

**WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY** (July 3):

**Usher:** Dexter Gentle

**Worship Leader:** Larry Clark

**Reader:** Gail Birdsong

**Hostess:** Debbie Book

**For the coming week** (July 3-9) --

**CARE Center Pick-up:** Pat Burke

**WAVE Team:** Pam Worthington

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**Friends & Relatives:** **Will Lee** (Tennent Lee's son); **Sandy Howard** (daughter of Mel and Rita Strain); Jillian Shandra (Melinda Harvey's daughter); Jerry Price (Kay Hanks' brother-in-law); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong); Beulah Wooten & Carol Loggins (Julie Loggins' grandmother & mother)

**The Church:** **The Pastor Nominating Committee;** Rev. Dr. Mel Strain; Big Cove Presbyterian; the Session; Rev. Dr. Tammy Gregory Brown, Executive Presbyterian; 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

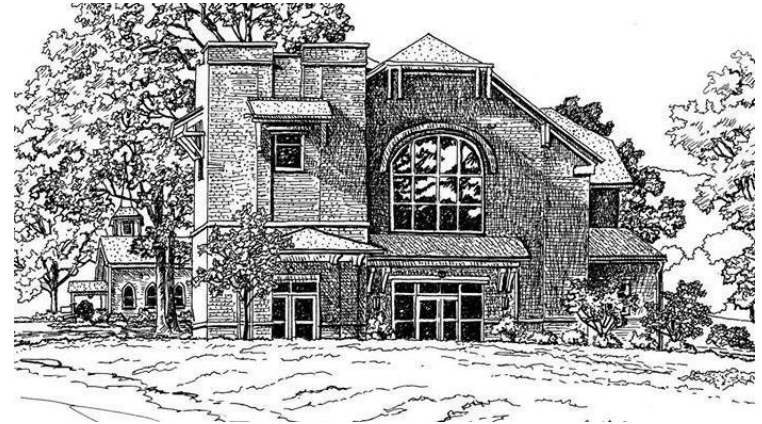
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY this week!**

Belatedly to Tate Finley on July 1<sup>st</sup> (sorry I missed it last week!)

Judy Styles on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Hartwell & Pat Lutz on the 3rd

**WELCOME TO BIG COVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**



**July 3, 2016**

**Worship at 10:00 each Sunday in July**

**Music Director and Pianist:** Jervon Niska

**Guitarist:** John Isom

**Percussionist:** Jimmy Jones

**Stated Supply Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mel Strain

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## TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

### Preparing for Worship

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

**Prelude:** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

### Called by God, We Gather

One: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

**Song of Worship:** My Country 'Tis of Thee 731

### Prayer of Confession

**All: God our Father- you led people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**Response** Gloria Patri 734

**Greeting:** Welcoming Christ Among Us

### Spoken to by God, We Listen

**Old Testament:** Exodus 3:1-12 41-42

**Song of Reflection:** Go Down Moses 618

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-13 828

**Sermon:** "Let My People Go"  
Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain

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

**All: We believe that God chose the people of Israel for the sake of all. To the world in its rebellion and alienation, God promised blessing and restoration. The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants as bearers of that promise for all peoples. They had done nothing more than others to deserve the Lord's favor, but God loved them and made them his own. We acknowledge God's freedom and grace. Though we are unworthy, the Lord has made us his own in Christ. God has chosen us as his servants for the sake of the world and destined us to be his daughters and sons, giving us love and life, calling us to worship and honor him.**

### 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:** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Roger House

**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.

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion

### Sent by God, We Go Out

**Song of Sending:** America the Beautiful 727

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

*The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary by Hartwell and Pat Lutz .*