



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

August Elder on Call

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From the Pastor: Seasons

“For everything there is a season,” we are reminded by the author of the Wisdom Book Ecclesiastes. After thirteen years of ministry with you, the people of Big Cove Church, my season here is ending.

I thought I had it all together until last Sunday morning at the 11 am service when, in the middle of communion, it struck me that this was my last time to officiate communion with the 11 am worship community . . . and the waterfall began. Many of you at 11 am are among the original group that welcomed me when I first arrived. The rest of you have since joined under my leadership, and I can recall when each one of you first walked in the doors of Big Cove Church and what brought you here. 9 am and 11 am people have become Dennis’ and my community of faith. To walk away will be one of the hardest things I’ve ever done.

But instead of walking away from, I prefer to think of *walking toward* what I believe God now calls me to—a time apart to care for my own family and for myself. And instead of leaving you, I am *stepping aside* for the next person whom God is preparing even now to minister with you as you all walk toward the next chapters in the life of Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA).

In the words of the muppet who plays Tiny Tim in *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, “Life is made up of meetings and partings.” So it is and will always be. Each and every one of you has blessed me immensely, and I am so very different from whom I was in July 2002. Our journey together has been an amazing, humbling, and sacred part of my life.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

You will always be in my heart and in my prayers.

Rosemary

July Session Notes

The session met July 28 for its monthly stated meeting. The following actions took place:



Elder Sarah Martin from the Commission on Ministry (COM) explained how the Pastor Nominating Committee works. The formation of this committee will take place after the interim arrives.

Executive Presbyterian Rev. Dr. Tammy Gregory Brown explained the interim process.

The Mid-Year Finance review was received and accepted. In light of added costs for hiring an interim, the session approved end of year bonuses for staff in lieu of mid-year raises.

Larry Clark was nominated and approved to be the new Finance Chair.

David Lilly was nominated and approved to be the new Adult Christian Exploration Chair.

The pastor presented the curriculum for K-6th grade; confirmation class; and high school. Session approved all selections.

Elder Debbie Book presented the Outreach Report. The Holiday Bazaar will be on November 28. Help of all sorts is needed.

Elder Kathy Barnhart gave a report on the CAT. An informational meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on August 23 to discuss results.

Elder Mickey Sharp reported the immediate need for a Child Protection Policy for Big Cove Church, as mandated by the General Assembly. The session is working on this.

A member's request to petition the state about a turn lane onto Camp Ground Road was approved and both the Clerk and Elder Book are addressing that request.

Session meetings are generally held the last Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the large upstairs' classroom. These meetings are open. If you would like something addressed, please let the Clerk, Neva Beasley, know beforehand, and please keep these servant-leaders in your prayers, along with Deacon Vicki Waldrop.



Christianity Uncorked Continues!

"Christianity Uncorked" for August will meet on Tuesday, August 4, from 6-7 PM, at El Olmeca with the topic: Buddhism and Christianity: are they in harmony or in conflict? Come enjoy conversation, food, and fellowship!

Important Notice:

The Session will present a brief informational overview of the Interim and Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) this coming Sunday (August 9th) at 10 am.

The Main Event is Coming!

MAIN EVENT

Leadership Development Conference

What is it?

The Main Event is church-wide training held annually in Birmingham. It consists of more than 25 workshops for leaders, teachers, church officers, and members designed to train, empower, and energize our congregations.

It will be held August 15 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. The fee is only \$30 and includes lunch. For more information, go to <http://pslpcusa.org/main-event/>. And this is a link to the individual course descriptions: <http://pslpcusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Workshop-Descriptions3.pdf>

Want to know more? Ask Debbie Book or Linda Wheeler about the Main Event! A registration packet is available in the church office.

Youth Group to Resume in September

Youth Group is open to youth in 6th-12th grade and involves discipleship, fellowship, and mission! Watch September's newsletter for information from Youth Director Katrina Pepper about the first gathering on Sunday, September 20.



Christian Exploration Returns September 13, 2015!

And there is something for everyone and some new terminology! Instead of classes, we will be offering **gatherings**, where we, people who want to be disciples, “gather” together to explore our faith. Three Sunday gatherings will be offered from 10-10:45 am for our youth: K-6th grade; Confirmation Gathering; and High School Gathering.

“Teachers” are, instead, “**servant-leaders**,” answering the invitation to share their time, talent, and love with our youth. They will be facilitating these classes on a rotating basis so that they can also attend Adult gatherings. **Please pray about being a servant-leader for K-6th or the High School group and contact Rosemary for more information. Gathering packets for each date through Christmas will be available by the end of August.**

Watch for information about the upcoming Sunday Adult Gatherings, under the direction of David Lilly, Adult Christian Ex chair.

And in regard to Wednesday Evening Immersion? It will resume September 16 with a new format! Instead of studying a book of the Bible, this gathering of disciples will be exploring, and being formed by, themes in scripture. Each **four-part series** will focus on a specific theme or topic, so you can decide which short-term series you would like to attend. We will kick off the year with “Encountering Grace.” In *Encountering Grace*, we’ll explore passages about God’s unmerited favor and about receiving God’s grace as well as offering that grace to others. Want to participate in this particular series? Please let Mary know at bigcovechurch@gmail.com.

Other opportunities to gather include first Tuesday’s Christianity Uncorked and second Saturday morning Bible Exploration, along with Thursday morning prayer group and Monday evening Centering Prayer.

Explore! Gather!! Share in Servant-leadership!

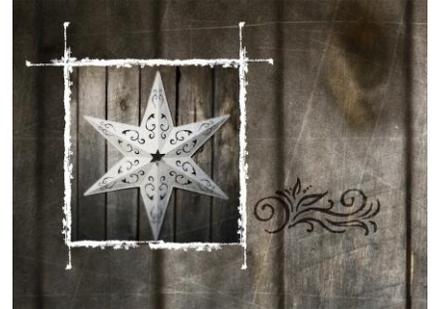
*You can Help! . . .with the **Big Cove Presbyterian Holiday Bazaar!***

November 21, 2015, will bring our 4th Annual Holiday Bazaar!

The Holiday Bazaar, scheduled from 9:00 to 3:00 on that day, is Big Cove Presbyterian's BIGGEST Outreach project. All proceeds from the Bazaar are donated to charity, and last year the money was shared between the Presbyterian Home for Children and The Care Center Bags of Blessings program.

In the past the Bazaar has featured:

- **30+ Arts and Craft Vendors** Top-quality handcrafted pottery, jewelry, woodwork, gourd art, clothing, glass art, ornaments, wreaths, scarves and hats, paintings, & more!
- **Bake Sale** for your holiday gift giving and meals: Homemade cakes, pies, candies, breads, jams, & more
- **Automobile/Cycle Show** Antiques, Vintage, modern, unique; all things motor!



We have settled on the Saturday before Thanksgiving for the date, and that way we can feature both Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts and gifts, and also bakery goods and items that customers might use or freeze for a meal or event for either holiday.

Hosting the bazaar is an elaborate undertaking, and to pull it off, we need **LOTS** of help from many different members of our church family! Our next planning meeting is at 6:00 Monday, September 14. Please feel free to attend and help plan! Also, please look over the needs listed below to see where **you** might be able to help!

We have various committees with team leads set up...And, **YES**, you **CAN BE** on **MORE THAN ONE TEAM!** ☺

- Bazaar Co-Chairs – Vicki Waldrop & Debbie Book - **They are looking for someone to work with & train for next year**

The Committees are:

- Vendors – Leads – Debbie & Neva – Handle everything associated with Vendor's. **They are looking for someone to work with & train for next year**
- Setup – Carla and the Choir are lead. – **They will need volunteers to help get rooms ready after Choir practice on Wednesday Nov. 18th**
- Takedown – Kirk is lead. – Immediately after Bazaar the church needs to be ready for worship the next day. **He will need volunteers to help get this done.**
- Concessions – Michelle & Melinda – Youth & Kids
- Car Show – Dexter is lead
- Money – Jeff Irons
- Advertising – Ray Waldrop
- Bake Sale – Gail & Presbyterian Women – **Will need bakers and also workers on the day**
- Raffle – Judy S – Vendors donate an item and we make a basket to raffle off – **Need workers to sit at the table and sell raffle tickets.**
- White Elephant Sale in basement of White Church – Pat - Need Workers – This is a new idea to raise money for the charities. This will be new or gently used items (no clothes or linens) that we will collect and sell out of the basement of the White Church. - **Need a co-chair – Need donated items – need volunteers to work the sale and volunteers to clean up afterwards.**
- Flyer – Vicki – Linda

All of these Committees can use a helping hand and would love for someone to train with them to either Co-Chair/Lead or take over next year.

It really does take the whole congregation to make this important community and charity outreach work, so PLEASE prayerfully consider where you can help!

The Pool party scheduled for August 16 has been cancelled.

We are hoping to have a Big Cove Fellowship event at a later time.



Important Dates in August



August 2: Blessing of the Backpacks

August 4: Christianity Uncorked 6:00

August 8: Second Saturday Bible Time 9:30

August 9: Informational meeting about Pastor Nominating Committee 10:00 am

August 23: Informational meeting about CAT results 5:30

(more details to come)

August 25: Session Meeting 6:00

August 30: Farewell reception for Rosemary (after 11:00 service)

(more details to come)

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Events:

(Summer schedule)

Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am

Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00-8:00

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

Sandy Young on the 26th

Dexter Gentle on the 31st

Happy August Anniversary!

Dallas & Jennifer Ferneau on the 4th

Ray & Vicki Waldrop on the 9th

David & Renee Nunn on the 17th

Todd & Pam Worthington on the 27th

Financial Corner

For June 2015

Receipts:	\$16,833.00
Operation Expenses:	\$13,338.38
Donations to the Children's Home:	\$130.51
Capital Campaign Donations:	\$200.00

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



*Please note deadline for
September newsletter:*

August 24

~Worship Leaders for August~

9AM Worship:

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Greeter.	Savanna Harris	Alaina Harvey	Whitney Smith	Daniel Waldrop	Kirk Finley
Host/Hostess. .	Ross Rutledge	Melinda Harvey	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey
Worship Leader.	Ross Rutledge	Tom Jones	Michele Pepper	Whitney Smith	Don Barnhart
Power Point . .	Dennis McMahan	Vicki Waldrop	DJ Book	Kirk Finley	Dennis McMahan

11 AM Worship:

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Usher	Jane Rutledge	Gary Bass	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks
Worship Leader .	Pastor	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Tennent Lee	Pastor
First Reader . . .	Mike Feehan	Tom Bell	Jeff Harris	Kathy Barnhart	Todd Worthington
Second Reader .	Tennent Lee	Connie Sharp	Mickey Sharp	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan

Care Center Pick Up

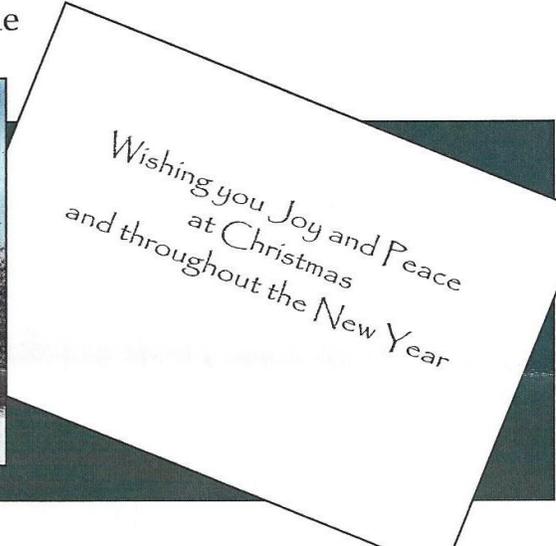
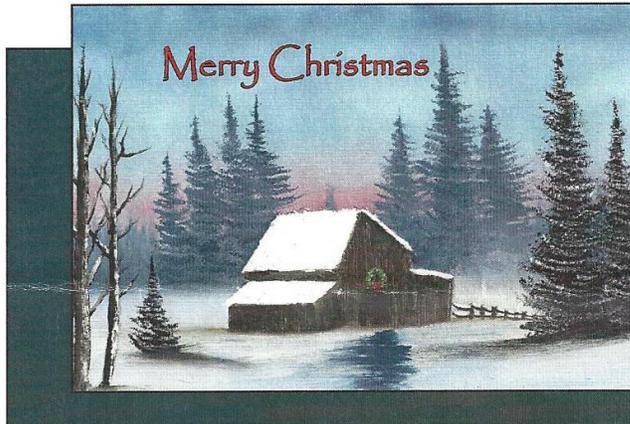
<u>July 26-August 1</u>	Joyce Clark
<u>August 2-8</u>	Gail Birdsong
<u>August 9-15</u>	Gail Birdsong
<u>August 16-22</u>	Kate Hosna
<u>August 23-29</u>	Kate Hosna
<u>August 30-Sept. 5</u>	The Scrimps

WAVE Team

Tom & Sharon Bell
Hartwell & Pat Lutz
Connie Sharp
Linda Wheeler
Pam Worthington
Jeff & Vicki Irons

2015 Christmas Cards

to benefit the Presbyterian Home



Get an early start on Christmas by ordering your holiday cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children -- and make a donation to this worthwhile cause at the same time.

The Presbyterian Home is taking orders for Christmas cards to be delivered in September. The artwork for the card (shown above) was painted by a former resident at the Home. All proceeds from the card sales will be used to support the educational programs of the Presbyterian Home.

You may order Christmas cards until August 14. Orders will be available for delivery in September.

By purchasing cards from the Presbyterian Home for Children, you will receive a high quality card at a reasonable price while supporting a valuable cause. Your cards will demonstrate your special interest in the Home and the proceeds will make a difference in many lives.

Order in advance to be sure you receive all the cards you need to share with your friends!

Presbyterian Home Christmas Card order form

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

Ship cards to: _____

**ORDER ONLINE
WWW.PHFC.ORG**

**Deadline for orders is August 14, 2015.
Cards will be shipped in September.**

**Mail check and order form to:
PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN
P. O. Drawer 577, Talladega, AL 35161**