

**WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ September 11**

**9 AM: Greeter:** Alaina Harvey

**Host/Hostess:** Vicki Waldrop

**Worship Leader:** Ray Waldrop

**Power Point:** Vicki Waldrop

**11 AM: Usher:** Larry Clark

**Worship Leader:** Joani Kerr

**Reader:** Mickey Sharp

**For this coming week –September 11-17:**

**Care Center Pick-up:** Gary Bass

**WAVE Team:** Jeff & Vicki Irons

Worship leader schedules are available at

[www.bigcovechurch.org](http://www.bigcovechurch.org)

**Prayer Requests**

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

**Friends & Relatives:** **Derek Emerson** (friend of Dallas and Jennifer Ferneau and Don Barnhart); 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:** **1st LT Tyler Shrader** (US Army Iraq) nephew of Linda Wheeler; 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 ANNIVERSARY this week!**

Dexter & Kay Gentle on the 13<sup>th</sup>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY!! 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:

~~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.**

\* **Today is the last day to make a contribution for the Bike Ride\***

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Mon Sept 12 at 10

**Centering Prayer** will meet Mon Sept 12 at 6.

**Prayer Group** will meet Tue Sept 13 at noon; sandwich/snack ok!

**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.

**Wednesday Immersion** study/discussion will meet at 6 on Sept 13.

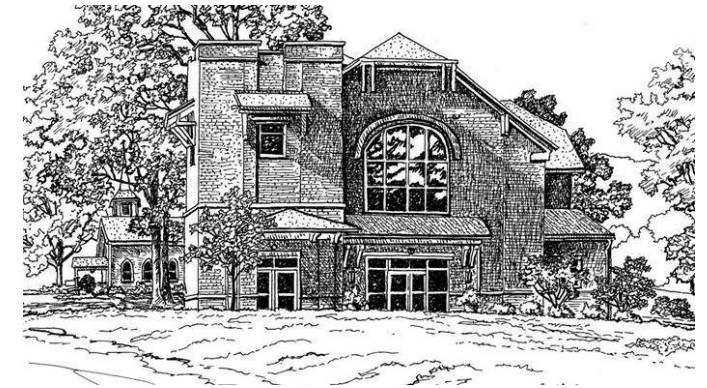
**Members of Big Cove's** community are invited to help bag potatoes for local food banks in a Society of Saint Andrew Crop Drop beginning at 9:00 on Sat, Sept 24 at Faith Presbyterian (5003 Whitesburg Dr., Hsvl). Contact Mary if you have questions.

**Save the Date!** We will be having a *wedding shower for Katrina Pepper* on Sun, Sept 25, at the church right after the 11:00 service.

**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 are in the midweeks from Wednesday (on the church website) or contact Mary.

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



**September 11, 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:** Morning Has Broken

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Preparation for Message:** Have Thine Own Way, Lord

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

Psalm 51:1-12 405

Colossians 3:1-17 834

**The Message:** "Five Prayers That Will Change Your Life"

**Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain**

**Believing in God, We Respond**

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

Announcements

**Celebrating Our Blessings**

**Offertory:** Offering

**Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:**

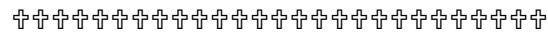
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*(Silent Reflection)*

**Sent by God, We Go Out**

**Sending Song:** Shine, Jesus, Shine

**Blessing and Sending**



\*The CCLI Music license allows *only the lyrics* (and not the musical score for the tunes) to be printed or projected.

**11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**Preparing for Worship**

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

**Prelude:** "Abide With Me" Arr. Marilyn Ham  
with Chopin's *Étude* Op. 10 No. 3

Welcome and Announcements

**Called by God, We Gather**

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**All: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving, and extol Him with music and song.

**All: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

**Song of Worship:** Morning Has Broken 35

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, Our Father: we are aware of our shortcomings. We had good intentions, but failed to follow through. We were going to try to change and correct our faults, but did not see much progress. We were going to try to resist the temptations before us, but we ended up in being weak. We confess that we have not changed all that much. So, we ask you to help us, Lord. Make us into the person you want us to be, and let us experience the joy that comes from being forgiven through Christ.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

**Response:** Gloria Patri 734

**Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us**

**Spoken to by God, We Listen**

**Anthem:** "He Leadeth Me" Ken Berg  
Sarah Barnhart, Flautist

**Old Testament:** Psalm 51:1-12 405

**Song of Reflection:** Have Thine Own Way, Lord 486

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:1-17 834

**Sermon:** "Five Prayers That Will Change Your Life"  
**Rev. Dr. Mel A. Strain**

**Spirit Song:** Spirit of the Living God 492  
**(Sing the first stanza through twice)**

**Affirmation of Faith** (from a Declaration of Faith )

**We believe the Holy Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. The struggle in the early Church between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus, love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil. We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit's presence assures us God will complete what He has begun in us.**

**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:** "Prayer" Ludwig van Beethoven

**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:** Come, All Christians, Be Committed 459

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

*The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of her grandfather, James King Drake, by Mary Ann Blakemore.*