



# Big Cove News

May 2015

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

**May Elder on Call**  
Mickey Sharp

**Pastor**  
Rosemary McMahan

**Parish Associate**  
Houston Hodges

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mary Hooper

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## THE "CAT" IS COMING!!

**WHAT IS IT?** The Church Assessment Tool, an online assessment

**WHAT DOES IT DO?** It gauges the Health and Vitality of our congregation.

**WHO PARTICIPATES?** Active members, active non-members, and youth 14 and older

**WHERE DO WE TAKE IT?** In the comfort of your own home!

**WHEN DO WE TAKE IT?** In June! Watch for upcoming announcements and instructions.

**WHO ARE THE CONTACTS?** Don Barnhart, CAT Liaison, and Kathy Barnhart, Elder in charge of Planning. They will be *mailing each member/family a letter* at the end of the month with more information.

**Please don't toss the letter!** We want everyone to participate as we continue our journey!



## Your Session at Work in April

### Session Report for April 2015

The Big Cove Session met on Tuesday, April 28, for its monthly stated meeting. The following are highlights:



- Session continues to study the book The Sailboat Church.
- Clerk's and Financial Reports were received.
- Session approved special collection for Nepal during May through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- The Pastor presented a Pastoral Care List and asked elders to assist in reaching out to members in need.
- Elders will be sending notes of encouragement and gift cards to college students during this month of exams.
- Pastor shared the need for more Christian Exploration teachers for children and youth and requested the session begin now to formulate plans for the fall.
- The session approved joint services for Pentecost Sunday (10 am only) and July 5 (10 am only).
- Elder Kathy Barnhart reported that she and Don Barnhart have met with the CAT coaches and will begin advertising the CAT mid-May.
- The session accepted the resignation of Sally Harris as deacon.
- Elder Christie Finley was elected as Nominating Committee Chair for 2015
- Session will not meet in May.

The Big Cove Session meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the church. These meetings are open. If you have a question or concern, please see the pastor about addressing it with the session.



**The Big Cove Presbyterian Women** will meet in the pastor's home at 10:00 on Monday, May 4. Pastor Rosemary will lead the discussion on the Book of Ruth. All women of the church are invited. Please bring a bible!

### Big Cove Women's Spring Retreat—Saturday, May 16

Big Cove Women's ONE DAY retreat on Saturday, May 16, at the pastor's home. (Note location change!) The program will be based on Sarah Parsons' book *A Clearing Season*. We will discuss together how to clear the clutter that gets in the way of our making time for our relationship with Christ.

Please bring a salad of any type to share at lunch.

#### Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Fellowship/Coffee

9:30 a.m. - Sessions will begin

12:00 p.m. - Lunch on site

12:45 p.m. - Continue sessions

4:00 p.m. - Dismiss

Please make your reservation (by this Sunday, May 3) by signing the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary or contact Linda Wheeler



## The **RETURN** of Christianity Uncorked!

Ross Rutledge will reconvene "Christianity Uncorked" on Wednesday, May 6, from 6-7 PM, at El Omeca with the topic, "Does God Have a Sense of Humor?" Come enjoy conversation, food, and fellowship!

## Bags of Blessings

will be having a set up on Monday, May 18th at 9:00 am at The Care Center. It usually takes about 2 hours. If there are any questions, contact Sharon Bell.



## Donations for Mozambique

Remember that our friend Heidi Meadows will be part of an Outreach Foundation mission trip to Mozambique in early June. Please bring some of these supplies to donate **on or before May 10**, when Heidi will be visiting with us to tell us about her upcoming trip.

### Medical Supplies:

Reading glasses strength 1-4  
Digital thermometers  
Tylenol for infants, children and adults  
Ibuprofen  
Cough syrup for children and adults  
Benadryl tablets  
Anti-diarrhea medications  
Anti-fungal ointment for ringworm  
Anti-itch creams such as

cortisone  
Muscle pain relief rub  
Triple antibiotic ointment  
Extra-large bandages  
Sterile gauze  
Chewable vitamins for children and adults  
Antiseptic hand sanitizer 4-oz or smaller

### School supplies:

USB thumb-drives 8 GB – 64 GB

New ink pens  
Spiral notebooks college-ruled  
Small notepads  
Re-writable CDs and DVDs  
Pencil sharpeners  
Erasers  
Pencils

**A donation box is in the vestibule.**

**Helping Nepal:** During the month of May, we will be collecting money to aid the earthquake victims of Nepal through the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** agency. If you would like to contribute, please make out checks to PDA and earmark "Nepal." If you'd like to make a cash donation, please put cash in an envelope and label it Nepal. We encourage our youth to give as well. Perhaps they can save their spare change during the month and make an offering of it on May 31. Please also continue to pray for all those affected by the earthquake.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



## ***Pentecost Sunday! May 24!***

***The Spirit will be a'blowing*** at our **JOINT** 10 am service on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Music will be led by choir director Carla Feehan and accompanist Daniel Norwood.

Please remember to wear **RED** and come early (9:30 am) for Pentecost Cake, Coffee, and Fellowship!



# **Important Dates In May**



**May 4: Presbyterian Women 10:00**

**May 6: Christianity Uncorked at El Omeca 6:00**

**May 9: Second Saturday Bible Time 9:30**

**May 10 Mother's Day; Heidi Meadows visits**

**May 11: Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 (All welcome to attend!)**

**May 16: Women's Retreat 9:00-4:00**

**May 17: Youth Event (Watch e-mail and midweeks for details)**

**May 18: Bag of Blessings SET UP 9:00 am**

**May 24: Pentecost: one service at 10:00**

**No Session Meeting in May**

## **Regularly Scheduled Events:**

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

**Christian Exploration Sundays 9:55 (through May 17)**

**Youth Activity 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

**Centering Prayer Monday evenings 6:00 pm (except May 25)**

**Wednesday Night Immersion Bible Study 6-7 pm (through May 20)**

**(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 May Birthday!**

Lynn Nixon on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jimmy Scrimshire on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Don Barnhart on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Joyce Clark on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Worthington on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Presley Birdsong on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Alaina Harvey on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Conrow Book on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sherry Sakovich on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jane Rutledge on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Merrie Duncan on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jackie Burnette on the 31<sup>st</sup>

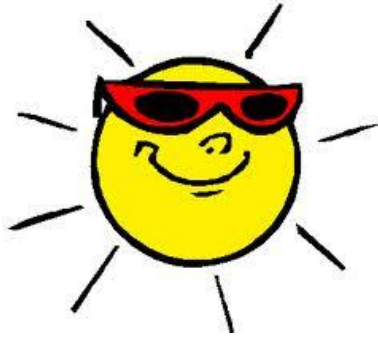
**Happy May Anniversary!**

Dennis & Rosemary McMahan on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Carlos & Sylvia Romero on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mickey & Connie Sharp on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Don & Brenda Copeland on the 31<sup>st</sup>

**News from a friend!**

Lucile Adams, a longtime friend of Big Cove Presbyterian, recently sent an e-mail with this information to share: "Thank you for continuing to share news from Big Cove. I read every word. We are enjoying Dothan. We are attending Evergreen Church USA, where we will soon join. We miss all of you."





**Financial Corner**

**For March 2015**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$16,781.61</b>
<b>Operation Expenses:</b>	<b>\$16,313.29</b>
<b>Donations to the Children's Home:</b>	<b>\$175.10</b>
<b>Capital Campaign Donations:</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>

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

*Please Note June Newsletter  
deadline: May 25*

*~Worship Leaders for May~*

9AM Worship:

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Greeter. . . . .	Alaina Harvey	Whitney Smith	Kirk Finley	<b>One</b>	Ryan Pepper
Host/Hostess. .	Ross Rutledge	Nicole Harris	Michele Pepper	<b>Service</b>	Ross Rutledge
Worship Leader. Pastor		Michele Pepper	Tom Jones	<b>at 10:00</b>	Ross Rutledge
Power Point . .	Dennis McMahan	Sylvia Romero	Vicki Waldrop	<b>PENTCOST!</b>	Kirk Finley

11 AM Worship:

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Usher . . . . .	Gary Bass	JC Scrimshire	Larry Clark	Mickey Sharp	Dexter Gentle
Worship Leader .	Tennent Lee	Pastor	Mickey Sharp	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan
First Reader . . .	Connie Sharp	Tom Bell	Neva Beasley	Larry Clark	James Glenn
Second Reader .	Mickey Sharp	Jeff Harris	Gail Birdsong	Mike Feehan	Kathy Barnhart

Care Center Pick Up

<u>April 26-May 2</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>May 3-9</u>	Connie Sharp
<u>May 10-16</u>	JC & Juanice Scrimshire
<u>May 17-23</u>	JC & Juanice Scrimshire
<u>May 24- 30</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>May 31-June 6</u>	Ann Sublett

WAVE Team

Neva Beasley
Tom & Sharon Bell
Jeff & Vicki Irons
Hartwell & Pat Lutz