

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ September 4

9 AM: Greeter: Savanna Harris

Host/Hostess: Nicole Harris

Worship Leader: Clay Weir

Power Point: The Harveys

11 AM: Usher: Dexter Gentle

Worship Leader: Larry Clark

Reader: Connie Sharp

For this coming week --September 4-10:

Care Center Pick-up: Connie Sharp

WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

Worship leader schedules are available at

www.bigcovechurch.org

Prayer Requests

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

Friends & Relatives: **Family of Ida Lorene Ott** (Rita Strain's mother); Bud Deadmond (Elizabeth Butz's father); Charlie Roell (Diane Lee's brother-in-law); Martha Wells (Kay Gentle's cousin's wife); Jerry Price (Kay Hanks' brother-in-law); Will Lee (Tennent Lee's son); Jillian Shandra (Melinda Harvey's daughter); 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; North Alabama Presbytery

Military & International: All our service men and women.

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 this week!

Emily Worthington on September 7

Edith Cropp on September 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adult Christian Exploration gathering meets today at 10. (Adults will not meet next Sun because of the Celebration of Christian Exploration between the services.)

The office will be closed on Mon, Sept 5 for Labor Day.

Centering Prayer will not meet Mon Sept 5.

Prayer Group will meet Tue Sept 6 at noon; sandwich/snack ok!

Wednesday Immersion study/discussion will meet at 6 on Sept 7.

Next Sun, Sept 11, 10:00- 10:40 am. ALL ARE INVITED!

UNDER THE BIG COVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TENT-Follow the ringmaster to the worship center at 10:00 for an overview of 2016-17 Sunday Study Topics for all ages & introduction of all teachers/facilitators. He will direct you to follow the clown footprints for: ~Carnival style Refreshments~~Door Prizes~~Games and prizes~

Support the PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN by adding to Big Cove's sponsorship of the **CHILDREN'S HOME CHALLENGE Bike Ride** Oct 15. Flyers & sponsorship forms and volunteer sign-up sheets are in the narthex! **Questions? Please contact Julie Loggins.**

Please be sure to make your contribution by next Sun, Sept 11.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Mon Sept 12 at 10.

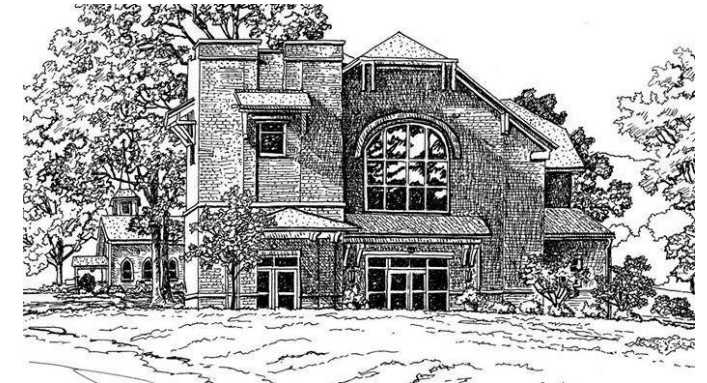
The Outreach Committee will meet on Tues, Sept 13, at 6:00 to do Christmas Bazaar and Car Rally planning and consider other Outreach business. The meeting is open to all ~ we welcome your input! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Book.

Members of Big Cove's community are invited to participate in helping to bag potatoes in a Society of Saint Andrew Crop Drop (which provides fresh produce to local food banks). Bagging begins at 9:00 on Sat, Sept 24 at Faith Presbyterian (5003 Whitesburg Dr. Huntsville).

Big Cove's next Bag of Blessings pack night is Thur Sept 29 at 6.

Save the Date: Wed Oct 12, First Presbyterian will hold a mission dinner to meet Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda, mission partners from Mozambique. Big Cove donated gifts for Nedson and Sebber, so we are invited to be part of this dinner and time of sharing. Details to come!

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



September 4, 2016

"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director and Pianist: Jervon Niska

Stated Supply Pastor Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain

Nursery Available

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9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Called by God, We Gather

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship: Better is One Day

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Preparation for Message: Break Our Hearts

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Matthew 18:21-35 695-696

Matthew 6:5-15 684-685

The Message "Forgive Us Our Debts"
Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: Heart of Worship

Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:

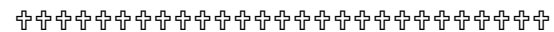
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

Sending Song: Freedom

Blessing and Sending



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11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

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

Prelude: "Majesty" Arr. Dino

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

One: There is one God and Father of us all.

All: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

One: Come, walk in the way of the Lord with songs of gladness and joy.

All: The Lord is near to us when we call upon Him, but we must believe, and we must seek Him in the right spirit.

Song of Worship: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 59

Prayer of Confession

All: Our Father, whom we quickly and easily call Lord, forgive us for our failure to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by Your Lordship. We enlist in Your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive to the needs of others, but find ourselves at times hard and callous. We are confronted with great opportunities, but fail to take advantage of them. Forgive us, our Father. Take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

Declaration of Pardon

Response Gloria Patri 734

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem: "Colors of Grace" Music by Joseph Martin

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 695-696

Song of Reflection: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian 457

Gospel: Matthew 6:5-15 684-685

Sermon: "Forgive Us Our Debts"
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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
with Massenet's "Meditation" from the opera, *Thais*
Arr. Marilyn Ham

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Communion

Prayer of Commitment

Sent by God, We Go Out

Song of Sending: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in honor of Big Cove Church by Mel and Rita Strain.