



Big Cove News

October 2014

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

October Elder on Call
 Ryan Worthington

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 Houston Hodges

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A Dip in the Bible Pool

-Houston Hodges

The Saturday morning Bible study (traditionally for men) has a long history in Big Cove Church. It's hard to know how long it's been going on, or what its attendance-pattern has been through the years ... but recently it seems to have gotten pretty stable in its appeal. "Stable" may be a synonym for "same-o', same-o'." The same four or five guys have shown up, sipped some coffee, and engaged in a free-for-all around a passage from the Holy Scriptures.

Lately the main draw has been the teaching of David Lilly, a self-taught marvel of a leader (says Parish Associate Houston Hodges). The guys have been in the Gospel of Luke for some time, are nearing its end, and have begun questioning whether this blissful, blessed event is filling a needed niche in our congregation; therefore, they decided to repent of that long-time custom of "Men Only," and open the time to all! What a revolution!

And that's what's happened! It's a good idea at a challenging time: lots of families need togetherness on Saturdays, there are chores and shopping and preparing for Sunday. Nonetheless, the fellows are hoping the wider scope will shake some fruit from the tree, and prove more attractive to a wider audience.

They've planned to finish Luke — ready for Luke 18:31 on October 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 that Saturday morning — and then reevaluate whether this idea is really filling a need, or just an hour that could be better spent elsewhere.

Come: try it! It may add a needed spark to your life... and after all, it's just once a month, not every week! It would be wonderful if some teenagers would give it a try — it's probable that they'd learn a lot and contribute a lot of new insights as well. Gals and guys, come!

Why was Jesus so set on going to Jerusalem, when he knew the outcome would be so dark? Come help some folks explore that question!

Session Report for September 2014:

The Big Cove Session met Tuesday, Sept. 30, and, after prayer, accomplished the following:



- Approved July Minutes and July and August Financials. Did not meet in August due to lack of quorum;
- Approved the 2014 Stewardship Process;
- Accepted the Pastor's Report which included the information that all AA meetings have moved to Rivertree Church due to mobility issues for older members in the white church; more information about recent GA decisions and upcoming Presbytery meetings; and the resignation of Elder Ray Waldrop, effective at end of meeting. The elders warmly thanked Ray for his faithful service.
- Heard request from Mike Feehan, Big Cove's web master, to please alert him of any and all meetings so that he can put them on the calendar to avoid overlap;
- Elected Elder Debbie Book to be commissioner at October Presbytery Meeting and Elder Todd Worthington to be commission at the February meeting.
- Discussed donation of the Waldrop Van. Elder T Worthington will research need, liability, etc.
- Heard recommendation from sign team on company to install a church LED sign, and session voted 5-1 to hire MEGA LED sign company.
- Received reports from Outreach, Nominating Committee, and Youth Group, along with Christian Exploration Report and need for more teachers to cover the Youth Classes.

The pastor closed with prayer concerns and Elder Debbie Book closed the meeting with prayer.

Elder on Call for October: Ryan Worthington

Next Session Meeting: October 28, 2014, at 6 PM. Session meetings are open to all members.



Fellowship Coordinator *Still Needed!*

In a culture where we all stay so busy, our Fellowship Nights and Care Groups somewhat fell to the wayside. A couple of people have expressed a desire to see more opportunities for fellowship offered by our congregation--aimed at simply getting to know one another.

These would most likely be quarterly events, but someone will be needed to solicit ideas, schedule, and promote.

Is that someone YOU, you and your spouse, you and a friend? Please see the pastor.

Big Cove Presbyterian Women

The October meeting of Big Cove's Presbyterian Women will take place on Monday, October 6 at 10:00. The women will begin a study of Esther and Ruth, and Pastor Rosemary will lead the discussion of the first two chapters of the study guide.



Christianity Uncorked



Christianity and Patriotism: If patriotism requires absolute loyalty to one particular country, it can conflict with a religious vision that includes compassion for all humanity. Christians, therefore, must ask how the noble and valuable aspects of patriotism can be strengthened and the divisive aspects either downplayed or avoided.

This one-session study examines the various elements of patriotism, including its noble and potentially dangerous aspects. It then addresses the question, what is Christian patriotism? Perhaps there is a way to be both Christian and patriotic.

The session will take place at 6:00 on Tuesday, October 7, at El Omeca on Highway 431.

If you would like to read material on this subject from *The Thoughtful Christian*, contact the church office.



BCPC will hold a **Fall Building & Grounds Clean Up** October 18, 2014 from 8:30 till 11:30. Please bring any tools and accessories you think we might need: Gloves, spades or shovels, rakes, clippers, wheelbarrow, leaf blower, leaf bags, etc. Contact Dallas Ferneau if you have questions.



Need some help around the house?

Three young people are looking for odd jobs to raise money to attend school and sporting events. They are Russell Wayne Spry (18), Nathan Spry (15), and Susan Spry (12), grandchildren of Wayne Deaton.

Need some small jobs, mowing, and yard work done to clean up for fall? Contact Russell Wayne and/or Nathan.

Need a girl for babysitting, cleaning, assisting in household projects or planting? Contact Susan. For more information, you may also contact their mother, Tenise Spry.



Thanks to all of you who have signed up to provide and dedicate flowers for the sanctuary, there are only four Sundays left in 2014 for which no one has provided flowers.

Two of these Sundays are in the Advent Season, when there will be poinsettias and the Liturgical Arts Team will be providing some extras.

But if you feel called to adorn the sanctuary with flowers on November 16 or November 30, please sign up on the calendar on the wall in the stairwell vestibule.

You can mark your \$25 check "Sanctuary Flowers" and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the envelope by the flower chart. Thank you!

HAPC ANNUAL GOLF CHALLENGE

To Benefit the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Scramble Format

12:30 PM Shotgun Start



Huntsville Country Club

*(Just West of the Intersection of
Oakwood Ave and Pulaski Pike)*

11:00 – 12:15 – Gather, lunch, registration, putting & driving range practice

12:15 pm - Review format and rules; 12:30 pm shotgun start

Awards reception following the round

Cost: INDIVIDUAL PLAYER - \$85: PRE-PAID FOURSOME - \$320.00

This includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, water and snacks on the course, awards reception, and golfer 'goodie-bag'

A Mulligan Package will be available for each golfer.

Prizes for "Closest to the Pin" on all par 3 holes and "Longest Drive" (one for men; one for women)

- ✓ Each foursome is encouraged to secure at least one corporation/group to sponsor one hole at \$100.
- ✓ Corporate, organizational, or congregational sponsors will have signs on the sponsored hole and be listed in the program and all PR efforts.
- ✓ Those who do not play golf but want to support can be Underwriters (\$250 gift), Sponsors (\$100 gift), or Supporters (\$50 gift). All will be recognized in the program and on the course.

To register e-mail hapchsv@yahoo.com

For pre-paid registration, check is to be made out to HAPC Golf Challenge, and mail to:

**P. O. Box 16032,
Huntsville, AL 35802**

GOLFERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WILL BE MAKING AN INVESTMENT:

The Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care (HAPC) is at the forefront of chaplaincy and spiritual care in our county. Help us grow as a provider of comprehensive healing and wholeness services, including:

- *Relevant spiritual care-giving training and practical education*
- *Support of traditional Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood Hospital Chaplaincies*
- *Sustaining of emerging Chaplaincy projects, including reaching those with mental illness.*
- *Expansion of parish nursing and health ministry services in our County*
- *Clinical Training for ministers and chaplains to improve caring skills*



Important Dates in October



- October 5: World Communion Sunday**
- October 6: Presbyterian Women 10:00**
- October 7: Christianity Uncorked 6:00**
- October 11: Second Saturday Bible Time 9:30**
- October 13: Outreach Team 6:00**
- Fall Building & Grounds Clean-Up day 8:30-11:30**
- October 19: Youth Group**
- October 28: Session Meeting 6:00**

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Sunday Worship, 9 am and 11 am**
- Christian Exploration 1st and 3rd Sundays 9:55**
- Youth Group 3rd Sundays**
- Wednesday Meditative Yoga: 9:30-11 AM**
- Wednesday Night Immersion Bible Study 6-7 PM**
(Fellowship and Bring Your Own Bag supper starts at 5:30)
- Wednesday Night Choir Practice: 7-8 PM**
- Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM**

Happy October Birthday!

- Dennis McMahan on the 1st
- Melinda Harvey on the 1st
- Janet Pinczewski on the 4th
- Ray Waldrop on the 4th
- Jimmy Jones on the 5th
- Michael Harris on the 7th
- Ross Rutledge on the 7th
- Vicki Waldrop on the 9th
- Todd Worthington on the 9th
- Carlos Romero on the 11th
- Hazel Smith Burtram on the 19th
- Janet Indihar on the 23rd
- Connor Ferneau on the 25th
- Jennifer Ferneau on the 28th
- Mickey Sharp on the 29th
- Sean Pepper on the 30th

Happy October Anniversary!

- Ross & Jane Rutledge on the 2nd
- Geno & Janet Pinczewski on the 15th
- Jeff & Glenda Harris on the 19th
- Mike & Carla Feehan on the 30th



*Please Note November
Newsletter deadline:
October 27*

Financial Corner

For August 2014

Receipts: \$13,898.37

Operation Expenses: \$11,402.65

Donations to the Children's Home: \$160.00

Capital Campaign Donations: \$760.00

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

~Worship Leaders for October~

9AM Worship:

	<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>
Greeter.	Ryan Pepper	Sean Pepper	Vicki Waldrop	Whitney Smith
Host/Hostess. . .	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey	Vicki Waldrop	Ross Rutledge
Worship Leader. .	Gary Indihar	Debbie Book	Don Barnhart	Ross Rutledge
Power Point . . .	Kirk Finley	Gary Indihar	Dennis McMahan	Gary Indihar

11 AM Worship:

	<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>	<u>October 26</u>
Usher	Gary Bass	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks
Worship Leader .	Tennent Lee	Pastor	Mickey Sharp	Neva Beasley
First Reader . .	Kathy Barnhart	Gail Birdsong	Tom Bell	Larry Clark
Second Reader .	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Todd Worthington	Tennent Lee

Care Center Pick Up

<u>September 28-October 4</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>October 5-11</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>October 12-18</u>	Gary Bass
<u>October 19-25</u>	Gary Bass
<u>October 26- November 1</u>	Gail Birdsong

WAVE Team

Merrie Duncan
Jane Rutledge
Connie Sharp
Pam Worthington
Linda Wheeler