



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

October Elder on Call

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What's On the Calendar?

As the year progresses, remember how you are carrying out the five characteristics of fruitful congregations!

October

- **Christian Exploration** for K-Adults. Come be a part of growing in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ!—*Intentional Faith Development!*
- **Wednesday Evening Immersion** (study) continues with a new curriculum 6 PM upstairs!—*Intentional Faith Development!*
- Planning for **Big Cove Holiday Bazaar** continues in full swing (See Vicki Waldrop or Debbie Book)—*Risk-taking Mission! Radical Hospitality! Extravagant Generosity!*
- **Guest Preachers--Come support them in offering Passionate Worship!**
- **Holiday Bazaar Planning**—Outreach Team--*Risk-taking Mission!*
- **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!—*Intentional Faith Development*

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

Big Cove Presbyterian Church CAT Survey

Summary from the presentation dinner

For those of you who were unable to attend our Sunday night August 23rd dinner to learn about the results of the Church Assessment survey, what follows is a brief summary.

During a pot-luck dinner, Don and Kathy Barnhart presented the results of the survey to 42 members. After the presentation, members assembled in small groups to discuss the results, giving everyone a voice in reacting and responding to the health-of-our-church survey. Elders Todd Worthington, Christie Finley, Debbie Book, Mickey Sharp, Neva Beasley, and Kathy Barnhart along with volunteer Whitney Smith facilitated these spirited break-out group discussions.

For those unable to attend Sunday evening's presentation, here are the important findings from the CAT survey:

First, we had an outstanding participation rate with 82% of members completing the survey. The Holy Cow organization was effusive in their praise for this turnout. In short, we should feel good about not only how we responded, but the results as well.

For what the Holy Cow organization terms our Key Indicators for church vitality and health, we scored very high in overall satisfaction and the value of our activity beyond worship. Our attendance over the past three years is trending upward. As a congregation regardless of age demographic, we all share the same top three priorities:

- 1) develop and implement strategies to reach new people and bring them into the life of the church;
- 2) make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church;
- 3) create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships in small groups and nurtured friendships.

Compared to hundreds of other churches, our results placed us in rare company. Our overall rating places us as a *transformational* church, which means we offer members sources of new meaning and purpose in their spiritual journey.

Our healthy report gives us a firm foundation on which to build new, targeted programs and strengthens the missions we have in place. Finally our CAT results may provide an effective tool in matching our needs to the skills of new ministers.

If you would like to read the summary report prepared by the Holy Cow organization, a copy of it is available at church. Keep in mind that this copy must not leave the church but you are certainly welcome to read it while at the church.

Brief Reminders:

The Big Cove Presbyterian Women will meet for their regular monthly meeting at 10:00 on Monday, October 5.

The Budget Committee has scheduled a meeting on October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone should feel free to attend as we begin the financial process for 2016.

The BASEMENT BARGAIN team will meet Thursday, October 8th at 11:30 in White Church basement.

September Session Notes

The Big Cove Presbyterian Church Session met September 29 at 6:30 for its regular stated meeting, and the meeting was moderated by Hal Oakley, Big Cove's Committee on Ministry liaison.



- August Financials were approved.
- Discussed salary requirements for an interim pastor with COM liaison, Hal Oakley.
- Made a recommendation that the Pastor Nominating Committee be made of 7 members.
- Requested a Congregation Meeting be approved, by the COM, for the dates of either November 1 or November 8.
- Approved Worship Committee Pulpit Supply for October.
- Approved representative from Big Cove for the NAP meeting on October 20.

Elder Debbie Book closed the meeting with prayer.

The next session meeting is Tuesday, October 27, at 6:00 PM.

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.

If you haven't already 'JOY'ned in, be sure to get in
on the joy that is 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. Proceeds from the Bazaar are donated to charity; last year the money was shared between the Presbyterian Home for Children & The Care Center's Bags of Blessings program.

Our next planning meeting—last one before the BIG DAY—is at 6:00 Monday, November 9. 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 put it on your calendar and attend this meeting to help finish up the planning!

Take some time to look over the teams below to see where you might be able to help! Pray and think about where your talents or inclinations fit. Let Vicki or Debbie & 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
- Vendors – Leads – Debbie & Neva – Handle everything associated with Vendor's.
- Setup – Carla and the Choir are lead.
- Takedown – Kirk Finley is lead
- Concessions – Michelle & Melinda – Youth & Kids
- Car Show – Dexter is lead
- Money – Jeff Irons
- Advertising – Ray Waldrop
- Bake Sale – Gail & Presbyterian Women
- Raffle – Judy S – Vendors donate an item and we make a basket to raffle off
- Basement Bargain Sale in basement of White Church – Pat Lutz
- 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.



Put it on your Calendar: The next **Bags of Blessings** pack date will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 6 pm. This is Veterans Day, so students will not be in school. As usual, there will be a set-up earlier in the day, so kids who are out of school may want to participate in the early set up. Melinda Harvey will put out sign-up sheets for both parts of the process in October. More details to follow!

Thank you to everyone who has dedicated and donated flowers for the sanctuary throughout this year. There are still 5 Sundays (besides the Advent season, when there will be poinsettias and decorations provided by the LAT—but you can dedicate flowers then, too if you want to!) for which no one has signed up to provide flowers. If you feel called to adorn the sanctuary with flowers on **October 18** or on **November 1, 8, 15, or 22**, 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!



Important Dates in October



- October 4: World Communion Day**
- October 5: Presbyterian Women 10:00**
- October 8: Budget Planning meeting 6:30**
- October 10: Second Saturday Everybody Come Bible Time 9:30**
- October 18: Big Cove Youth Meeting 5:30**
- October 25: Return of Fellowship Nights**
- October 27: Session Meeting**
- October 31-November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back!)**

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am**
- Christian Exploration: 10:00**
- Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm**
- Wednesday: Immersion Bible Study 6:00-7:00**
(BYO brown bag supper and fellowship time at 5:30)
- 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 5:30**

Happy October Birthday!

Catherine Gong on the 1st
Melinda Harvey on the 1st
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
Tracey Thie on the 10th
Carlos Romero on the 11th
Hazel Smith Burtram on the 19th
Connor Ferneau on the 25th
David Hosna on the 26th
Jennifer Ferneau on the 28th
Mickey Sharp on the 29th
Sean Pepper on the 30th



Happy October Anniversary!

Ross & Jane Rutledge on the 2nd
Jeff & Glenda Harris on the 19th
Mike & Carla Feehan on the 30th

**Financial Corner
2015**

For August

Receipts:	\$17,428.00
Operation Expenses:	\$12,153.03
Donations to the Children's Home:	\$246.00
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
November newsletter:
October 26*

~Worship Leaders for October~

9AM Worship:

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Greeter.	Sean Pepper	Renay Nunn	Whitney Smith	Ryan Pepper
Host/Hostess. .	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey	Michele Pepper	Debbie Book
Worship Leader.	Debbie Book	Don Barnhart	Tom Jones	Michele Pepper
Power Point . .	Vicki Waldrop	Tennent Lee	DJ Book	Kirk Finley

11 AM Worship:

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Usher	JC Scrimshire	Mickey Sharp	Gary Bass	Larry Clark
Worship Leader .	Neva Beasley	Mike Feehan	Tennent Lee	Mickey Sharp
First Reader . . .	Tom Bell	David Lilly	Gail Birdsong	Tom Bell
Second Reader .	Kathy Barnhart	Neva Beasley	Larry Clark	James Glenn

Centering prayer leaders: October 5: Mary Hooper
 October 12: Connie Sharp
 October 19: Kathy Barnhart
 October 26: Mickey Sharp

Care Center Pick Up

<u>September 27-October 3</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>October 4-10</u>	Ann Sublett
<u>October 11-17</u>	Gary Bass
<u>October 18-24</u>	Gary Bass
<u>October 25-31</u>	Gail Birdsong

WAVE Team

Linda Wheeler
 Tom & Sharon Bell
 Pam Worthington
 Neva Beasley
 Tom & Sharon Bell

Updated Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

Session: Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Debbie Book, Christie Finley, Mickey Sharp, Todd Worthington
Deacon: Vicki Waldrop

If you have questions about a particular ministry or mission in the church, please contact:

Treasurer: Kirk Finley
Finance: Larry Clark, Todd Worthington, or Diane Lee (bookkeeper)
Adult Christian Exploration: David Lilly
Christian Exploration, Children & Youth: Linda Wheeler
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
Church Website: Mike Feehan



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