



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

April Elder on Call

Tennent Lee

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From the Administrative Assistant?

Dear Friends,

We are in the anti-climactic time that comes after Easter, and Big Cove is, perhaps, in a bit of a lull, too. The April newsletter is slim, and it seems as if the busy-ness and robust-ness of life at Big Cove feels slimmer too.

To borrow a metaphor that Mel Strain used when he and I were corresponding about the bulletin for Easter, the *CRESCENDO* leading up to Easter is over, and now we are hearing a *pianissimo* section of the symphony—or maybe even a section of several measures of *rest* for all players, with no music.

But if you listen carefully, you will hear that the music has not stopped. This weekend, Big Cove's 2016 confirmation class will hear the melody of service—by visiting the Presbyterian Home for Children to learn one way the Christian community shows others the love of Christ. Big Cove's women are playing their supportive *continuo* as they meet on Monday. The chorus of faithful learners will still meet regularly for Christian Exploration and Immersion studies. The orchestra made up of Big Cove folk who will help build a house for otherwise shelter-less people and of other Big Cove folk who will pack bags of food for children who would otherwise go hungry will continue to play in April. Big Cove men will join other Presbyterian men in North Alabama for the harmony of fellowship with each other and hear a tuneful inspirational solo by our friend, Houston.

The session and the PNC are tuning up and practicing as they seek an interim pastor and a more full-time pastor.

And, of course, the LITERAL musicians here keep singing and playing each week, with new energy from a new director at 11:00.

So maybe the newsletter is not sounding very loudly this month, but that doesn't mean that the music of Big Cove has stopped.

So keep making music, Big Cove *virtuosi*!

Blessings,

Mary

Your Session at Work

At the Session meeting, the following items were addressed.

- Approved additional funding for Christian Exploration.
- Approved invitation to Doc. Overton from the Downtown Rescue Mission to preach one Sunday
- Agreed to decline invitation from Faith Presbyterian for a joint service on June 26.
- Reviewed list of interim candidates and agreed to contact them to determine interest in serving at Big Cove.
- Approved new contract for Jervon Niska combining duties of pianist and choir director.



Session meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in the large classroom upstairs. These meetings are open. If you would like something addressed, please let the Clerk, Neva Beasley, know beforehand, and please keep these of the officers for 2016 in your prayers.

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, and Daniel Waldrop. Leaders attending: Neva Beasley, James and Catherine Glenn, Linda Wheeler.



Presbytery Men will gather to hear a GREAT speaker!

On Monday, April 25, the Presbytery Men of North Alabama Presbytery will have a Gathering for all men (of any age) of our Presbytery.

The Gathering will take place at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 3406 Meridian St. N in Huntsville, Alabama. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Guest speaker is The Rev. Houston Hodges (minister, writer, and editor.)

At each of our gatherings, we have a good time of fellowship, inspiration, fun, and of course fine food. Dinner will be served and presented by the members of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

We invite those men of your church who have attended and those who have not attended one of our gatherings. This is a time for men of our presbytery to be closer to God and closer to each other.

For more information, you may contact Tom Meir, St. Andrew, Decatur at 256-350-0088 or tmeier@1611@yahoo.com

Please make dinner reservations by Thursday, April 21 with:

Yvonne Jones, Secretary Fellowship Presbyterian Church at fpsecretary@hotmail.com or 256-539-2418

Job Opening:

Covenant Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time (32 hours or less) Executive Assistant. Candidates must have Administrative/Executive Assistant experience in a corporate or church environment with leadership and management skills, strong communication skills, and experience and knowledge with all Microsoft Office programs. Applicants may submit their resume to Rebecca S. Boone. Please include references and contact information.

Big Cove's Presbyterian Women meet Monday, April 4 at 10



Don't Forget that Big Cove will participate in a **Bags of Blessings Pack Night** at the CARE Center on April 20 at 6pm; if you have questions, contact Melinda Harvey

Also remember that, along with friends from other Huntsville Area Presbyterian Churches, Big Cove community members are participating in **building a Habitat For Humanity home** this spring. Neva Beasley is Big Cove's contact person, and she has placed a tentative schedule and sign-up sheet on the sideboard in the vestibule.



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

Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00

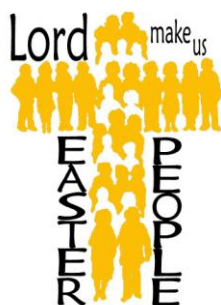
Thursday: Morning Prayer Group 10-11 AM

First Saturday Bible Time: 1st Saturday each month 9:30

*****Please note that the Bible Time is not meeting in April but will resume later*****

Sunday Night Youth Group: 3rd Sunday in each month 5:30

Session Meeting: Last Tuesday in each month 6:00



Important Dates in April

April 2-3: Confirmation Class trip to PHfC

April 4: Presbyterian Women 10:00

April 17: Sunday Night Youth Group 5:30

April 20: Bags of Blessings Pack Night 6:00 CARE Center

April 25 Presbyterian Men's Gathering 6:00 Fellowship Presbyterian

April 26: Session Meeting 6:00



Happy April Birthday!

**Will & Walker Weir on the 5th
Pam Worthington on the 6th
Glenda Harris on the 8th
Christie Finley on the 10th
Katrina Pepper on the 11th
Diane Lee on the 12th
Mary Hooper on the 15th
Glenda Bass on the 16th
Kathy Barnhart on the 18th
Ryan Pepper on the 18th
Gail Birdsong on the 19th
Ginger Adkins on the 25th
Michele Pepper on the 30th**

Happy April Anniversary!

Betty King & Rodney Renfroe on the 4th

Financial Corner

For February 2016

Receipts:	\$16,401.00
Operation Expenses:	\$13,772.59
Donations to the Children's Home:	\$171.10

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

*Please note deadline for May
newsletter: April 25*



~Worship Leaders for April~

9AM Worship:

	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
Greeter	Ryan Pepper	Alaina Harvey	Sean Pepper	Renay Nunn
Host/Hostess. .	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris	Vicki Waldrop	Melinda Harvey
Worship Leader.	Tom Jones	Debbie Book	Ray Waldrop	Vicki Waldrop
Power Point . .	the Harveys	Tennent Lee	Jeff Stephens	Vicki Waldrop

***these are dates I need leaders for. Please let me know if you can fill in!

11 AM Worship:

	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>
Usher	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz	Mickey Sharp	Gary Bass
Worship Leader .	Larry Clark	Joan Kerr	Tennent Lee	Sandra Stephens
Reader	Gail Birdsong	Larry Clark	James Glenn	Joan Kerr

Centering prayer leaders: April 4: Connie
April 11: Debbie
April 18: TBD
April 25: TBD

	<u>Care Center Pick Up</u>	<u>WAVE Team</u>
<u>March 27-April 2</u>	Joyce Clark	Tom & Sharon Bell
<u>April 3-9</u>	Joyce Clark	Jeff & Vicki Irons
<u>April 10-16</u>	Kay Hanks	Hartwell & Pat Lutz
<u>April 17-23</u>	Kay Hanks	Jane Rutledge
<u>April 24-April 30</u>	Kate Hosna	Connie Sharp

Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

Session: Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Dexter Gentle, Tennent Lee, Mickey Sharp, and Todd Worthington; **Deacons:** Melinda Harvey, Michele Pepper

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:** Sunday gatherings-David Lilly; Wednesday evening studies-Debbie Book
- Christian Exploration, Children & Youth:** Kathy Barnhart and Linda Wheeler
- Congregational Care:** Deacons Melinda Harvey and Michelle Pepper
- Nursery Contact:**
- Personnel:** Tennent Lee
- Property/ Grounds:** Dexter Gentle & Bruce Harvey
- Planning Ministry Team:** Kathy Barnhart
- Outreach Team (& Christmas Bazaar):** Vicki Waldrop & Neva Beasley
- CARE Center:** currently vacant
- Presbyterian Home for Children:** Julie Loggins and Clay Weir
- Youth Contact:** James Glenn
- Presbyterian Women:** Gail Birdsong
- First Saturday Bible Study:** David Lilly or Houston Hodges
- Worship Team:** Tennent Lee: session liaison, Mickey Sharp
- Church Website:** Mike Feehan
- Church Facebook Page:** Houston Hodges or Mary Hooper

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