



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

January Elder on Call

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From the Pastor

The expression "Time Marches On" is so true. Here we are at the beginning of a new year. In a few short weeks, Candice Klein will be here as your new pastor. I trust the congregation will give her a true southern welcome. I suspect she is looking forward to coming, just as the congregation is looking forward to her arrival.

Between now and then, however, we have a few things coming up this month. One is the Annual Congregation Meeting which will be held January 15. There will be one service that day at 10:00 a.m. and the congregational meeting will follow immediately after. The main parts of that meeting will be to elect the new elders and deacons, and to receive budget for 2017. In addition, the congregation will need to nominate three or four people to this year's Nominating Committee. It will be their responsibility to put in nomination the officers for next year's term which will start in 2018.

All of this will be streamlined so there will be time after the annual meeting to brainstorm and plan the social events for the year. I understand this has been done in the past, and it can be a tremendous help to the whole congregation to do it all at one time, and to have some fun in the process. This way we can get a lot of participation and it doesn't fall on just a few people; or what often happens, little gets done. So come prepared with ideas for social events that can be done throughout the year.

On Sunday, January 22, there will be the Ordination and Installation of the new Church officers. This will take place at both services. Those individuals being placed in nomination are: **For Session: Debbie Book and Bruce Harvey; For Deacon: Judy Styles and Clay Weir.** (These will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting.)

As we do enter a new year, let us all make a resolution to make worship a priority in our lives. Without much effort, that can be a resolution we can keep.

Mel

Reminders for this week:

WORSHIP LEADERS for **ONE SERVICE at 10:00** *this coming Sunday, January 1:*

Usher: Dexter Gentle

Worship Leader: Larry Clark

Reader: Neva Beasley (Isaiah 63:7-9)

CARE Center and Wave Team volunteers *this week* **through December 31:**

CARE Center Pick-up: Gary Bass

WAVE Team: the Lutzes

CARE Center and Wave Team volunteers *next week* **January 1-7:**

CARE Center Pick-up: Gail Birdsong

WAVE Team: Jane Rutledge

The Children's Home Box brought in \$46.00 this week. Thank you!

THIS WEEK:

****Mary will be out of the church office** on Monday, January 2.

****The Weekly Prayer Group** will meet at **noon** on Tuesday, January 3.

****Wednesday Immersion discussion** will resume on January 4.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

****Presbyterian Women** will meet at 10:00 on January 9.

****Centering Prayer** will resume on January 9.

****The annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 15. **The meeting** will take place at 11:00--after **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00** that day.

****We would like to feature some pictures** from activities and events from the year at the congregational meeting (and would like to have them for the 2017 directory, too), so if you have some pictures, please share them with Mary in time to get them in a slide show in a couple of weeks!

****We don't have a flower calendar up yet**, but if you would like to dedicate flowers for the sanctuary (particularly in January!) let Mary know, and we'll start a calendar this way until we have one to post in the stairwell vestibule.

Happy Birthday this week!

Sharon Bell on December 27

Jeff Stephens on December 27

Daniel Waldrop on December 29

Happy Anniversary this week!

Larry & Joyce Clark on December 28

Don & Kathy Barnhart on December 29

Your Session at Work



The Session met on December 29 with Rev. Mel Strain as moderator and accomplished the following:

- Approved the Cantata Offering for the Presbyterian Home for Children on behalf of choir.
- Approved honorarium for Cantata pianist.
- Worked on agenda for Congregational Meeting January 15.
- Agreed to have pictures from 2016 events as part of the beginning of Congregational Meeting.
- Agreed to plan a Calendar of Events at the Congregational Meeting.
- Elected Neva Beasley as Commissioner for next NAP Meeting.
- Removed Hazel Burtram as a member at her request.
- Discussed Treasurer and Clerk of Session positions.
- Approved Neva Beasley as Clerk of Session for 2017.
- Agreed to a Called Meeting to approve the 2017 budget when it is complete.

Session generally meets in the large classroom upstairs on the last Tuesday in each month. These meetings are open. If you would like something addressed, please let the Clerk, Neva Beasley, know beforehand, and please keep all of the church officers in your prayers.

News from Pastor Houston:

Hurray for the 7 Big Cove youth (accompanied by some parents) who went to visit Houston yesterday!!! (see pictures on the Big Cove Facebook page!)

It is not certain how much longer Houston will be in rehab. But you can send him a card at his home address in the directory and it will get to him.

Or you can call him at his cell phone #and find out where he is and whether or not there is a good time for him to receive a visit from you. I am certain that he would appreciate brief visits from other members of his Big Cove family.

I think he is still checking his email as well. As long as he is in rehab, he will typically have physical therapy in the morning, so best times to catch him are after lunch or around supper time.



Volunteer Coordinator Needed for the Card Ministry

We still need a coordinator for Big Cove's Card Ministry in 2017. This ministry insures that all members of the Big Cove community receive birthday greetings for their birthdays and anniversary congratulations on their wedding anniversaries, and also receive get well cards, sympathy cards, and thinking of you cards when individuals are facing these difficulties.

Maybe two people could take this on together???

Volunteers send cards for one quarter of the year, and the coordinator's job is to set up a schedule of volunteers for each quarter (as well as taking a spell or two of sending cards). Mary provides a list of birthdays and anniversaries each quarter, and can provide some help with postage or cards if it is needed.

The Birthday and Anniversary card-sending volunteers for the first quarter of 2017 are set, so we just need someone who will call for volunteers for the other quarters in 2017 and someone who will send the get well, sympathy, and thinking of you cards when they are called for. If you are not able to co-ordinate the ministry, but could send cards for a quarter, let Mary know.

Please consider prayerfully whether this might be a service of loving and caring for others in the community to which God may be calling you, and let Mary know if you can help in any of the roles!

Presbytery-Wide Gathering of Presbyterian Men

NAP Presbyterian Men will meet on Monday, January 23, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Athens. Registration will start at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program with the President of Athens State as the main speaker.

Contact First Presbyterian, Athens at 256-232-0122 with registration information by Thursday, January 19.



Important Dates in January



January 1: New Year's Day-One service at 10:00

January 6: Epiphany

January 9: Presbyterian Women meet at 10:00

**January 15: Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00
(after one worship service at 10:00)**

January 16: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 22: Ordination and Installation of new church officers

January 24: Deadline for January newsletter info

January 31: Session Meeting 6:00

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday Worship: 9 am and 11 am

Christian Exploration for all ages: Sundays at 10:00

Monday: Centering Prayer 6 pm

Tuesday: Noon Prayer Group 12:00 noon

Wednesday: Immersion Bible Study 6:00-7:00

Choir Rehearsal 7:00-8:00

Sunday Night Youth Group: 3rd Sunday in each month 5:30

Fourth Saturday Bible Time: 4th Saturday each month 9:30

Session Meeting: Last Tuesday in each month 6:00

Happy January Birthday!

Jeff Harris on January 8
 Betty King on January 13
 Ryan Renfroe on January 16
 Jessica Birdsong Selvage on January 19
 Drake Finley on January 24
 Rebecca Renfroe on January 27
 Michael Beasley on January 28
 Jo Stroud on January 29



Happy January Anniversary!

Houston & Pat Hodges on January 3

FINANCIAL CORNER

For November 2016

Receipts:	\$17,760.00
Proceeds from Bazaar	\$3,152.00
Operation Expenses:	\$8,495.29
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$204.00

Any questions relating to the above may be addressed to Diane Lee, bookkeeper, or any of the current elders.

~Worship Leaders for January~

First Light-9:00 AM Worship:

	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>
Greeter	11:00 leaders Savanna Harris	Collin Jones	Alaina Harvey	Ryan Pepper	Nicole Harris
Host/hostess . .	11:00 leaders Melinda Harvey	Michelle Jones	Vicki Waldrop	Don Barnhart	Tennent Lee
Worship Leader .	11:00 leaders Debbie Book	Clay Weir	Ray Waldrop	Vicki Waldrop	Tennent Lee
Power Point . .	11:00 leaders The Harveys	Ron Jones	Vicki Waldrop	Tennent Lee	

11:00 AM Worship:

	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>
Usher	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz
Worship Leader .	Larry Clark	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee	Sandra Stephens	Joani Kerr
Reader	Neva Beasley	Tom Bell	Judy Styles	Todd Worthington	Kathy Barnhart

Centering prayer meets again starting January 9 leaders to be announced

	<u>CARE Center Pick Up</u>	<u>WAVE Team</u>
<u>December 25-31</u>	Gary Bass	the Lutzes
<u>January 1-7</u>	Gail Birdsong	Jane Rutledge
<u>January 8-14</u>	Gail Birdsong	Tom & Sharon Bell
<u>January 15-21</u>	Pat Burke	Connie Sharp
<u>January 22-28</u>	Pat Burke	Linda Wheeler

Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

Session: Neva Beasley (Clerk), Kathy Barnhart, Dexter Gentle, Tennent Lee, Mickey Sharp, and Todd Worthington; **Deacons:** Melinda Harvey, Michele Pepper

If you have questions about a particular ministry or mission in the church, please contact:

Treasurer: Kirk Finley

Finance: Sandra Stephens, Todd Worthington, or Diane Lee (bookkeeper)

Adult Christian Exploration: Sunday gatherings-David Lilly; Wednesday evening studies-Debbie Book

Christian Exploration, Children & Youth: Kevin Wilson

Congregational Care: Deacons Melinda Harvey and Michelle Pepper

Nursery Contact: Presley Birdsong

Personnel: Tennent Lee

Property/ Grounds: Dexter Gentle & Bruce Harvey

Planning Ministry Team: Kathy Barnhart

Outreach Team (& Christmas Bazaar): Vicki Waldrop, Debbie Book, Julie Loggins & Neva Beasley

CARE Center: currently vacant

Presbyterian Home for Children: Julie Loggins and Clay Weir

Youth Contact: James Glenn

Presbyterian Women: Gail Birdsong

Fourth Saturday Bible Study: David Lilly or Houston Hodges

Worship Team: Tennent Lee; Mickey Sharp, session liaison

Church Website: Jeff Stephens

Church Facebook Page: Julie Loggins or Mary Hooper

E-mail addresses and phone numbers may be found in the current directory

