



# Big Cove News

April 2014

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

## April Elder on Call

\*Ryan Worthington  
\*See note page 2

### Pastor

Rosemary McMahan

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Houston Hodges

### Administrative

Assistant

Mary Hooper

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## *From the Pastor ~ Onward and Upward!*

During our recent visit to Chicago, I noticed a sign on a store marquee that read “No winter lasts forever, and no spring has ever skipped its turn.” No doubt whoever posted that message meant it as a word of encouragement for residents, like our poor son, who are sick to death of snow and wondering if the temperature will ever venture out of the 20’s! But the message is also appropriate for where we find ourselves as we journey toward Easter morning.

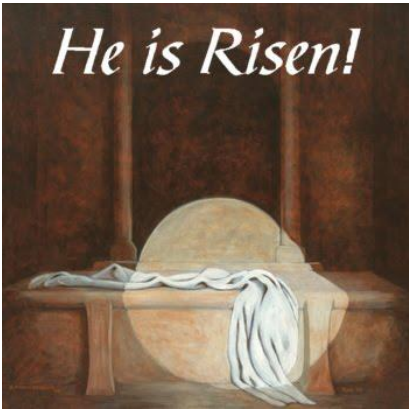
Lent doesn’t last forever. However, it is a very blessed time—a gift out of ordinary time—in which we are given the opportunity to assess our spiritual growth. Are there ways we can better live into discipleship? Are there practices we can adopt that draw us closer to God? Are there habits, prejudices, injuries that we need to release which harm our bodies, souls, and hearts? Just as we clip old brush and rake away the debris of winter, we can “spring clean” our spiritual lives as well. No winter lasts forever.

And no spring ever skipped its turn! In just a couple of weeks, we will be celebrating what makes us different from all other religions—our belief in the Lord of Life, the Savior who defeated sin and death! But we aren’t there yet. We still need to remember how fickle we can be, so on **Palm Sunday**, our cheers of welcome will turn into jeers of betrayal. That evening, we will experience something of the Passover that Jesus held with his disciples as we participate in the **Seder Meal**. Then as we enter the darkness of Holy Week, we will gather on **Maundy Thursday** to share a spiritual meal and strip a table, reminding us of Jesus being stripped of his dignity and life. On **Good Friday**, we will hear once again the Passion Story and watch candles being extinguished as the Light of the World turns dark. And on Saturday, we wait.

Only then can we begin to understand what Easter Sunday really means! Only then can we embrace the reality that darkness doesn’t last forever and that the Light, indeed, shines on! Please join us in the celebration at 6:30, 9:00, or 11 am. Bring friends, bring family, and come rejoice!

Blessings! ~Rosemary

Reminder: The Confirmation Class students will make their Public Profession of Faith at the 11 am Easter Worship Service.



## Holy Week and Easter 2014

April 13 (Palm Sunday), 6:00 pm: Seder Supper

April 17, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Worship with the Lord's Supper and Stripping of the Table

April 18, noon: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 20, 6:30 am, 9 am, and 11 am: Easter Sunday Worship  
Easter Egg Hunt between 9 and 11 am services

**Sermon Series:** Our Lenten sermon series continues to follow the travelers on the Road to Emmaus. Come hear what they discover on their journey and how it can influence yours. Let's remember each other in prayer as we journey toward being Easter People!

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### Your Session at Work and Ministry



On March 31, the session welcomed the following youth into membership:

Drake Finley—7<sup>th</sup> grade, Hampton Cove MS  
Savanna Harris—7<sup>th</sup> grade, Whitesburg Christian Academy  
Alaina Harvey—8<sup>th</sup> grade, Hampton Cove MS  
Jack Hosna—7<sup>th</sup> grade, Whitesburg MS  
Ryan Pepper—8<sup>th</sup> grade, Owens Crossroads MS

Adults joining us in membership are Bruce and Melinda Harvey. Please extend a welcome to all!

Session approved (and thanked!) Glenda Harris as VBS Chair for 2014. VBS will run the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Session approved (and thanked!) Ross Rutledge for spear-heading Christianity Uncorked, a monthly "outside the church" study to begin in June.

Session received Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Pastor's reports.

The current Big Cove Session includes Elders Debbie Book, Dallas Ferneau, Christie Finley, Ray Waldrop, Ryan Worthington, Todd Worthington, and Clerk of Session Neva Beasley.

**\*\*Please note:** the elder on call for April is Ryan Worthington, but while he is out of town April 18-25, Elder Todd Worthington will fill in.



**Howdy Y'all! And Save the Dates of  
June 23-27 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for  
SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School.**

**COWBOYS & COWGIRLS & Volunteers**

**WANTED on our rip-roaring trail as we  
have a good time with Jesus!**

**Anything western such as saddles, PLAY  
horses, hay bales, blankets, RUGS,  
etc., is needed for decorating.**

**Any questions? Just ask Glenda Harris.**

**Our mission this year will be the Presbyterian  
Home For Children. Donations for the  
Presbyterian Home and/or VBS are always  
appreciated!**

## Youth Mission Trip Opportunities -2014

Chris Soto, the youth minister from Covenant, is pulling together two mission trips this summer. They have a **High School trip to Charleston, S.C.** that would be more appropriate for youth like Conner, Dana and Alex. That trip is filling up fast, so it might be better to talk directly to Chris if you are interested.



The **second mission trip is to Nashville**, and it follows the MFUGE model. They will be staying in the dorms of Belmont University near Vanderbilt University, and all meals are included. This trip is the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. This is **for our middle school aged children**. If you are interested, please let me know. If cost is a concern we might be able to work on getting you a scholarship to attend. Please let me know of your interest.

### Update\*\*\*Update\*\*\*Update

Last night at session we approved a scholarship for any of our youth that might like to attend this event. This is in addition to a privately funded scholarship which means that we will pay for a total of two of our youth to participate in this event. Please let me know **soon** if you have any interest in this so we can make sure that there is room for you to participate. Thanks, Todd



## Bike Ride for the Children 2014 supporting the Presbyterian Home for Children

Join Keith and Pate Cardwell as they cycle 415 miles  
in support of Alabama's Presbyterian Home



(This information is from the PHFC website.)

In April of 2009, Pate Cardwell and two of his fellow infantrymen used their leave from deployment in Baghdad to ride 415 miles from the Tennessee state line to the Gulf of Mexico. In doing so, Pate, Brit Brown and Nick Wilson raised \$32,000 for the Presbyterian home for Children.

This spring, Pate and his father, the Rev. Keith Cardwell of Swift Presbyterian Church in Foley, are going to repeat the ride. They'll follow a similar route and make the ride in 5 days, beginning just after Easter (April 20).

They're looking for supporters who will commit at least 10 cents per mile (\$41.50) to sponsor their ride. All proceeds will go to support the Presbyterian Home for Children.

Pate and Keith will be accompanied by Pate's sister, Heather, who will drive the support vehicle for their trek.

You can sponsor the Rev. Keith Cardwell and his son Pate as they cycle the length of Alabama. They'll be traveling April 21-25, but you can show your support now by making a gift online at [www.phfc.org](http://www.phfc.org) or call (256) 299-0243 to make a credit card gift or send your donation to



Pate's Bike Ride  
Presbyterian Home for Children  
PO Drawer 577  
Talladega, AL 35161

# Christianity Uncorked!

Coming Soon!



Beginning in June, Ross Rutledge will lead a monthly "spirited" discussion on various topics taken from The Thoughtful Christian.

The first session will be at Carson's Bar and Grill.

This is a new effort to take "church" out of the church building and into the community, and to meet people where they are, instead of expecting them to meet us where we are--in the church.

Watch the May newsletter for date and time, and let Ross know if you are interested in trying out this new venture. Don't know Ross? See the pastor or an elder.



## Important Dates in April



**April 5-Clean Up/Workday 8:00 am until...  
(Rain Date April 12)**

**April 8: North Alabama Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian—  
registration at 9:15; meeting starts at 10 am**

**(Takes the place of the regular April Big Cove PW meeting)**

**April 12: Men's Bible Time 9:30**

**April 13: Seder Supper 6:00**

**April 14: Outreach Team Meeting 6:30**

**April 17: Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 PM**

**April 18: Good Friday Tenebrae Service 12:00 Noon**

**April 20: Easter Sunrise Service 6:30**

**Regular worship at 9:00 and 11:00**

**Easter Egg Hunt between the 9 and 11 services**

## Regularly Scheduled Weekly Events:

**Sunday Worship, 9 am and 11 am**

**Christian Exploration: 9:55-10:45**

**Sunday Night Youth (SNY): 5:30-7 PM, white church**

**Wednesday Meditative Yoga: 9:30-11 AM**

**Wednesday Night Immersion Study: 6-7 PM**

**Wednesday Night Choir Practice: 7-8 PM**

**Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM**

## Happy April Birthday!

Pam Worthington on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Glenda Harris on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Christie Finley on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Katrina Pepper on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Lee on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Hooper on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Glenda Bass on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Barnhart on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Pepper on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Gail Birdsong on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Ginger Adkins on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Michele Pepper on the 30<sup>th</sup>

## Happy April Anniversary!

Betty King & Rodney Renfroe on the 4th



*Please Note May  
Newsletter deadline:  
April 28*



## Financial Corner For February 2014

Receipts:	\$11,745.00
Operation Expenses	\$11,252.86
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$389.00
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$650.00

Any questions relating to the above may be addressed to Diane Lee, Bookkeeper, or any of the current elders.



*Christ Is Risen*

~Worship Leaders for April~

9AM Worship:

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>
Greeter . . . . .	Ryan Pepper	Sean Pepper	Daniel Waldrop	Vicki Waldrop
Host/Hostess . . . . .	Ross Rutledge	Nicole Harris	Sally Harris	Melinda Harvey
Worship Leader . . . . .	Ross Rutledge	Don Barnhart	Nancy Bass	Christie Finley
Power Point . . . . .	Gary Indihar	Dennis McMahan	Katrina Pepper	Sylvia Romero

11 AM Worship:

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>
Usher . . . . .	Mickey Sharp	Ann Sublett	Pat Burke	Larry Clark
Worship Leader . . . . .	Tennent Lee	TBD— <i>Palm Sunday</i>	TBD— <i>Easter</i>	Mickey Sharp
First Reader . . . . .	Gail Birdsong	TBD— <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mike Feehan	David Lilly
Second Reader . . . . .	Larry Clark	TBD— <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Tennent Lee	Hartwell Lutz

Care Center Pick Up

<u>March 30-April 5</u>	Pat Burke
<u>April 6-12</u>	Pat Burke
<u>April 13-19</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>April 20-26</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>April 27-May3</u>	Kay Hanks

WAVE Team

Hartwell & Pat Lutz  
 Jane Rutledge  
 Connie Sharp  
 Linda Wheeler  
 Pam Worthington

