

Calendar of Ministries

† Saturday, March 2

Evening Prayers at 8

† Sunday, March 3

Sunday School at 9:45 where Mike

Grist will begin a new series of lessons in the Adult Class

Morning Worship at 11

Teen Ski Trip after worship

† Monday, March 4

Morning Prayers at 8

† Tuesday, March 5

Morning Prayers at 8

† Wednesday, March 6

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, March 7

Morning Prayers at 8

† Friday, March 8

Morning Prayers at 8

† Saturday, March 9

Evening Worship at 8

† Sunday, March 10

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Our second evening of worship sponsored by the Faith Community Choir was a great success on Saturday, February 23. The Choir had about fifty members, and more than 300 folks attended the event. Many thanks to Betty Cauley who helped organize the Choir last year, to Tammy Lindsay who directed the Choir, and to Jon Eaton who served as worship leader last Saturday. The music and fellowship encouraged all.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2013

Sonny Clark Encourages Congregation

Elder Sonny Clark greatly encouraged the Windy Cove Congregation with his personal testimony of faith on Sunday, February 24. Sonny spoke during Morning Worship of the events surrounding his tractor accident last August and his subsequent recovery in the months that followed.

Sonny used the title, Around the Mountain, to describe his physical and spiritual journey to health following the accident. He divided that journey into four parts. First, Sonny described the tractor incident itself. He had taken his tractor to mow a neighbor's field where Sonny keeps a horse. The tractor had a bush hog on the back and a loader on the front. Before his mowing had begun, Sonny got off the tractor to deal with a gate in the field.

As Sonny began to remount the tractor, its brake popped loose. The tractor began to roll forward pulling him underneath one of the big tires and dragging him along the ground. When the tractor stopped rolling, Sonny was wedged beneath the tire and the ground. Asking for the Lord's help, he somehow managed to push the tractor tire back enough to free himself; and the tractor did not roll

forward even though it was still on an incline. Sonny gathered his physical and spiritual strength enough to make the trip back to his home where his wife Bea recognized that immediate medical attention would be necessary.

Our local emergency crew responded promptly and quickly made arrangements for Sonny to be airlifted to Roanoke for treatment. After a lengthy stay in the emergency room, Sonny had stabilized and was moved to a regular room. His injuries included broken ribs, a punctured lung, broken bones in his foot, and severe abrasions on his arms and body. After several days in Roanoke, Sonny's doctor son, Ronnie, made

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Take Note!

New series in the Adult Sunday School Class begins on Sunday, March 3, with Elder Mike Grist teaching

In worship on March 3, Mr. Sherrard will continue the current Lenten series on the Seven Miraculous Signs from the Gospel of John. The focus will be the healing of the official's son in John 4.

Coming on March 28 and Easter: I, Nicodemus—an original Lenten Drama

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Sonny Clark (Cont.)

arrangements for Sonny's release realizing that his dad would recover more quickly at home than in the hospital. As Sonny put it on Sunday, he came home to a saintly wife. He allowed as how he is not always that easy to get along with under normal circumstances much less under the stress of his injuries. Yet, Bea patiently and lovingly helped him through his recovery.

It was during the recovery at home that the second stage of Sonny's journey began. One day he noticed extreme swelling in his feet and legs. His doctor arranged for him to be admitted immediately to Augusta Medical Center. After getting much of the fluid out of his system including away from his lung, Sonny began to feel better. However, the doctors wanted to monitor his heart just to make sure that was not the cause of the fluid retention.

This monitoring led to the third stage of Sonny's journey. At first things seemed relatively normal, and Sonny was scheduled to leave the hospital for home. In fact, Bea was on the way to pick him up when a cardiologist told Sonny that he was not leaving and that a pacemaker would be implanted the next day. Although startled by this news and the emphatic way that the doctor delivered it, the pacemaker implant was a key to Sonny's eventual recovery. In fact, the doctor told him later that, had he left the hospital that evening without the pacemaker,

he might very well have drifted off to sleep on the way home and never reawakened. The pacemaker adjusted Sonny heart in a way that sped the remainder of his recovery.

Once Sonny was really feeling better, the last part of his journey began. He had been notified by the Department of Motor Vehicles that his driver's license would be recalled and would not be renewed because of his medical condition. This action was being taken despite the fact that Sonny had been released by his doctors to drive.

Sonny was especially distressed by this news because after retiring from his farm work he has enjoyed driving a Bath County School bus. For the last few years, Sonny has hauled many of the sports teams to their games. Additionally, he has a special bond with the kids on his regular route. Finally, Sonny thought that he had done everything he could to convince the DMV of his capability of driving. He told Bea that whatever happened, it was now up to the Lord. Only a day or so later, the DMV called to say that that were now prepared to reissue his Commercial Driver's License without restrictions. On his first day back on his regular bus route, all the kids were overjoyed to see him following his three-month absence. He got lots of hugs and pats on the back from his kids.

This summary of Sonny's journey does not really do justice to the encouragement he gave to the congrega-

tion on Sunday. Sonny told his story sincerely and with great humor. At all points along the way, he highlighted how the Lord was working in his life. Sonny gave glory to God and expressed his abundant appreciation for the family and friends who prayed and cared for him along the way.

To express our gratitude to God for Sonny's recovery and his presence with us, the congregation responded to his encouraging message by singing the beautiful chorus, "Give Thanks."

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 ends with some personal reflections.

I remember when lots of you drove to a restaurant in Roanoke to surprise me for my 50th birthday. I really was surprised, too – how did you do that? I remember Rob's 25th year celebration when you gave me a Palm Pilot. To present it, Paul Howell dressed up as a pilot and held a picture of a palm tree. Took me a while to get it. I thought at first that maybe he was flying us to Florida or South Carolina or some-

thing! But what a great boost for my "gadget gene"!

That same day you gave Rob a hand-crafted and engraved putter; and when Buck Smith presented it, he told everyone that Rob had made an honest golfer out of him. We need to check with Glenn Williams to see if that's still true.

I remember the sadness, too. The pain of losing people that you love so much. It never gets any easier, in fact, the longer we stay the more we love and the more it hurts to lose our friends. I struggle at times to hold on to my absolute conviction that God can and does heal the sick and the brokenhearted. I struggle to remain faithful in the fight to pray when we have lost a significant battle. But God is faithful, even when I am not, and He will win the battle and He will gain the victory. Yes!

Thank you Windy Cove! Thank you for these good years. I am so thankful for our life together. I've heard the expression used in the church that we are "doing life together." I'm sure it sometimes feels like a penitentiary sentence for you doing life with me, but I so appreciate that you have put up with me for all this time! I am a blessed woman, that's for sure, and Windy Cove is a large part of that blessing.

Lenten Drama and Cantata

Tammy Lindsay, Rob Sherrard, and our Windy Cove Choir are collaborating on a drama and cantata for Lent and Easter. Watch for details and save the dates of March 28 and 31.