



# Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

**PASTOR**  
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**MAY ELDER ON CALL**  
**Debbie Book**

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Information for May Newsletter is due to church office by noon, May 23 (please note early deadline)

## Ugh! Bad News.....

Sometimes, leaders set up companies, departments or procedures the way they think will work best. That may not be the case, but they tried. Sometimes arm-chair quarterbacks will wonder *why* they set it up that way, and come up with new ideas or different ways to consider and to try. Those may not work either, but they tried. Sometimes, there is no choice at all. Laws of nature, of physics, of time are not changed. We can disagree with those laws all we'd like, but they remain laws.

One might think that the laws of God fall into the irrefutable, undeniable, unchangeable realm, yet they are challenged daily. That's often why we have discussion, debate, and interpretation of Scripture texts. That's certainly why we have varying denominations – because theologians differ on their understanding of what the Ancient Words intended.

Following the resurrection, Jesus walked along a road to Emmaus with two disciples. There, the Scripture says, he *“opened their minds”* to understand what the texts meant. Jesus said, *“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”*

If I had to set this all up, I think I would not have mandated that the Messiah had to suffer. Certainly he wasn't guilty of anything; his suffering was not immediately helpful to anyone. But, it was the Law that God set up and Jesus followed, because it was the Law. Also, I don't think I would have mandated that repentance and forgiveness had to be proclaimed around the entire world. I mean, that's a lot of territory to cover, a lot of people to interact with, and a lot of information to recall and testify to publicly. But, it's the Law that God wrote, and it's irrefutable. So the bad news is that these two Laws shall not be changed. (1) The Messiah would suffer, and (2) repentance and forgiveness will be declared, publically, to all.

The *Good News* is also present in this text. Here's some of it: The resurrected, risen Messiah walks our journey with us. The resurrected, risen Messiah knows and comprehends the Ancient Texts fully, and opens our minds to understand them. The resurrected, risen Messiah stays with us until journey's end, and the information he shares along with his constant presence on the road, compel us to go and to tell.

Therefore, following God's Law becomes less daunting, because the resurrected, risen Messiah is with us all the time and shares the information we will need.

Fear not, friends! The Ancient Scriptures are true, and the mandate is achievable – even by unnamed disciples like me – and you. Together, we can do this!

It is my honor to serve with you.

*Candice*

*He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” – Luke 24: 46-47*

## Your Session at Work

The Session met on April 25, 2017 and accomplished the following:

- Approved \$500 to help fund youth trip to Gatlinburg
- Approved BancorpSouth loan proposal for church mortgage refinancing
- Approved paying Vine and Care Center budgeted amounts
- Elected Sandra Stephens as the church Treasurer
- Discussed Holy Week Services
- Recommended Pastor meet with 9 am delegation to discuss changes to service (Elders Debbie Book and Bruce Harvey agreed to help with this meeting)
- Marketing Liaison will obtain waivers for youth pictures
- Marketing will design a logo for church
- Marketing will add photo tab to website for pictures that can be used for church publications
- Marketing will add audio streaming of Sunday Sermon to website
- Approved joining Faith Presbyterian and Hope Presbyterian for an Independence Day celebration
- Approved a pulpit and choir exchange with Faith Presbyterian Church in August



*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.*

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### Important Dates in May



- May 4: National Day of Prayer**
- May 5-7: Youth Trip to Gatlinburg**
- May 8: Presbyterian Women meet at 10:00**
- May 14: Mother's Day**
- May 16: Worship Ministry Team meeting 5:30**
- May 24: Deadline for May newsletter info**
- May 29: Memorial Day (Church office closed)**
- May 30: 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.**
- 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month 9:30**
- Administrative Assistant's hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00**

## FINANCIAL CORNER

## February 2017 REPORT

Receipts:	\$13,190.00
Operation Expenses:	\$17,753.85
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$120.85

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

## Making Connections and Spreading the Word

As was announced at a service a couple of weeks ago, we are looking for some individuals to serve on a newly created Marketing/PR Committee to help project the image of our wonderful church through social and traditional media outlets. If you have some ideas for how to do that, possibly have a photographic eye, or have other creative talents, please contact Julie Loggins. She would love to hear your ideas and thoughts for how to best represent our church to the community and how to make ourselves be seen. She would also appreciate being able to put your creative ideas and talents to use to benefit the church. All are welcome! Since we are talking about some social media ideas and expansions as well, the youth are encouraged to come out to help. A committee meeting will be set up over the next few weeks. Keep your eyes open for an announcement in the bulletin, midweeks, on the webpage, and via Facebook.



Do you have photos from events at Big Cove Presbyterian Church? If so, please send them to our NEW email address JUST FOR PHOTOS ([photos.bigcove@gmail.com](mailto:photos.bigcove@gmail.com)). We will be saving photos to the Google Drive and archiving them periodically in order to have constant access for publications, social media, etc.



The Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA) Facebook page that was previously set to "Closed" has now been set to "Secret." This was done because members were using this page to share personal prayer requests. We had others seeking information about our church requesting membership, so in order to keep these personal requests available to our church family and still enable others to seek information about Big Cove, the "old" page has been set to "Secret" (members can email Julie Loggins at to be added to the group if they were not already members of it) and a new "Public" page was created for the church so that we can update it with information about our activities and it can be viewed by members of the public. Please "like" and "follow" that page here [fb.me/BigCovePCUSA](https://fb.me/BigCovePCUSA).

## Church Directory Update

We will be updating the church directory for the next 3 or 4 weeks. Please help by double-checking the entries for you and your family to be sure that what we had last year is still correct. In the recent past, several people have changed from landlines to exclusive cell phone use, or changed cell phone services/numbers, etc., without remembering to notify us.



If you have misplaced your copy of the most recent directory (last completely updated in June 2016), Mary will gladly send you a copy so that you can check your info.

I know that some people will want to update their pictures, but I am not sure how we will handle that this year. If anyone responds to Julie's call for a "photographic eye" in the article above, perhaps we can arrange to have pictures taken before or after worship on a few Sundays in the near future. Please let Mary or Julie know if you think you could help with that. Thanks!



## Want to help your local administrative assistant??

If you can spare about an hour on a Thursday to help me with some regular tasks, it would enable me to get out on time and would also help keep from straining the church's budget with extra hours for me.

I would be GLAD to have your help!

The best time would probably be about 12:30-1:30 on Thursdays, but I could find things for you to do to help any hour you can spare between 9:30 and 2:00 on Thursday.

I already have one volunteer, so if I can get 2 or 3 more, I can make a schedule and you won't need to help me every Thursday.

Please let me know if you can help! Thank you! – Mary

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## *May Celebrations for Big Cove Friends*

### Happy May Birthday!

May 1 Lynn Nixon

May 2 Jimmy Scrimshire

May 5 Don Barnhart

May 5 Joyce Clark

May 8 Ryan Worthington

May 17 Presley Birdsong

May 18 Alaina Harvey

May 18 Claire Worthington

May 21 Conrow Book

May 22 Sherry Sakovich

May 23 Jane Rutledge

May 24 Merrie Duncan

May 31 Jackie Burnette

### Happy May Anniversary!

May 2 James & Catherine Glenn

May 7 Ryan & Claire Worthington

May 24 Carlos & Sylvia Romero

May 24 David & Kate Hosna

May 31 Don & Brenda Copeland

May 31 Kelvin & Jessica Birdsong Selvage

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### **Graduation reminder:**

Robyn Birdsong wanted Big Cove friends to remember that they are invited to Presley's graduation ceremonies at the Von Braun Center, 3:30-5:00 on May 25.



## Worship Leaders for May

### First Light 9:00 a.m.

	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<b>Greeter</b>	Renay Nunn	Nicole Harris	Savanna Harris	Alaina Harvey
<b>Host/hostess</b>	Elizabeth Butz	Michelle Jones	Nicole Harris	Melinda Harvey
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Clay Weir	Debbie Book	Don Barnhart	Linda Wheeler
<b>Power Point</b>	Ron Jones	Tennent Lee	Vicki Waldrop	the Harveys

### 11:00 a.m.

	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<b>Usher</b>	David Lilly	Dexter Gentle	Pat Lutz	Gary Bass
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Sandra Stephens	Larry Clark	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee
<b>Reader</b>	Neva Beasley	Kathy Barnhart	Todd Worthington	Gail Birdsong

### The CARE Center Food Pick Up

April 30-May 6	Kate Hosna
May 7-13	Gary Bass
May 14-20	Gary Bass
May 21-27	Gail Birdsong
May 28-June 3	Gail Birdsong

### WAVE Team

the Lutzes  
Jane Rutledge  
Linda Wheeler  
Pam Worthington  
Neva Beasley

### Centering Prayer leaders

May 1 Debbie  
May 8 Chris  
May 15 Kathy  
May 22 TBD  
May 29 TBD



## 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, Julie Loggins, Neva Beasley (Clerk)

**Deacons:** Judy Styles, Clay Weir

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

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

**Treasurer:** Sandra Stephens

**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

**Church Website:** Jeff Stephens

**Church Facebook Pages and Social Media:** Julie Loggins, Mary Hooper