

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ March 27

9 AM: Greeter: Alaina Harvey
Host/Hostess: Vicki Waldrop
Worship Leader: Don Barnhart
Power Point: Vicki Waldrop

11 AM: Usher: David Lilly
Worship Leader: Tennent Lee
Reader: Neva Beasley

For this coming week --March 27-April 2:

Care Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark
WAVE Team: Tom & Sharon Bell

Worship leader schedules are available at
www.bigcovechurch.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Brenda and Don Copeland; Robyn Birdsong; Merrie Duncan; Sandy Young; Mary Burnette

Friends & Relatives: Charlie & Lynn Roell (Diane Lee's sister & brother-in-law); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong); Randall York (Glenn Wheeler's cousin); Tony Shrader (Linda Wheeler's cousin); Will Lee (Tennent Lee's son); Beulah Wooten & Carol Loggins (Julie Loggins' grandmother & mother)

The Church: The Pastor Nominating Committee: Big Cove Presbyterian; the Session; Rev. Dr. Tammy Gregory Brown, Executive Presbyter; North Alabama Presbytery

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces.

Our Nation: President Obama and our representatives

Big Cove Missions & Ministries: The CARE Center; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY this week!

Joan Kerr on the 29th
Brian Birdsong on the 31st
Aaron & Sherry Sakovich on the 30th
Brian & Robyn Birdsong on the 31st

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Mel Strain who is preaching today!

Today is the last Sunday that Carla and Mike Feehan will be with us. We are grateful for their contributions to Big Cove and we will miss them! We send our love with them and we wish them God's blessings in their continuing journey.

Centering Prayer is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Mon Mar 28.

Wednesday Night Immersion Bible study will meet at 6 p.m. on Mar 30.

Thursday Morning Prayer Group will meet Mar 31 at 10 a.m.

An egg hunt for the children is planned between the services today.

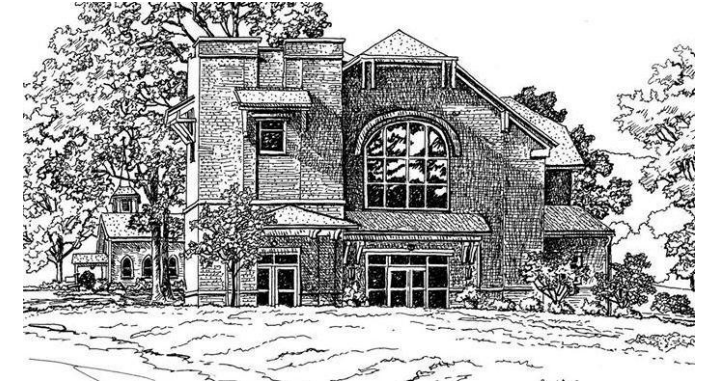
Please continue to bring in gently-used clothing for kids of all ages & sizes for use by children (& their mothers) at the Presbyterian Home for Children. The collection basket is in the stairwell for today. Next week is the last Sunday a collection basket will be in the vestibule. If you have more clothes to donate after that, please contact Julie Loggins.

The Confirmation Class 2016 of Big Cove will be visiting the Presbyterian Home for Children on April 2-3. The retreat is one of their confirmation practices (service to others/mission.) Please pray as we prepare, meet the resident families, work with the staff, and review biblical foundations of faith and spiritual practices. And, as a treat they will spend one afternoon at *International Motorsports Hall of Fame* located in Talladega. Participants are: Sophie Hosna, Collin Jones, Rachel Jones, Lindsey Butz, Sean Pepper, Daniel Waldrop. Leaders attending: Neva Beasley, James and Catherine Glenn, Linda Wheeler.

Confirmation 2016 will be held Sun, May 15. Service time will be announced as soon as it is finalized and approved by session.

The flowers adorning the church today are offered to the Glory of God and in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ by the Big Cove Liturgical Arts Team.

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday**

“First Light” Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director: Carla Feehan

Pianist: Jervon Niska

Nursery Available

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9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Called by God, We Gather

One: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

Opening song: New Song Arisin'

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Resurrection Sunday Reading and Response

Preparation for Message: Heart of Worship

Spoken to by God, We Listen

I Corinthians 15:12-20 815

Matthew 28:1-15 706

The Message "Who Moved the Stone?"
Rev. Mel Strain

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory Yours Forever

Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

Sending Song: Victory Chant

Blessing and Sending



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11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

The prelude marks the beginning of worship and is observed in silence.

Prelude "The Old Rugged Cross" Arr. Mark Hayes

Called by God, We Gather

Choral Call to Worship "Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!"
Larry Shackley

One: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

Song of Worship: Christ the Lord is Risen Today 288

Welcome and Announcements

Resurrection Sunday Reading and Response

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Glory be to You, O Lord Most High! Amen.**

Gloria Patri 734

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference" Gaither

Epistle I Corinthians 15:12-20 815

Song of Reflection: In the Garden 300

Gospel Matthew 28:1-15 706

Sermon: "Who Moved the Stone?"
Rev. Mel Strain

Believing in God, We Respond

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We believe that Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised Him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to His followers. They recognized Him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, He commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of His victory over death, and promised to be with them always. We are certain that Jesus lives. His resurrection is a decisive victory over powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge His rule. But His lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now, He is Lord!

People's Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory "We Shall Behold Him" Dottie Rambo

Doxology 34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Sent by God, We Go Out

Song of Sending: He Lives 302

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" G F Handel