



Big Cove News

August 2014
Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

August Elder on Call
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Big Cove Happenings this month!

August 4 at 6:30 pm: General Assembly presentation and “meet and greet” with new Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. Tammy Gregory Brown. Please join us!

August 5 from 6-7 pm: Christianity Uncorked! Meet at Carson’s Grill in Hampton Cove to discuss “A Christian response to immigration.” Bring a friend!

August 10, both services: Blessing of the Backpacks! Note date change. Bring yourselves and your laptops, backpacks, etc., to be prayed over as the new school year begins.

August 10, between services: Come hear about the new curriculum for Christian Exploration. Youth and adults invited. Meet in large classroom upstairs.

August 31: Praise and Prayer service at 11 am worship! See details inside.

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Doing New Things ~ from the Pastor

As we gear up for a new academic year, our ministry teams have been envisioning new and different ways to be disciples who make disciples. In regard to **Christian Exploration**, the ministry team proposes an all-age study of **“The God We Can Know: Exploring the ‘I am’ Sayings of Jesus.”** This study will be held on **first and third Sundays** during the fall. All age groups will watch a video together, and then adults and youth/children will separate for independent study, activities, and discussion. Adults, parents, and students are invited to an overview on August 10 between services in the large classroom upstairs.

Also as part of study, our **Faith Stories**, newly named as **God Sightings**, will return on **second Sundays** of the month. Where have you seen God at work in your life? Would you be willing to share your story with the 9 am and 11 am congregations? I am looking for faith-filled volunteers of any age and will put you on the schedule.

What about **Wednesday Night Immersion**? Our new thing is trying a study guide by renowned theologian N.T. Wright. The title is *Luke: Everyone Bible Study*. This study is for those well-versed in the Gospel of Luke and those who know nothing about it at all. Please consider spending one hour a week, 6-7 PM on Wednesdays, with a fun and lively group who enjoy learning about being disciples through scripture! Youth are invited! We will resume Wednesday, September 3, at 6 pm.

Christianity Uncorked continues to pop on first Tuesdays of the month at Carson’s Grill in Hampton Cove. The topic for August 5th will be the “Christian Response to Immigration.” Discussion is from 6-7 PM with fellowship afterwards.

In regard to worship, our ministry team proposes holding a **“Praise and Prayer” worship service** at 11 am on August 31. **YOU are invited to submit hymn requests from our current hymnal.** Any hymn that has to do with praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude is appropriate, so start looking and give your selections to Carla by August 24. Instead of a “sermon,” we will hear several scripture passages, a brief meditation, and sing several hymns.

Reminders that we will be **blessing backpacks, students, and teachers** on August 10 at both services, and we will hold our Rally Day worship for Christian Exploration on September 7. Please be part of participating in our vision to be disciples who make disciples!

Blessings,
Rosemary



Notes from July Session Meeting



The Big Cove Church Session held its monthly meeting on July 29 with four elders present, two elders excused, and one guest member present.

Action was taken on the following items:

- Approved Todd Worthington as Nominating Team Chair for 2014.
- Approved James Glenn as Youth Leader.
- Approved the order of worship for “Praise and Prayer” on August 31.
- Approved the 2014 Christmas Program: A Christmas Cantata performed by our choir on Sunday evening, Dec. 7, at 6 PM. Refreshments to follow.
- Approved electrical work, including installation of more outlets in both vestibules and relocation of monitor.
- Approved an agreement between AA and Big Cove Church to use the fellowship area of the white church for a meeting each day of the week. Schedule is as follows: Mondays at 6:30PM, Fridays at noon, Saturdays at 10:00 AM, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:30 PM, with exceptions for the Youth Group and the Gourd Society and any other church needs. In return, AA will increase its rent and clean the church on a monthly basis.
- Received financial report and noted \$5000 shortfall in expected income midyear.
- Discussed GA decisions and upcoming visit by GA commissioners and heard concerns from guest member.
- Discussed praying about and revisiting Big Cove Church’s vision statement at the August meeting.
- Approved new format and curriculum for Fall Christian Exploration.

Elder Ray Waldrop closed the meeting with prayer.

As always, anyone is welcome to attend the session meetings, but please alert the pastor first.

Christianity Uncorked

The topic for spirited discussion at this month’s Christianity Uncorked gathering is “*The Christian Response to Immigration.*” The session will take place at 6:00 on Tuesday, August 5th at Carson’s Grill.



Children in Crisis - an Outreach Opportunity

The plight of the unaccompanied immigrant children stuck at our US borders has been in the headlines recently. Did you know YOU can do something to help? Big Cove, in cooperation with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Committee, will be creating "Gifts of the Heart Hygiene Kits." These kits will be sent to a central warehouse for distribution to the children in need.



Each kit will consist of: a hand towel (approx 16" by 28"), a washcloth, a wide-tooth comb, a nail clipper, an individually wrapped bar of soap, an individually packaged toothbrush, and six adhesive bandages.

BCPC will continue taking collections of these items through August 10. You can leave your donations in the bin marked "PDA Hygiene Kits" in the church sanctuary.

Once the items have been collected, we'll be scheduling a "packing night", so stay tuned for more info.

For more information, please check out:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/making-gift-heart-kits/> or contact Debbie Book.



CARE Center focused donations for August:
Canned fruits, canned vegetables

SAVE THE DATE



September 20, 2014
Day of Service & Unity
On the International Day of Peace



www.interfaithmissionservice.org *The Power of We*

Watch for more information in future Big Cove publications or on this website:

www.interfaithmissionservice.org

Final Reminder: You can order Christmas cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children and support this worthwhile cause at the same time.

Notice: Order now *through August 15* for cards to be delivered in September.



To celebrate our 10th year of selling Christmas cards featuring the artwork of children, we are offering a box of our 5 most popular designs (shown above). Each package contains 10 cards, 2 each of 5 designs. Each features a different greeting and a verse of scripture. The name of the child who drew the artwork is on the back.

By purchasing cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children, you will receive a high quality card at a reasonable price while supporting an important ministry to the children of Alabama. The proceeds will make a difference in the life of a child.

Cards ordered before August 15, 2014, will be delivered in September. Cards ordered after August 15 will be delivered as long as they are available.

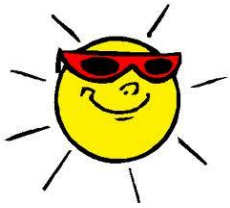
You may order online at the PHFC website www.phfc.org

OR mail a check for \$15 per box (includes shipping) with the order form below to
PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

P.O. Drawer 577
Talladega, AL 35161

Presbyterian Home for Children Christmas Card order form

How many packages? _____ Ship cards to: _____
 (10 cards per package) _____
 x \$15.00 each (includes shipping) _____
 Total enclosed: _____



Important Dates in August



August 4: General Assembly Discussion 6:30

August 5: School resumes

August 5: Christianity Uncorked 6:00

August 9: Men's Bible Time 9:30

August 10: Blessing of the Backpacks-both services

**August 10: Meeting to share ideas for Christian Exploration Program
(between services)**

August 11: Outreach Team Meeting 6:30

August 25: Session Meeting 6:00

August 31: Service of Praise and Prayer at 11:00 service

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Events:

Sunday Worship, 9 am and 11 am

Wednesday Meditative Yoga: 9:30-11 AM

Wednesday Night Choir Practice: 7-8 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM

Happy August Birthday!

Linda McWilliams on the 7th

Betty Finley on the 9th

Susan Bridges on the 11th

Nicole Harris on the 14th

Dana Indihar on the 18th

Kathy Abalos on the 20th

Sandy Young on the 26th

Dexter Gentle on the 31st

Happy August Anniversary!

Dallas & Jennifer Ferneau on the 4th

Alfio & Jodi Gallo on the 5th

Ray & Vicki Waldrop on the 9th

David & Renay Nunn on the 17th

Todd & Pam Worthington on the 27th



*Please Note September
Newsletter deadline:
August 25*

Financial Corner

For June 2014

Receipts:	\$12,402.00
Operation Expenses	\$13,147.00
Donations to the Children's Home:	
From the congregation	\$167.00
From VBS	\$166.40
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$750.00

We received \$545.00 for the Pentecost Offering.

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

~Worship Leaders for August~

9AM Worship:

	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>	<u>August 17</u>	<u>August 24</u>	<u>August 31</u>
Greeter	Renay Nunn	Ryan Pepper	Sean Pepper	Daniel Waldrop	Kirk Finley
Host/Hostess . . .	Sally Harris	Nicole Harris	Sally Harris	Melinda Harvey	Michele Pepper
Worship Leader . .	Gary Indihar	Tom Jones	Gary Indihar	Debbie Book	Ross Rutledge
Power Point	Sylvia Romero	Gary Indihar	Kirk Finley	Gary Indihar	Dennis McMahan

11 AM Worship:

	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>	<u>August 17</u>	<u>August 24</u>	<u>August 31</u>
Usher	Kay Hanks	Jeff & Vicki Irons	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz
Worship Leader .	Tennent Lee	Pastor	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Tennent Lee
First Reader . . .	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz	Todd Worthington	Neva Beasley	Larry Clark
Second Reader .	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz	Kathy Barnhart	Gail Birdsong	Mike Feehan

Care Center Pick Up

<u>July 27-August 2</u>	Pat Burke
<u>August 3-9</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>August 10-16</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>August 17-23</u>	Kay Hanks
<u>August 24-30</u>	Kay Hanks
<u>August 31-September 6</u>	Kate Hosna

WAVE Team

Merrie Duncan
Ron Harris
Jeff & Vicki Irons
Hartwell & Pat Lutz
Jane Rutledge
Connie Sharp