

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY (July 31):

Usher: David Lilly

Worship Leader: Sandra Stephens

Reader: James Glenn

For the coming week (July 31-August 6) —

CARE Center Pick-up: Kay Hanks

WAVE Team: Hartwell & Pat Lutz

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: **Charlie Roell** (Diane Lee's brother-in-law); **Martha Wells** (Kay Gentle's cousin's wife); Will Lee (Tennent Lee's son); 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.

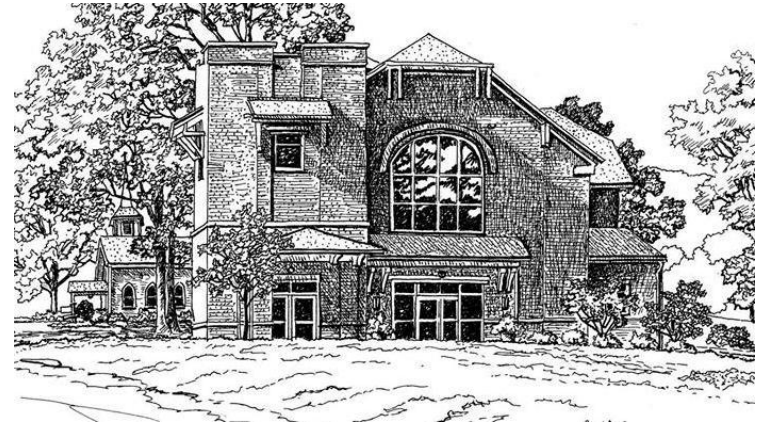
Our Nation: President Obama and our representatives

Big Cove Missions & Ministries: The CARE Center; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY this week!

Dallas & Jennifer Ferneau on August 4th

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



July 31, 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

Nursery Available

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TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

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

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Arr. Marilyn Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

One: Listen heavens while I speak; Earth, hear the words that I am saying, for I proclaim the name of the Lord.

All: O tell the greatness of our God.

One: He is the Rock. His work is perfect, for all His ways are just.

All: Then let us praise the Lord joyfully. Let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Song of Worship: Surely the Presence 131
(sing twice)

Prayer of Confession

All: Father, we confess that in many ways our lives have been less than Christian. Although we have been enlightened, we have failed to give light. Although we have known the spirit of Christ's love, we have failed to share it with others. Forgive us Lord, and set us straight. Teach us to love others as Jesus has loved us: unreservedly, totally, freely.

(followed by silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Response Gloria Patri 734

Minute on Factors that Lead to Churches Growing

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Anthem: "Father, I Adore You" Terrye Coelho

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Old Testament: Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11 403

Song of Reflection: Open My Eyes 480

Old Testament: I Samuel 3:1-10, 19-21 192-193

Sermon: "Speak, Lord, for Your Servant is Listening"
Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain

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: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Arr. Marilyn Thompson

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: Be Thou My Vision 502

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Burnette's birthday by Kay & Dexter Gentle.