



Big Cove News

September 2015

Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

September Elder on Call
Todd Worthington

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What's On the Calendar?

September

- *Christian Exploration* resumes September 13 for K-Adults. Come be a part of growing in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ!—*Intentional Faith Development!*
- *Wednesday Evening Immersion* (study) resumes September 16 with a 4-week exploration of “Grace.” 6 PM upstairs
- Planning for *Big Cove Holiday Bazaar* goes into full swing (See Vicki Waldrop or Debbie Book)—*Risk-taking Mission!*
- *Guest Preachers--Come support them in offering Passionate Worship!*

October

- *Holiday Bazaar Planning*—Outreach Team
- *World Communion Sunday* observed—October 4
- *Stewardship Season*—*Extravagant Generosity*

November

- *Holiday Bazaar Nov. 21!* All hands needed as we extend *Radical Hospitality!*
- *Season of Advent: November 29*—Intergenerational Christian Exploration!

December

- *Advent Seasons* continues
- *Christmas Eve Worship:* TBA

Passionate Worship ~ Intentional Faith Development ~ Risk-taking Mission ~ Extravagant Generosity ~ Radical Hospitality!

Announcements for this week (takes the place of midweek reminders)

WORSHIP LEADERS for *this coming Sunday, September 6:*

9 AM: Greeter: Nicole Harris
Host/Hostess: Michele Pepper
Worship Leader: Debbie Book
Power Point: the Harveys

11 AM: Usher: Jeff Irons
Worship Leader: Mike Feehan

Readers: James Glenn (Psalm 125)-Only one reader needed this week

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *the rest of this week, through September 5:*

Care Center Pick-up: The Scrimpschires

WAVE Team: Jeff & Vicki Irons

Care Center and Wave Team leaders for *next week September 6-12:*

Care Center Pick-up: The Scrimpschires

WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

The Children's Home Box brought in \$59.00 this week. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES in the near future:

- **Christianity Uncorked for September** will meet **TONIGHT!** The topic will be "Creationism, Evolution and Intelligent Design: What's a Christian to Believe?" The session will be 6:00-7:00 at El Olmeca on Hwy 431.
- **Thursday Prayer Group** will meet at 10:00 on September 3.
- **Centering Prayer** will meet on Monday, September 7 at 6:00.

Other Important information:

- **Save the date for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering:** September 22, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church in Sheffield. There will be an overview of the Horizons Bible Study, "Come to the Water." Registration will be at 9:15, and lunch is \$10.00 Please let Gail Birdsong know if you wish to go.
- **Big Cove T-Shirts!** Yes, we still have the following t-shirts available: 1 Adult Small; 6 Adult Medium; 2 Adult Large; 5 Adult Extra Large, and various children's sizes. Price is \$13.00. T-shirts will be in stairwell. Make checks payable to Big Cove Church and earmark "T-shirts."

Opportunities for Service

- **4th Annual Big Cove Holiday Bazaar** coming November 21 to a church near you! Please check the information in the newsletter below or contact Vicki Waldrop or Debbie Book to let them know ***how you can help!***

Happy Birthday this week!
Dexter Gentle on August 31st

August Session Notes

The Big Cove Presbyterian Church Session met August 23 at 5:45 for its regular stated meeting and to receive new members Joan Kerr, Arnold and Diane Puckett, Clay Weir and Julie Loggins. All were received and two baptisms approved for Sunday, August 30.



In other business:

The church's 2013 Sexual Abuse Policy was modified to include the mandated Child Protection Policy, as well. A media policy and the Alabama mandatory reporting rules were included.

A Church Safety Policy is under discussion.

The pulpit supplies for September were approved, with thanks to Tennent Lee for procuring.

The calendar for Children/Youth Christian Exploration and facilitators ("servant leaders") was accepted.

Session approved a request to compile a "Book of Donations" which will include those items that people have given to the church which were gifts of their time, talent, and money, such as the crosses in our church buildings that were made, and donated, by different people. This book will be kept in the curio cabinet upstairs.

Pastor Rosemary McMahan thanked the session, and thanks all former elders, for their service while she has been moderator.

Elder Todd Worthington closed the meeting with prayer.

The next session meeting is Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 PM (**note time change**) with the Rev. Hal Oakley moderating.

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 September will meet on Tuesday, September 1, from 6-7 PM, at El Olmeca with the topic: "Creationism, Evolution and Intelligent Design: What's a Christian to Believe?" Come enjoy conversation, food, and fellowship!

Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The Big Cove Presbyterian Women are invited to attend the Fall Gathering of North Alabama Presbyterian Women which will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Sheffield on September 22. Registration will begin at 9:15. Lunch will be \$10. Please let Gail Birdsong know by Sunday, September 13 if you would like to attend.



Still On Board —By Houston Hodges

A few kind souls have asked whether Pastor Rosemary's departure means that I will be leaving Big Cove, too; at least I think they were kind, because they expressed pleasure when I replied that I'm not leaving. I plan to keep coming as long as I can drive over the mountain, and that looks like quite a spell.

It's true that I won't be termed your Parish Associate; that strange job is tied strongly to the pastor's role, so when the pastor leaves, the PA title evaporates at the same time. However, HH-the-geezer can still be around, and I can still do just about all the fun tasks I've been doing: teaching some, preaching when God delivers a sermon to me, serving communion, praying, all that kind of stuff. That can continue as long as the session doesn't ask me to stop, and I've got them going my way currently. My energy-level has slacked off some, but the need to work at it hasn't, for now.

I've been a Presbyterian minister for sixty-one years so far, and am called to practice that, however and whenever I can; currently a lot of that happens on Campground Road, and I hope it keeps going into the Sunset.

Please Help Me Help You —from Mary

To be sure that you find me when you are looking for me and to be sure that I can do what you need to have done—when you need it, I wanted to remind you/ let you know about a few things about my habits at work.

Hours: Regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Because I sometimes leave the church to buy supplies or make a bank deposit for the church, you might want to call to be sure I'm here if you are making a special trip and don't have a key.

Copies: I will be very happy to make copies of Christian Exploration curriculum or other material for you, but it would be a bit more certain that I can get it done for you *on time* if you get it to me early. I am especially busy on Thursdays (bulletin day!) and on the first day of the month (newsletter day!), but any other day I should have plenty of time to make copies for you.

Prayer Requests: Please help me keep up with the prayer requests in the bulletin; I don't need to know details, but Rosemary was telling me when I needed to put people's names in and when it was ok to take them out again. Without your help on this *important* matter, I will be clueless.

My car in front: It recently occurred to me (after I had parked my car in the hot sun in the front lot for almost 3 years) that there are places in the lot behind the building that have SHADE all day long and where, if I parked there, my car would not be as hot when I get in it to leave! So I have started parking in the back. So if you are driving by on 431 and do not see my car, that's the reason! (I also feel a bit more secure with my car in the back.)

Speaking of security: When you leave the building by either of the two sets of double doors in front, please check them *when you are outside* and be sure that **both** doors have closed *flush with each other*. They do not always shut all the way if you just let them fall shut. Twice in the past two weeks, I have found one side of one of those sets of doors open—so pulling the door that has thus been left ajar lets one enter, even without a key. I am a little nervous when I get here by myself in the morning and find the church open this way.

White Church security: The front (sanctuary) door of the white church was found unlocked in the last week or so, too. I know a lot of people were using the white church in the last few weeks, and that may not happen again for a while, but if you go out that front door of the white church, please be sure that the door knob lock has been pushed in and has "caught," and that the door is then shut completely.

Thank you! I also wanted to remind you of how I continue to find much joy and fulfillment in working with and for you all!

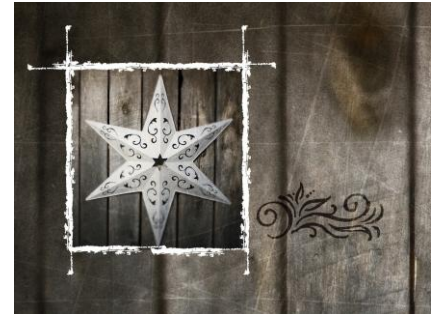
*Once more, with feeling! ... We really need your help for the
Big Cove Presbyterian Holiday Bazaar!*

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.

Our next planning meeting is at 6:00 Monday, September 14. 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! Please feel free to attend this meeting and help plan!

Also, please take some time to look over the needs listed **in green** below to see where **you** might be able to help! Please pray and think **specifically** about where your talents or inclinations might fit, and let Vicki or Debbie and the team leads know they can count on you.



We have various committees with team leads set up. **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 **He will need volunteers to staff the show on the day of the bazaar**
- 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 takes the whole congregation to make this important community and charity outreach work, so PLEASE prayerfully consider where you can help!

YOU'RE INVITED to a musical celebration: **“One God, One Family”** on September 13 at 5:30 in the Faith Presbyterian Church sanctuary. This musical event will feature Rev. Vusi Mkhungo & Mrs. Malindi Charity Mkhungo, visitors to the Presbytery from South Africa, and will also feature the choirs from Fellowship Presbyterian Church and Faith Presbyterian Church, as well as the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale. The performance will feature Songs and Traditions of South Africa!



The Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care offers sessions to help people deal with grief, which are sometimes especially needed during holidays. Rosemary asked me to put this information in the September newsletter, and though it appears to be meant for church leaders who are planning such sessions for groups, individuals might call Rev. Malm and ask when and where sessions on any of these topics might be held.

Center for Loss, Grief and Change

An Inter-Faith Ministry of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care

The Rev. Carl Malm, M. Div.

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Educational Programs about Loss and Grief

For Faith Communities, Civic Groups, Businesses, Schools

Going through Grief: A Guide to Understanding, Surviving and Supporting the Grief Process (A Three Part Series):

When the Heart Breaks: The Experience of Grief

The Bridge: Surviving Grief

Winter without Spring: The Problem of Complicated Grief

Hope for the Holidays: Surviving Grief When Everyone Else Is Celebrating

Helping Others Grieve: Tips for Caring

Small Persons; Big Grievings: Helping Grieving Children

Productivity and Persons: Grief in the Workplace

The Worst Death: Parental Grief

The Nightmare: Surviving Suicide Grief

Growing through Change: Major Life Transitions

When Bad Things Happen: Coping with Trauma

Good from Bad: A Theology of Pain, Crisis and Loss

Letting Go: Anger, Guilt and Forgiveness

Please phone or e-mail for other educational programs.

The mission of the Center for Loss, Grief and Change is to support those hurting from unwanted change and to equip others to do the same.

Tax-deductible donations to the Center for Loss, Grief and Change may be made by writing checks payable to the Huntsville Assoc. for Pastoral Care (or HAPC) and writing “Center for Loss” in the lower left corner. Mail to: HAPC, P.O. Box 16032, Huntsville, AL 35802.



Important Dates in September



September 1: Christianity Uncorked 6:00

September 7: Labor Day (office closed)

September 12: Second Saturday Everybody come Bible Time 9:30

September 13: Christian Exploration resumes 10:00

September 14: Bazaar Planning/ Outreach Meeting 6:00

September 16: Immersion Bible Study resumes 6:00

September 20: Big Cove Youth Meeting (watch midweeks & bulletins for details)

September 29: Session Meeting 6:30 (note time change)

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am

Christian Exploration: 10:00 (begins September 13)

Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm

Wednesday: Immersion Bible Study 6:00-7:00 (begins September 16)

Choir Practice 7:00-8:00

Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 10-11 AM

Second Saturday Bible Time: 2nd Saturday each month 9:30

Sunday Night Youth Group: 3rd Sunday in each month

Happy September Birthday!

Emily Worthington on the 7th

Edith Cropp on the 8th

JC Scrimshire on the 14th

Sophie Hosna on the 16th

Lucy Lee on the 16th

Dallas Ferneau on the 19th

Don Copeland on the 23rd

Joseph Harris on the 24th

Connie Wilson on the 25th

Larry Clark on the 28th

Mike Feehan on the 30th

Happy September Anniversary!

Dexter & Kay Gentle on the 13th

Financial Corner

For July 2015

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| Receipts: | \$11,419.00 |
| Operation Expenses: | \$11,480.77 |
| Donations to the Children's Home: | \$119.05 |
| Capital Campaign Donations: | \$100.00 |

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



*Please note deadline for
October newsletter:
September 24*

~Worship Leaders for September~

9AM Worship:

| | <u>September 6</u> | <u>September 13</u> | <u>September 20</u> | <u>September 27</u> |
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| Greeter. | Nicole Harris | Savanna Harris | Alaina Harvey | Ryan Pepper |
| Host/Hostess. . | Michele Pepper | Debbie Book | Nicole Harris | Melinda Harvey |
| Worship Leader. | Debbie Book | Tom Jones | Michele Pepper | Whitney Smith |
| Power Point . . | The Harveys | Tennent Lee | Vicki Waldrop | Sylvia Romero |

11 AM Worship:

| | <u>September 6</u> | <u>September 13</u> | <u>September 20</u> | <u>September 27</u> |
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| Usher | Jeff Irons | David Lilly | Hartwell Lutz | Pat Lutz |
| Worship Leader . | Mike Feehan | Neva Beasley | Mike Feehan | Tennent Lee |
| First Reader . . . | James Glenn | Gail Birdsong | Todd Worthington | Kathy Barnhart |
| Second Reader . | Larry Clark | Tennent Lee | David Lilly | Judy Styles |

Centering prayer leaders: September 7: Kathy Barnhart
September 14: Connie Sharp
September 21: Mickey Sharp
September 28: Renay Nunn

Care Center Pick Up

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| <u>August 30-September 5</u> | The Scrimpsires |
| <u>September 6-12</u> | The Scrimpsires |
| <u>September 13-19</u> | Connie Sharp |
| <u>September 20-26</u> | Connie Sharp |
| <u>September 27-October 3</u> | Ann Sublett |

WAVE Team

Jeff & Vicki Irons
Neva Beasley
The Lutzes
Connie Sharp
Linda Wheeler

Updated **Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian**

If you have questions about particular ministries or missions within the church, please contact the following:

Treasurer: Kirk Finley

Finance: Larry Clark, Todd Worthington, or Diane Lee (bookkeeper)

Adult Christian Exploration: David Lilly

Christian Exploration, Children and Youth: **currently vacant**

Congregational Care: Deacon Vicki Waldrop

Nursery Contact: Whitney Smith

Personnel: session liaison Christie Finley

Property/ Grounds: Bruce Harvey & Dexter Gentle

Planning Ministry Team: Kathy Barnhart

Outreach Chair (Christmas Bazaar): Vicki Waldrop

CARE Center: Michele Pepper

Presbyterian Home for Children: **currently vacant**

Youth Contact: Katrina Pepper

Presbyterian Women: Gail Birdsong

Second Saturday Bible Study: David Lilly or Houston Hodges

Worship Team: Tennent Lee: session liaison, Mickey Sharp

E-mail addresses and phone numbers may be found in the current directory.

