



Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

PASTOR
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JUNE ELDER ON CALL
Bruce Harvey

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July Newsletter deadline is
June 26.

Opportunities Abound!

Your Session meets monthly and brainstorms together about their vision for spreading God's hope to more and more folks who will come through our doors. We're set back from the roadway, and thus somewhat limited in how to be noticed by those who drive by our facility. So we've encouraged the newest Ruling Elder to think about how to *market* our church over the airways. Julie Loggins is leading the way by presenting new ideas for our web page and our FaceBook presence to the technological crowd. We hope you'll offer to help her by taking pictures at church occasionally with your phone, or by interviewing a person from a generation different than yours, so you can articulate a story that she'll help you to write.

Debbie Book works in concert with the Worship Committee and the Liturgical Arts Team, to bring us interesting ways to present our Sunday worship for two very different services, with almost identical components. They brought us meaningful Lenten worship opportunities, awareness of the grandeur of God's creation on Earth Sunday and a bright red birthday celebration on Pentecost Sunday.

Dexter Gentle and Bruce Harvey have worked tirelessly to keep the facility functioning – and their work has been so excellent, you didn't even notice! The grounds were raked and mulched and re-planted for spring; the elevator is working seamlessly; both your church administrator and your pastor have updated computers, the a/c (*hooray for a/c!*) is prepared for the summer that isn't even here yet.

Now, your Session is getting ready for fun stuff that shows once again our hope for God's future in this sacred space. We're going to worship with two other congregations on the 4th of July weekend. We're going to have old-time hymns and lemonade during the month of July, and we'll even have a "pastor-swap" the first Sunday in August. Who knew that God's house could be so interesting and such fun!

We hope you'll get involved and stay involved as things around here continue to get better and better. God is worshipped. People are cared for. Opportunities abound. And Big Cove Presbyterian is making a difference. You should be part of it, too!

It is my honor to serve our Lord with you,

Candice

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – *Isaiah 40:31*

Your Session at Work

The Session met on May 30, 2017 and accomplished the following:

- Approved the use of on line bill pay for routine expenses.
- Approved Worship Committee recommendations for combining the music ministry with the worship committee.
- Approve Worship Committee recommendations for July service to be one service at 10am. Series called Hymn Sing and Lemonade in the Shade. Two services will be contemporary and two traditional
- Shepard Groups approved. Each Session member will be in charge of a set of people in the congregation for communication purposes.
- Worship leader training June 13 at 6:30pm
- Approved advertisement for First Light Musician
- Website for church being updated
- Online pledging being researched
- Loan refinancing is almost complete
- Granted permission for formation of Security and Emergency Procedures committee to be formed.
- Discussed adding an additional Elder as a liaison for Christian Education



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 June



- June 4: Pentecost Sunday**
- June 13: Worship Leaders' Coaching Clinic 6:30**
- June 18: Father's Day**
- June 20: Worship Ministry Team meeting 5:30**
- June 26: Deadline for July newsletter info**
- June 27: Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.**



Regularly Scheduled Events

- Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (one service at 10 in July!)**
- Sunday Christian Exploration for adults and children K-6 (through June): 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. (through June)**
- Choir Rehearsal: Check with Jervon for special summer rehearsal times**
- Fourth Saturday Bible Time: 4th Saturday each month 9:30**
- Church office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00**
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9:00-12:00**
- Wednesday 3:00-6:00 (And other times by appointment)**

FINANCIAL CORNER

April 2017 REPORT

Receipts:	\$12,462.00
Operation Expenses:	\$23,008.19
Donations to The Children's Home:	\$156.75

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

Expenses for April were much higher due to payment to Alfa Insurance and our first payment to the Board of Pensions for Pastor's benefits for 2 ½ months.

**Please note: the financial information in the May newsletter were actually the figures for *March*; I miss-labeled them as February. I am sorry for confusion I caused!—Mary

Congratulations to Big Cove Family Graduates!

Presley Birdsong graduated 8th in her class from Lee High School on May 25. She was in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Presley plans to continue her education, pursuing a degree in Nursing. She received a full scholarship and acceptance into the nursing school at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and will be there starting in the fall.

Austin Finley (Betty's grandson) graduated May 7 from UAH with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering. He plans to get a Master's degree from Auburn as he continues working.

Kenton Stephens, son of Jeff and Sandra Stephens, graduated on May 7, 2017 from the University of Alabama Huntsville. Kenton received his Bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems. He began his career on May 8th as an Information Systems Security Analyst with Noetic Strategies, assigned to the Army Logistics Group at Redstone Arsenal. He will return to UAH in the Spring to begin working on his Master's Degree in Cybersecurity.

Emily Worthington Lambert received a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University on May 9, 2017. She plans to work full-time at CVS Pharmacy in the Gulf Shores/Mobile area once she completes her licensing exams this summer.



Looking Ahead To Summer!

A Worship Leaders Coaching Clinic will be offered June 13, 6:30 pm

If you are currently serving as or are interested in serving as a Worship Leader, Liturgist, Greeter, and/or Usher please plan to attend.

The Coaching Clinic is designed to better equip leaders and to emphasize the importance of being a welcoming congregation, projecting a smooth transition using various components of worship, and understand how each component is connected to our overall WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.

The clinic is sponsored by the Worship Ministry Team and will be led by Pastor Candice and the WMT.



Watch midweeks for details about a POOL PARTY in June!!



Save the date! On July 2, Big Cove, along with the congregations of Faith Presbyterian and Hope Presbyterian Churches, will gather to celebrate Independence Day (and the joy of being in a connectional denomination!) in a joint worship service at 10:00 in the courtyard at Faith Presbyterian Church (5003 Whitesburg Drive in Huntsville). A barbecue and picnic will follow. Ministers and leaders from all three congregations will take part in planning and in the worship.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, 2-3 kinds of barbecue, buns, cole slaw, and potato salad will be provided. Please plan to bring a dessert (or a side dish that is a special 4th of July tradition to your family/friends!) to share. (Note: If the weather is too hot & humid or rainy & stormy, the worship service and luncheon will be inside.)

Hymn Sing Sundays and Lemonade in the Shade

Beginning July 9, we will offer one blended service at 10:00 a.m. Jervon will lead the congregational hymn sing, accompanied by Jimmie, John, and Linda. Each week immediately after morning worship, a Big Cove group will provide cookies and cold lemonade in the Bobby Birdsong Pavilion.



Share your Faith Story!

As the Marketing Committee is updating the website and trying to convey the *personality* of Big Cove to the general public, we would like to have several *faith stories* from our congregation to rotate on our website. These would be in print and potentially in audio format on the website (hopefully with the individual whose story it is in the audio) or even video. If you would be interested in sharing your story and being featured on the website, please contact Julie Loggins.

Last Call for changes for Church Directory Update

We will be updating the church directory for the next 2 or 3 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, without thinking 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 have received requests, along with replacement digital pictures, from a couple of people who want to update their pictures. Since no one has stepped up to try to take pictures before or after worship on a few Sundays, I believe that is the way we will need to handle those changes.

However, if you think you could be there before, after or between worship services to take some pictures for people who would like new pictures, please let Mary know and we'll make a schedule available.



Celebrations for Big Cove Friends in June



Happy June Birthday!

June 3 Diane Puckett

June 9 Savanna Harris

June 11 Linda Wheeler

June 14 Brenda Copeland

June 15 David Lilly

June 20 Pat Hodges

June 20 Marjorie Martin

June 22 Becky Marshall

June 30 Pat Lutz



Happy June Anniversary!

June 5 Tim & Pat Burke

June 11 Tennent & Diane Lee

June 12 Michael & Neva Beasley

June 14 Kevin & Connie Wilson

June 27 Bruce & Melinda Harvey

June 28 Glenn & Linda Wheeler

Worship Leaders for June

First Light 9:00 a.m.

	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
Greeter	Collin Jones	the Harveys	Nicole /Savanna Harris	Rachel Jones
Host/hostess	Nicole Harris	Debbie Book	Elizabeth Butz	Michelle Jones
Worship Leader	Don Barnhart	Debbie Book	Linda Wheeler	Clay Weir
Power Point	Ron Jones	Tennent Lee	Vicki Waldrop	the Harveys

11:00 a.m.

	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
Usher	Larry Clark	Dexter Gentle	Kay Hanks	David Lilly
Worship Leader	Sandra Stephens	Larry Clark	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee
Reader	Larry Clark	Joani Kerr	Tennent Lee	David Lilly

	<u>The CARE Center Food Pick Up</u>	<u>WAVE Team</u>
May 28-June 3	Gail Birdsong	Neva Beasley
June 4-13	Neva Beasley	the Lutzes
June 11-20	Neva Beasley	Jane Rutledge
June 18-27	Joyce Clark	Linda Wheeler
June 25-July 3	Joyce Clark	Pam Worthington

Centering Prayer leaders will be announced each week.



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: 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: 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

Musician Needed to Lead Contemporary Worship at Presbyterian Church (USA)

The position, which will be open September 1, 2017, requires that the musician select music and, along with the percussionist, accompany the congregation each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. worship service. The musician will coordinate praise music selections with pastor according to the theme/message of worship each week. The service is generally an hour long; occasionally there will be joint services (contemporary and traditional combined) either at 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. The church is in Big Cove/Hampton Cove area.

Guitar is desired, but other lead instruments, such as keyboard, would be considered. Knowledge of sound and recording equipment helpful. Salary will be discussed at time of interview. Please contact Tennent Lee