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Big Cove News

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Big Cove Presbyterian Church (USA)

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JULY ELDER ON CALL

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**August Newsletter deadline is
July 24.**

Excellence

Competition in corporate America, and around the world is usually fierce. And the folks who do an “okay” job probably receive an “okay” salary and an “okay” experience with the company. Many of us wish instead, that we had the astounding money, amazing brain power, remarkable talent, or incredible beauty of the people we see in movies, or hear about on Wall Street. Yet, the people who achieve exceptional notoriety, whether in sports, industry, or on the silver screen, report that their accomplishments didn’t happen overnight, but followed long hours, and usually years of very tough labor and meticulous focus on the details. And too many of us don’t really want to work that hard.

When Jesus fed the five thousand one afternoon, they were thrilled, and many returned the next day, seeking another free meal and a truly entertaining sermon. When they realized that he didn’t want them simply to eat, but to follow his example and to minister, they were disappointed. They didn’t really want to work that hard.

Do we sometimes assume that the work we do for the church, because it’s voluntary work, does not require excellence? If we do an “okay” job at the church, if we attend worship an “okay” number of times, if we put an “okay” amount of money into the plate, will we end up with an “okay” experience, and an “okay” amount of spiritual knowledge, and will Christ be pleased with his “okay” church filled with “okay” followers?

I hope we don’t have to face the Son of God one day, with a mediocre achievement list in hand. I don’t want to face the Almighty with excuses – justified though they may be. I don’t want to see the disappointment in his eyes, and hear his low sigh, because he offered me everything in abundance, while I just lived an “okay” life.

The Creator of the cosmos has provided us an excellent earth, and an extraordinary amount of days to share it. We have been fed, housed, educated, and spent our time as citizens of a remarkable world and an outstanding country. God has given us children and grandchildren whose smiles can light up a room! We have heard music and seen beauty and received an amazing bounty from this world, and overwhelming grace from a Sovereign who considers us heirs. Everything my Sovereign does is completed with excellence. In response, I have promised to give Christ my “all.” Have you promised the same?

Not yet? Wonder when that should begin.

Candice

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – *Philippians 4: 8*



Remember! This Sunday, July 2, Big Cove, along with the congregations of Faith Presbyterian and Hope Presbyterian Churches, will gather to celebrate Independence Day in a joint worship service at 10:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church (5003 Whitesburg Drive—corner of Whitesburg and Airport Road—in Huntsville). A barbecue picnic will follow. Ministers & leaders from all 3

congregations will lead worship.

The word is that **both the worship service and the barbecue will be INDOORS**—the service will be in the sanctuary and the picnic will be in the fellowship hall (with overflow in the gym.)

Several details about the day:

- **There will be a special offering** at the service for the Presbyterian Home for Children. If you write a check and wish for it to go to PHFC, please make it out directly to the Home. If you wish the offering to go to Big Cove, please be sure you make the check to Big Cove Presbyterian or place your offering in an envelope labeled “Big Cove Presbyterian Church.”
- **Please bring a dessert to share.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, 2-3 kinds of barbecue, buns, cole slaw, & potato salad will be provided. There will be LOTS of food, so you needn’t bring too much!
- **Feel free to carpool from Big Cove Church** to Faith! Meet in the Big Cove parking lot between **9:15** and **9:30** (at the latest). Sharing rides will help with parking space at Faith as well as help people who don’t know the way to get there, provide each other with fellowship on the way, etc.!
- **Dress casually** (coats and ties and fancy clothes are definitely NOT necessary!! Feel free to wear red, white and blue, or jeans, or whatever you would wear to a summer picnic!). I will be wearing Capris and *maybe* a patriotic tee shirt and summer hat with a patriotic band on it. Worshipers at Faith tend to dress casually all summer, even at the traditional service—especially for a barbecue!
- **Candice recommends** that you get a “Faith person to give you **a tour of the building**. Faith has a youth room that would seem welcoming to kids, a kids’ room with wonderful murals on the wall, a mission room where things are separated based on who needs what in the mission programs Faith supports, a commercial kitchen, a huge sanctuary and a FH with a stage and lighting and a sound system. You should see it all while they’re there.”

(Please note that all that is within the quotation marks above are *Candice’s words*. I am afraid I **AM** guilty of the sin of pride about Faith, but I try not to brag too much about it. I am on the Mission & Evangelism committee, though, and I am pretty pleased with our Mission Center—which is almost entirely thanks to Krista Lovell, our Mission Coordinator.--Mary)

Hymn Sing Sundays and Lemonade in the Shade

Beginning July 9, we will offer one service at 10:00 a.m., alternating weekly between traditional and first light worship styles. Each week, Jervon will lead a 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.



Big Cove’s Swimming Pool Party will be on July 23 at the Timbers Edge pool and clubhouse (off King Drake Road). Watch midweek reminders and bulletins for more details.

The Session was unable to meet in June because not enough elders could attend to reach a quorum. The next regular session meeting will be on July 25.

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 July

July 2: Independence Day Worship and barbecue at Faith Presbyterian Church

(corner of Whitesburg and Airport Roads in Huntsville)

July 4: Independence Day!

July 9, 16, 23, 30 (Sundays!)

10:00: Joint worship services, alternating traditional & first light styles, and including an old-fashioned hymn sing each week followed by lemonade and cookies in the pavilion

July 17: Worship Ministry Team meeting 5:30

July 23: Pool party—watch midweeks and bulletins for specific details

July 24: Deadline for August newsletter info

July 25: Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday Worship: one service at 10 in July!

Sunday Christian Exploration is on a summer break & will resume in the fall

Monday: Centering Prayer 6:00 p.m. except July 3

Tuesday: Prayer Group 11:00 a.m. except July 4

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

Current Conversations will take a break in July but resume in August

Choir Rehearsal: Check with Jervon for special summer rehearsal times

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

May 2017 REPORT

Receipts:

\$12,057.00

Operation Expenses:

\$15,441.98

Donations to The Children's Home:

\$125.00

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



Celebrations for Big Cove Friends in July



Happy July Birthday!

July 1 Tate Finley	July 22 Mackenzie Miller
July 4 Judy Styles	July 24 Robyn Birdsong
July 11 Debbie Book	July 26 Lenora Lee
July 13 Jervon Niska	July 27 Ron Jones
July 18 David Nunn	July 28 Hartwell Lutz
July 20 Kevin Wilson	July 29 Mary Burnette



Happy July Anniversary!

July 3 Hartwell & Pat Lutz
 July 14 John & Kerry Isom
 July 14 Donnie & Nicole Harris
 July 16 Kirk & Christie Finley
 July 24 Charles Boley & Mary Hooper
 July 30 Clay Weir & Julie Loggins

Worship Leaders for July

~Note: Join us at Faith Presbyterian, July 2 at 10:00 for worship service & barbecue!~ (details on page 2)

One Joint service at 10:00 each Sunday in July

	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
Greeter/Usher	Pat Lutz	Alaina Harvey	Hartwell Lutz	Collin Jones
Worship Leader	Debbie Book	Don Barnhart	Larry Clark	Sandra Stephens
Reader	Hartwell Lutz	-----	Sandra Stephens	-----
Power Point	-----	Tennent Lee	-----	Vicki Waldrop

***includes communion**

	<u>CARE Center Donations Pick Up</u>	<u>WAVE Team</u>
July 9-15	Kate Hosna**	Neva Beasley
July 16-22	Kate Hosna	Hartwell & Pat Lutz
July 23-29	Gary Bass**	Jane Rutledge
July 30-August 5	Gary Bass	Linda Wheeler

**** Please note new hours for CARE Center donations:**

Each Monday 9:00-Noon

Second Saturday each month 9:00-noon

****New Drop Off Location is at the New Hope Thrift Store 5039 Main Drive**

(If you aren't sure, Larry and Joyce Clark know where this is!)

Centering Prayer is taking a break until July 10.

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, Julie Loggins

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; tennentlee@comcast.net