



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

PASTOR
Candice L. Klein

MARCH ELDER ON CALL
Dexter Gentle

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From the Pastor

Change

It's February of a new year. We've put away the holiday decorations. We've learned to write "2017" on our checks. We've started gathering receipts and paperwork for tax season. It's just like it was last year, or maybe not.

Most people will tell you that change is hard. For many, it is. You have a new Pastor among you. Perhaps she'll bring differences that you approve of. Perhaps not. Either way, things around here will change. For, according to what the speculative experts are saying, churches – especially mainline churches – must change in order to survive. The church you knew as a child is different than the church is today. We could hope that churches in a decade will look like they do today. They won't. Churches have changed before. They'll change again. And God will be blessed.

It will take courageous people to make numerous changes and also to survive. If we do things the same way, we might feel safe or comfortable, but we won't thrive. Change requires some discomfort. Change means that new people might be with us, because we won't be asking them to fit into our mold. Instead, we're asking everyone to stretch. Because God deserves our trust, our faith, and our very best efforts.

You're welcome to join us. We'll probably be making changes – *good* changes, because our congregation is alive, and when folks are alive, they're moving. Just as God is always moving. The first day of change is challenging. The second day allows time to consider and willingness to try. The third day is *fun!* After three days, it becomes expected, sometimes even natural. And that's where we intend to stay. Our Lord invented laughter. Our Lord invented relationship. Our Lord will not be held back. Our Lord is alive, and alert, and moving, and changing – always changing. Praise be to our *glorious* Lord!

Candice

"And the Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt."

– Exodus 10:19

Your Session at Work



The Session met on February 28, 2017 and accomplished the following:

- Approved Sandra Stephens to seek loan information for renegotiation of church mortgage
- Approved ad, advertising the church, to be placed in the program of the Little Mermaid
- Approved transfer of membership of Juanice and JC Schrimshire
- Approved Worship Committee Easter Worship Service Schedule:
 - Palm Sunday - Procession with palms and singing will begin at White Building Parking lot prior to both scheduled services.
 - Maundy Thursday Seder - April 13, 6:00-7:30 pm.
 - Good Friday Service - April 14, 6:00-6:30 pm.
 - Easter SonRise - April 16, 6:30 am. - Pavilion
 - Easter Worship Service - 11:00 am.
- Approved purchasing two computers for church offices
- Approved re-purposing and acquisition of furniture for pastor's office
- Approved request to design and price material for new podium for church
- Discussed responsibilities of Session
- Called a Congregational Meeting for March 19 for Nominating an Elder to fill the term of Mickey Sharp. The meeting will take place at 10 am.

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 the pastor and all of the church officers in your prayers.

Important Dates in March

March 1: Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:00 (Lent begins)

March 6: Presbyterian Women meet at 10:00

March 12: Time changes to Daylight Savings—Spring Forward!!

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 19: Congregational meeting to hear the report of the Nominating Committee 10:00

March 19: Movie Night Fellowship Event-watch for details later

March 26: Service of Installation for Pastor Candice Klein

There will be one worship service at 10:00 this Sunday

March 27: Deadline for March newsletter info

March 28: Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.



Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sunday Christian Exploration for all ages: 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday: Centering Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Prayer Group 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: Steady for Life 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Current Conversations 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Save the Date!

Our new Pastor will be formally installed in a worship service on Sunday, March 26th at 10:00 am. Since Presbyterian churches do not accept pastors into membership of the church, they are considered members of the Presbytery. So, Candice will be installed as the Pastor in a special worship service led by five members of North Alabama Presbytery. We, as members of Big Cove Presbyterian Church, are considered hosts and hostesses that day. We will be needed to greet members of Presbytery, to give directions around the grounds if needed, to speak of our initial opinions of Candice's time here with us, to host a light reception in their honor, and to ask God's blessings on her ministry here among us.

Please plan to be here at a special time to honor Candice, and show agreement with members of the North Alabama Presbytery that we truly want her to be the Pastor at Big Cove Presbyterian Church.

We will be joined and led in worship that day by:

Rev Tom Lewis, Pastor of Copeland Presbyterian Church and Moderator of the NAP - who will install our Pastor

Ms. Sarah Martin, former Moderator of NAP - who will preach the message

Rev. Jim Thompson, HR - who will give the charge to Candice

Rev Dr. Mel Strain - who will give the charge the congregation

Mr. Don Barnhart - who will ask the constitutional questions of the congregation

Sunday, March 26th, 10:00 am.

A Message from Mel and Rita Strain:

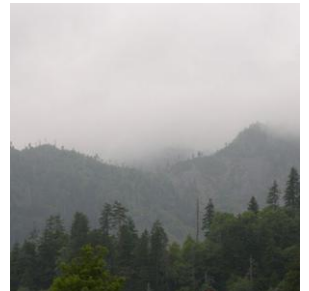
Thank you so much for the many cards and kind words that were expressed about our ministry with all of you at the Big Cove Church. We were blessed in so many ways, and it is heartwarming to know that we touched your lives as well. We were pleasantly surprised to also receive gift cards from several of you in addition to your notes of appreciation. Our time with you was a joy, and we look forward to when we can worship again together. -Mel & Rita

Big Cove Youth—Gatlinburg, Here We Come!!

The youth group is planning a Friday to Sunday trip for youth 12 and up to Gatlinburg probably either 4//28-4/30 or 5/5-5/7.

So far it looks like we may have 7 coming.

If any other young people are interested please contact Ross Rutledge



FINANCIAL CORNER January, 2017 REPORT

Receipts:	\$14,440.00
Operation Expenses:	\$11,640.99
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$177.91

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

Happy March Birthday!

March 3 Jim Butz
 March 9 Amanda Vernon
 March 13 Clay Weir, Jr
 March 15 Houston Hodges
 March 19 Tennent Lee
 March 20 Adam Wheeler
 March 23 Mary Ann Blakemore
 March 29 Joani Kerr
 March 31 Brian Birdsong

Happy March Anniversary!

March 19 Tommy & Mary Ann Blakemore
 March 30 Aaron & Sherry Sakovich
 March 31 Brian & Robyn Birdsong

Worship Leaders for March

First Light 9:00 a.m.

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Greeter	Renay Nunn	Savanna Harris	Collin Jones	Nicole Harris
Host/hostess	Vicki Waldrop	Melinda Harvey	Debbie Book	Nicole Harris
Worship Leader	Ray Waldrop	Clay Weir	Debbie Book	Don Barnhart
Power Point	Vicki Waldrop	Tennent Lee	Ron Jones	Tennent Lee

11:00 a.m.

	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Usher	Kay Hanks	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz	Pat Lutz
Worship Leader	Neva Beasley	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee	Sandra Stephens
Reader	Neva Beasley	Tennent Lee	David Lilly	Hartwell Lutz

February 26-March 4
 March 5-11
 March 12-18
 March 19-25
 March 26-April 4

The CARE Center Food Pick Up

Kate Hosna
 Kate Hosna
 Gary Bass
 Gary Bass
 Pat Burke

WAVE Team

Neva Beasley
 Linda Wheeler
 Pam Worthington
 Neva Beasley
 The Lutzes



Contact list for Big Cove Presbyterian

You may want to make a copy of this page for future reference

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

Pastor: Rev. Candice Klein

Church Administrative Assistant: Mary Hooper

Session Ruling Elders: Kathy Barnhart, Debbie Book, Dexter Gentle, Bruce Harvey, Tennent Lee, Neva Beasley (Clerk)

Deacons: Clay Weir, Judy Styles

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

Finance: Sandra Stephens, Bruce Harvey, Diane Lee (Bookkeeper)

Treasurer: Kirk Finley

Christian Exploration:

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

Children and Youth: Kevin Wilson

Congregational Care: Deacons

Nursery Contact: Presley Birdsong

Personnel: Tennent Lee

Property/ Grounds: Dexter Gentle, Bruce Harvey

Planning Ministry Team: Kathy Barnhart

Outreach Team and Christmas Bazaar: Vicki Waldrop, Debbie Book, Julie Loggins, Neva Beasley

CARE Center: Currently vacant

Presbyterian Home for Children: Julie Loggins, Clay Weir

Youth Contact: Currently vacant

Presbyterian Women: Gail Birdsong

Fourth Saturday Bible Study: David Lilly

Worship Team: Linda Wheeler (chair), Debbie Book, Tennent Lee

Church Website: Jeff Stephens

Church Facebook Page: Julie Loggins, Mary Hooper