing of the 1611 King James Bible will be on display, as well as a Dead Sea Scroll fragment from the book of Amos dating 150 BC and many other artifacts and original English Bibles of the 1500s to 1800s. ***Public tour times are January 19, 2-6 pm; January 21, 6-8 pm; January 23, 6-8 pm; and January 26, 2-6 pm.***
 Group tour times can be arranged by calling the Academy Headmaster’s Office at (256) 489-7679 or (256) 704-7373 or by contacting angie.jones@wbccares.org.
- **Remember to SMILE when you see** Mike Feehan *snapping pictures* at various events and activities over the next few weeks. Mike is helping build up our photo bank for the electronic bulletin board, the website, and other means of sharing our community.
- **MORE thank you notes** have come to the church from children at the Presbyterian Home for Children. They are on the table in the back of the sanctuary, so if you provided a gift for a child there, please be sure to check that table.
- *****Thanks to all who have signed up to donate/dedicate flowers for the sanctuary** for Sundays in 2014. Except for March 2, flowers are now scheduled through April 20. Feel free to sign up for March 2 or later dates!

Happy Birthday this week!

Betty King on the 13th

Ryan Renfroe on the 16th

Rosemary McMahan on the 18th