

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ April 17

9 AM: Greeter: Sean Pepper

Host/Hostess: Vicki Waldrop

Worship Leader: Ray Waldrop

Power Point: Vicki Waldrop

11 AM: Usher: Mickey Sharp

Worship Leader: Tennent Lee

Reader: James Glenn

For this coming week --April 17-23:

Care Center Pick-up: Kay Hanks

WAVE Team: Jane Rutledge

Worship leader schedules are available at

www.bigcovechurch.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: 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 this week!

Kathy Barnhart on the 18th

Ryan Pepper on the 18th

Gail Birdsong on the 19th

We welcome **Dr. Darwin Overholt** who is preaching today! Dr. Overholt is the Director/Pastor Emeritus of the Downtown Rescue Mission. He is an ordained minister in the Baptist Church.

Big Cove Youth will meet tonight at 5:00 but will dismiss in time to give youth and their parents opportunity to attend the recital.

You are invited to a recital performed by **Jervon Niska**, our music director, and **Eleejah Bush**, the guest violinist who played at the 11:00 service last Sunday. The recital will take place **at Big Cove** at 6:00 **tonight**. Take this opportunity to hear some good music and enjoy fellowship with Big Cove friends. After the recital there will be light refreshments (contact Debbie Book to help). Come join us!

In the vestibule are copies of a **letter from the Presbytery** about how to contribute to rescue of **Camp Maranatha**. Pick one up!

Centering Prayer is on a hiatus until mid-May.

The church office will be closed tomorrow (Mon Apr 18).

Big Cove men: don't forget the gathering of the Men of North Alabama Presbytery on Mon Apr 25, at which Houston Hodges will be the speaker. Reservations are due by this Wed, Apr 21 to Yvonne Jones, Fellowship Presbyterian Church fpsecretary@hotmail.com or 256-539-2418

Wednesday Night Immersion will meet at 6 p.m. on Apr 20.

Big Cove will take part in a Bag of Blessings pack night on Wed Apr 20 at 6 pm at the CARE Center. Contact Melinda Harvey

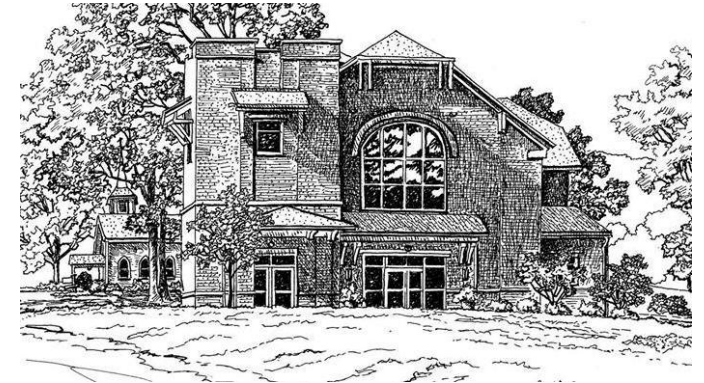
Thursday Morning Prayer Group will meet Apr 21 at 10 a.m.

The Vine invites you to our **Branches of The Vine, Spring Celebration**, on Apr 21 from 5:30 to 8:00 at Baron Bluff of Burritt on the Mountain. Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP online at www.vinepcc.com or call the office at 256-426-0199. For more information, speak to Debbie Book. We hope to see you there!

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

Ladies, remember to RSVP to Glenda Harris about the **bridal luncheon** for Claire Barrett, Ryan Worthington's fiancée. The luncheon is at 12:30, May 1 at the home of Glenda Harris.

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter

"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director and Pianist: Jervon Niska

Nursery Available

www.bigcovechurch.org

256-533-5570

9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Called by God, We Gather

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Song of Worship: Come Worship the Lord

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Preparation for Message: The Gift of Love

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Matthew 25:31-46 702-703
Philemon 1:9-11 845

The Message “The Abundance of God”
Dr. Darwin Overholt

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: Surely the Presence

Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:

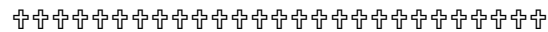
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

(Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

Sending Song: Thy Word

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: “Spirit of the Living God”
Arr. Marilyn Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

One: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

All: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

One: Walk in the light of his love.

All: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

One: Come; let us worship the One who overcame death.

All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen

Song of Worship: To God Be the Glory 66

Prayer of Confession

We confess that we get so wrapped up in the world that we become blinded to the needs of those who are sick, hungry, and homeless. Yet our Lord tells us that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick, shelter the homeless and visit those in prison we are doing it for him. Lord Jesus, we ask for your forgiveness and promise our repentance.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Know that there is more grace in God than there can ever be sin in us and that if we confess and truly repent we will be forgiven.

Response Gloria Patri 734

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem “Holy, Holy, Holy” Arr. Keith Christopher

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 702-703

Song of Reflection: He Leadeth Me 499

Epistle Philemon 1:9-11 845

Sermon: “The Abundance of God”
Dr. Darwin Overholt

Believing in God, We Respond

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: “As the Deer” Michael C. Hawn

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.

Sent by God, We Go Out

Song of Sending: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 496

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God in memory of Bobby Birdsong and in celebration of my birthday by Gail Birdsong.