

Calendar of Ministries

✠ **Saturday, February 23**
Faith Community Choir sings at Bath County High School at 7 p.m.

✠ **Sunday, February 24**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11 with Elder Sonny Clark to give his testimony
Fellowship Lunch after worship

✠ **Monday, February 25**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Tuesday, February 26**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Wednesday, February 27**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08
Lenten Study at 6 and 8 p.m.
Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ **Thursday, February 28**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Friday, March 1**
Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Saturday, March 2**
Evening Worship at 8

✠ **Sunday, March 3**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

In connection with our Lenten Devotion Book, we will provide opportunity to discuss insights prompted by the book. On Wednesday evenings at 6 and again at 8 p.m., Sharon Sherrard will guide a discussion of that week's readings. Sometimes the understanding of others can help you gain further understanding for yourself. These discussions will continue through March 27.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
February 21, 2013**

The First Miraculous Sign: Water into Wine

Worshippers at Windy Cove began a new series of Lenten messages on Sunday, February 17. These messages will focus on the seven miraculous signs mentioned prominently in the Gospel of John. The first of these signs occurred at a wedding at Cana in Galilee where Jesus turned water into wine.

The Gospel writer John uses a particular word to refer to Jesus' miracles. He calls them "signs." This designation by John indicates his intention for readers to look beyond the amazing power inherent in these miracles to find their significance in explaining who Jesus is. Indeed, the very function of a sign is to point beyond itself to a deeper reality.

John himself indicates in John 2:11, "This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him." Elsewhere, Jesus mentions that his mission is to show the Father's glory to those who believe. The word "glory" refers to the very substance and character of God. In other words Jesus' mission was to reveal God to those who were ready to receive that revelation.

Thinking about the unique sign at

this wedding, we can see at least three important aspects of that revelation. First, God is the one who initiates change or conversion. By changing water into wine, Jesus gave an indication of God's desire and power to change human beings as they accept Jesus.

Secondly, the story emphasizes that the wine that Jesus provided was the best wine. That part of the sign surely refers to the fact that the life that Jesus offers is true and fulfilling life. Living under God's rule in the Kingdom of Heaven is the way life was meant to be lived. In the words of this story, that Kingdom life is the "best" life.

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Take Note!

On Saturday, February 23, the Faith Community Choir will present their concert at the High School at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, February 24, Elder Sonny Clark will testify to the spiritual journey resulting from his tractor accident last August. Sonny will trace out the Lord's work in his life during the long months of recovery that followed the accident. After worship, we will celebrate Sonny's recovery at a Fellowship Lunch.

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Miraculous Sign (Cont.)

miracle with a wedding points directly to the joy that one experiences in living the new life in Christ. So many times, people have the misconception that the Christian life is all duty and really not much fun. Jesus' sign points to Kingdom life as being like a wedding where everyone is joyful together in support of the couple. This view is supported by another saying of Jesus in which he allows, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them."

The Windy Cove Choir also emphasized Jesus' revelation in the Gospel of John with their anthem, "Lift Your Light." In various ways the music echoed Jesus' words, "I am the light of the world," and his call, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

After an interlude on Sunday, February 24, to hear the inspiring testimony of Sonny Clark, we will resume our consideration of the miraculous signs looking at the healing of the official's son in chapter 4.

KISS Begins

Our Windy Cove children are spearheading the Kindness Initiative for Sunday School. This program is a cooperative effort between local congregations and the outreach arm of Group Publishing in conjunction with the hunger organization World

Vision. The goal of the program is to supply mosquito nets to children in countries where malaria is prevalent. Each mosquito net costs \$6 and is large enough to cover three children. One of the sample nets is now hanging at the front of the sanctuary.

After Elder Kim Lancaster introduced the program on Sunday, there were enough offerings in Sunday School for seven nets with two more added during worship. Each \$6 donation is recorded by pinning a kiss icon on our mosquito net. The program will continue now through Easter.

Homecoming Reflections

One person who wrote a substantial reflection on her life at Windy Cove was elder Sharon Sherrard. She began with a Bible passage from 2 Corinthians 3:

"Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts."

Sharon continues with more reflections on choir

I love choir, too! We have so much fun – I could tell lots of stories about that, but when Richard Durham actually snored in choir after falling asleep during the sermon, I laughed until I was almost sick. What is it about needing to laugh when you can't laugh that makes things so much funnier? It was also funny the day Rob said, "Our

hymn is number 119, 'Standing on the Promises,' and you may remain seated as we sing." Paul Lancaster, in the choir, just couldn't let that one pass. We ended up standing, of course. Our choir is very nurturing and supportive, and we have nurtured and supported a few people over the years who really could not sing. Really, they could not carry a tune in a bucket. But they were in the choir for a reason and for that season we loved on them. (There is no one in the choir currently who qualifies for this "love them even though they can't sing" category of choir members! They have all moved away. Unless it's me – I hadn't thought of that.) Recently, when Sonny Clark was in the hospital we called him to sing one of his favorite songs. We were all ready to sing "The King Is Coming for Me," when we realized that might not be the message we wanted to convey to someone in the hospital. We told him the King was coming, but Sonny had to stay with us for a lot more years first!

I remember little boys soon after potty training standing in the churchyard doing what they needed to do – to the horror of their mothers and the hilarity of everyone else.

I remember when lots of you were born and the joy that brought to your family and to our church! We were so glad to welcome the babies, we still are. We need to have some more! Anyone want to volunteer?

Next week Sharon continues her reflection as she mentions some memorable events and people who have blessed her.

God's Mysterious Answers

On Sunday, February 17, the congregation prayed for a colleague of Mr. Sherrard's. She is a teacher at the college, and her mother had been sick with cancer of the mouth.

After one operation, the mother's cancer had quickly returned. She had another more extensive operation in early February. After the second operation, the consultation was very bleak. The initial observation was that, although most of the tumor had been removed, the edges of the site still looked cancerous. At the time it was believed that follow-up treatment with chemotherapy and radiation would be necessary. Mr. Sherrard's friend was very distressed with this news.

When Mr. Sherrard saw his friend a week later, she said that the tumor board had met and reevaluated the situation. They believe that the original slides must have been reversed on the screen or that some other glitch had occurred because cancer did not appear to be present on the current film. They indicated that no chemotherapy or radiation was necessary at the present time.

Mr. Sherrard's friend who had been so distracted at work in thinking about her mother's possible treatment was overjoyed to share the good news that the whole situation had been resolved for the better. As she put it, "The news is all good." Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.