

BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MID-WEEK REMINDERS

Week of November 16-22, 2014



WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, November 23:*

9 AM: Greeter: Savanna Harris
Host/Hostess: Nicole Harris
Worship Leader: Gary Indihar
Power Point: Gary Indihar

11 AM: Usher: Pat Lutz
Worship Leader: Pastor

Readers: Todd Worthington (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24), Neva Beasley (Ephesians 1:15-23)

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through November 22:*

Care Center Pick-up: Pat Burke
WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week, November 23-29:*

Care Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark
WAVE Team: Merrie Duncan

The Children's Home Box brought in \$34.00 this week. Thank you!

MEETINGS and Activities this week:

- **Wednesday Night Immersion continues** on November 19, focusing on Chapter 10-11 of Luke. 6:00-7:00 (with BYO brown bag meal and fellowship time at 5:30)
- **Thursday morning prayer group** will meet on November 20 from 10-11 am. Anyone interested is warmly welcomed.

Big Cove Holiday Bazaar ***It's THIS WEEK—Help we still NEED is in red!***

- ***The Big Cove youth, James Glenn, and Catherine Gong are going to be moving chairs and tables and helping set up in preparation for the Bazaar on Thursday night (November 20) at 6:00. They could use a few adults to help with this process. **If you can help**, please contact James.
- *****A few volunteers** are also needed to help with the vendor set up that will take place Friday, November 21 from 3:00-7:00. If you can help, please contact Jeff Irons, Vicki Waldrop or Neva Beasley.
- *****We still need people who can serve a shift in the Bake Sale** area of the bazaar; please contact Gail Birdsong if you can help.

- **There are still a few flyers/posters** containing information about the bazaar available in the church. **Please pick some up**, take them with you, and hand them out to friends and neighbors or post them in businesses (hairdressers or barbers, restaurants, cleaners—anywhere folks *hang out* and might see the flyer!) you patronize. Help spread the word!
- *****We need lots of baked items** for the Holiday Bazaar! Plan to bring items that can be used for Thanksgiving or Christmas. For those that don't bake, you can donate money for making dishes that Presbyterian Women will prepare. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women or contact Gail Birdsong to donate.
- *****Feel free to package items for the bake sale in Thanksgiving or Christmas-y colors and wrappings.** Also, please **label items that contain nuts or other ingredients that might cause allergic reactions.** Feel free to bring them while the church is open from 3:00-7:00 Friday when the vendors are setting up their booths. You may also bring them early on Saturday, before the bazaar begins.
- **Ross Rutledge and Dexter Gentle have the car show** all ready! They have big trophies and other incentives and enticements as part of the show this year. Let's all try and promote this. **(Note from Dexter:** The Church Bazaar Car show announcement can be seen on this website: www.noalcarcalendar.9f.com North Alabama Car Calendar title.)
- **There will be a raffle for a few pieces of jewelry** that one of the vendors has donated. Tickets can be purchased from the greeters or at the concession for \$1 each or \$5 for 7.
- *****Keep remembering the Big Cove Holiday Bazaar in your prayers!** —*Saturday, November 22, 9a.m.-3:00 p.m.*— Proceeds this year will go to the Presbyterian Home For Children and to the Bags of Blessings program at the CARE Center. Check with Jeff Irons, Vicki Waldrop, or any member of the Outreach Team to ask how you can help.

Important Announcements, Events-to-Come, Deadlines, Etc.

- **“Going through Grief: A Guide to Understanding, Surviving and Supporting the Grief Process”** will be presented by the Rev. Carl Malm of the Center for Loss, Grief and Change at Latham United Methodist Church [109 Weatherly Rd] on Mondays, November 24-December 15 at 6:00-7:30 p.m.
The program will be in the Visitor Center (enter on the north and go straight). Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is requested but not required. Topics of the weekly sessions are:
 - November 24: “Hope for the Holidays: Surviving Grief When Everyone Else Is Celebrating”
 - December 1: “When the Heart Breaks: The Experience of Grief”
 - December 8: “The Bridge: Surviving Grief”
 - December 15: “Winter without Spring: The Problem of Complicated Grief”
 For more information or to pre-register, phone 256 883-6539 or 256 881-4069.
- **Big Cove’s Presbyterian Women will sponsor a Ladies’ Night Out Dinner and Recycled Christmas Gift Swap** on December 4th at 6:00. Once again, the dinner menu will be designed and carried out by Kathy Barnhart. All women are invited! **Please e-mail or call in reservations to Gail Birdsong or Mary Hooper in the church office no later than November 23** (that’s this Sunday!) so that enough provisions can be purchased for everyone. Bring a recycled Christmas gift-do NOT go out and buy one! Quirky or humorous or unique gifts are welcome.
*****To prepare for this evening, Kathy will need some help Wednesday morning--setting up tables, and some people to come early on Thursday to set the tables (centerpiece; silverware**

napkins etc.) Please contact Kathy [family to be sure she has a manageable number of people to help!

(**Note:** this event will take the place of the regular December meeting of the Presbyterian Women.)

- **Mark your calendar and bring your friends to a very special Big Cove Christmas program.** At 6 PM on Sunday, December 7th, our choir will perform “*When Earth Received Her King*”, a Christmas Cantata arranged by *Marty Parks*. Fresh and unique arrangements of favorite carols and hymns are woven together with connecting scriptural references, in a moving celebration of the Christ-child’s birth. Please join us!

*****Please bring a plate of finger foods or hors d’oeuvre to share at the reception afterwards.*****
(Drinks will be provided)

*****Opportunities for service**

- *****About Christmas gifts for children at the Presbyterian Home for Children:**

Thank you to all who have chosen a tag off the tree!

*When you purchase your gift, please return the gift (unwrapped) with the name tag attached. Gifts should be delivered to the church **NO LATER than November 30**, so we can take them to the Presbyterian Home for Children on December 6. But you might want to wait until AFTER the bazaar, since things are pretty topsy-turvy in the building for this week!*

- *****Please remember to help The Mental Health Center of Madison County** provide Christmas bundles for 300 residents of Madison County who are hospitalized, living in group homes or attending special programs because of severe and persistent mental illness. This program is called **Operation Santa Claus**. Big cove members who would like to help Santa Claus out with this project should bring:

toothpaste (60 tubes are needed)

deodorant (60 solid sticks, a mixture of men’s and women’s, are needed)

Watch the stairwell vestibule for a collection bin. **OSC needs the items by December 9**. Contact Jeff Irons or Debbie Book if you have questions.

- **The CARE Center Bags of Blessings Pack Night** will be **December 10, 2014**.

If you prefer not to drive at night, there is also an opportunity for a few extra folks to help with the **set up** for the pack night *on the morning of the 10th*. If enough want to help with that, Michelle can let some of the regulars "have the day off." It will take place 9 am-11 am-ish (depends on when the set up is finished). Please let Melinda Harvey know as soon as you can if you wish to help with that part of the project so that she can pass the info on to Michelle.

Sign-up sheets and the starting time for the evening part of the Pack process will be provided after the bazaar!

- *****For November, focused donations for The CARE Center** are canned vegetables and canned fruits. **Thank you!**

Happy Anniversary this week!

Gary and Glenda Bass on the 22nd