



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

June Elder on Call

Neva Beasley

Interim Pastor

Mel Strain

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From Pastor Mel Strain

I want to use this June issue of the newsletter to introduce myself to you. Some of you already know me as I was on the staff of First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville for ten years. Since retiring, I have done interims in Guntersville, Decatur, and Cullman. I had also filled in for the pastor of Hope for three months when she was on maternity leave. In addition, I have supplied pulpits on a number of occasions in various churches.

My wife (Rita) and I live just about five miles away from the church, about a half mile from the intersection of Parkhill and Governors. We recently bought a motor home, and had our first extended trip in it to Arkansas with our two cats (Teddy and TJ). They are very much a part of our family.

Rita and I are looking forward to getting to know the congregation. We have heard great things about you, and look forward to our time together.

My contract is thru the second week in September. The third weekend in September is the Fall NEACA Craft Show at the Von Braun Center which I have been a part of the past several years. Many of you know that I do Scroll Saw Art Work, which I have also displayed and sold here at the Big Cove Bazaar. After that, Rita and I want to take advantage of the Fall weather and do more travelling in our motor home.

Come November, we will see where the church is in its search process, and we may be back.

Mel

Your Session at Work

The Session met on May 31 and welcomed Rev. Mel Strain as moderator.



Elders did the following:

- Spent time getting to know the new interim pastor.
- Discussed ways to increase interactions between two services. One joint event—a pool party—is planned for June 26.
- Discussed another possibility—having one service at 10am for the month of July. Worship committee will make decision regarding this suggestion at next meeting.
- Received a report from the NAP Called Meeting. Camp Maranatha will become a 501C organization.
- One member was removed from membership list because of relocation and transfer to another church.

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



Saturday Bible Time!

Come at 9:30 next Saturday morning, June 4, for coffee and conversation about: the Bible! It's Saturday Bible Time for everyone; fresh decaf, fresh Scripture, under the masterful touch of David Lilly. One of the most stimulating hours of your week!



BIG COVE STUDENTS ARE TERRIFIC!

BIG STEPS AND GRADUATIONS



- ***Congratulations to Lindsey Butz, Sophie Hosna, Collin Jones, and Daniel Waldrop***, all of whom graduated from middle school in May and will start high school (9th grade) in the fall!
- ***Congratulations to Connor Ferneau*** who graduated from high school in May!
- ***Congratulations to Dana Indihar*** who graduates from high school June 5!
- ***Congratulations to Heather Beasley***, who graduated from med school in May!



Christianity Uncorked will be Tuesday, June 7, from 6-7 pm at El Olmeca (6966 US Highway 431). The topic will be A Christian's opinion of Gun Control. At the last Uncorked, folks from **5 different churches** attended. Invite a friend!

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

is **busy** reviewing over 30 candidate profiles as we ramp up our search for a new minister for BCPC.

Already we have identified almost a dozen candidates we are classifying as highly qualified. That ranking we give to those candidates who have demonstrated competencies and ministries that meet our MIF. Our MIF (Ministry Information Form) details those skills, traits and experiences needed for our new pastor.

Splash! It's a POOL Party!!

At Timber's Edge Clubhouse and Pool-on the afternoon of Sunday, June 26

Big Cove Presbyterian Church will enjoy a summer celebration full of *Fellowship* and the *Fun of your choice*: *relax* in the air conditioned clubhouse or *splash and cool off* in the pool, or *do a little of both*, and *play some games* together to get to know each other better and build community!



Bring a favorite summer food to share.

Later in June, look for more specifics and for directions to the location off King Drake Road.

If you have suggestions for games or activities or any other ideas for the party, contact Pat Lutz.



Important Dates in June



June 4: First Saturday Everybody Come Bible Time 9:30

June 7: Christianity Uncorked 6:00 El Olmeca

June 19: Father's Day

June 26: Pool Party at Timbers Edge Pool/Clubhouse (late afternoon)

June 28: Session Meeting 6:00

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am

Christian Exploration: 10:00—on summer break, except for Adult gathering

Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm

Wednesday: Immersion Bible Study 6:00-7:00 on summer break

Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00

Thursday: Morning Prayer Group 10-11 AM

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

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

(on a break for the summer)

Session Meeting: Last Tuesday in each month 6:00

Happy June Birthday!

Diane Puckett on the 3rd
Savanna Harris on the 9th
Linda Wheeler on the 11th
Brenda Copeland on the 14th
David Lilly on the 15th
Pat Hodges on the 20th
Marjorie Martin on the 20th
Becky Marshall on the 22nd
Pat Lutz on the 30th

Happy June Anniversary!

Jeff & Vicki Irons on the 2nd
Tim & Pat Burke on the 5th
Tennent & Diane Lee on the 11th
Michael & Neva Beasley on the 12th
Kevin & Connie Wilson on the 14th
Bruce & Melinda Harvey on the 27th
Glenn & Linda Wheeler on the 28th

*Please note deadline for July
newsletter: June 27*

Financial Corner

For April 2016

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| Receipts: | \$12,268.00 |
| Operation Expenses: | \$13,879.96 |
| Donations to The Children's Home: | \$142.00 |

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

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: currently vacant

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: Jeff Stephens

Church Facebook Page: Houston Hodges or Mary Hooper

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

~Worship Leaders for June~

9AM Worship:

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| | <u>June 5</u> | <u>June 12</u> | <u>June 19</u> | <u>June 26</u> |
| Greeter. | Renay Nunn | Ryan Pepper | Nicole Harris | Alaina Harvey |
| Host/Hostess. . | Nicole Harris | Debbie Book | Vicki Waldrop | Melinda Harvey |
| Worship Leader. | Linda Wheeler | Debbie Book | Vicki Waldrop | Clay Weir |
| Power Point . . | Vicki Waldrop | the Harveys | Tennent Lee | Sylvia Romero |

11 AM Worship:

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| | <u>June 5</u> | <u>June 12</u> | <u>June 19</u> | <u>June 26</u> |
| Usher | Pat Lutz | Mickey Sharp | Larry Clark | Gary Bass |
| Worship Leader . | Tennent Lee | Larry Clark | Sandra Stephens | Joan Kerr |
| Reader | Judy Styles | Todd Worthington | Kathy Barnhart | Neva Beasley |

Centering prayer leaders:

- June 6: Mary
- June 13: Kathy
- June 20: Renay
- June 27: Connie

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| <u>May 29-June 4</u> | <u>CARE Center Pick Up</u> | <u>WAVE Team</u> |
| <u>June 5-11</u> | Connie Sharp | Jeff & Vicki Irons |
| <u>June 12-18</u> | Gary Bass | Hartwell & Pat Lutz |
| <u>June 19-25</u> | Gary Bass | Jane Rutledge |
| <u>June 26-July 2</u> | Gail Birdsong | Connie Sharp |
| | Gail Birdsong | Linda Wheeler |



Please remember I am hoping to have the *directory update* finished soon.

If you haven't already, please check your info in last year's directory to be sure it is correct.

If you have any candid pictures of church events, people and scenes from the past year, I would love it if you would share some for the directory.

Thanks to everyone who has already responded!

--Mary bigcovechurch@gmail.com

