

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY (July 24):

Usher: Kay Hanks

Worship Leader: Joanie Kerr

Reader: Tom Bell

Hostess: Debbie Book

For the coming week (July 24-30) --

CARE Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark

WAVE Team: Tom & Sharon Bell

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: **Charlie Roell** (Diane Lee's brother-in-law); 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!

Robyn Birdsong on the 24th (Today!)

Lenora Lee on the 26th

Ron Jones on the 27th

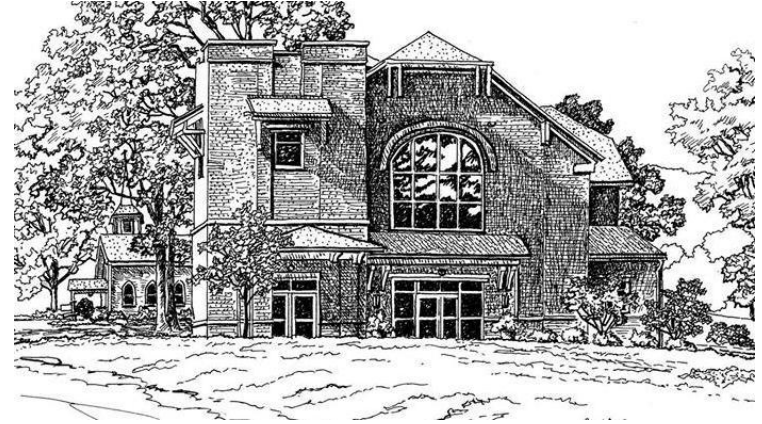
Hartwell Lutz on the 28th

Mary Burnette on the 29th

Charles Boley & Mary Hooper on the 24th

Clay Weir & Julie Loggins on the 30th

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



July 24, 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: "Amazing Grace" Arr. Joseph Martin

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

One: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works!

All: The Lord is good, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things.

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Song of Worship: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, our guide and master, our lives do not always tell of your loving presence. We often try to confine you to a corner of our lives, trying to control you, rather than turning our lives over to your control. Forgive us, O God. Bring to naught our self-willed endeavors so that we might know you as Lord of all of life, and not just of a portion of life. Help us to become aware on the great gift and the great challenge that are ours: the gift of new life, and the challenge to live fully a Christ-like life.
(silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response Gloria Patri 734

Minute on Factors that Lead to Churches Growing

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-10 187-188

Song of Reflection: I Love You, Lord 85
(Sing Twice)

New Testament Readings: Romans 3:9-18; Ephesians 1:3-5, 11-14
797, 827

Sermon: "An Amazing Story of God's Sovereignty"
Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain

Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

All: We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on God's own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think.

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: "Jesus Loves Me" Arr. Joel Raney

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 and in memory of her parents by Mary Ann Blakemore.