

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, September 28

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

✠ Sunday, September 29

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Choir at Piney Grove in the afternoon with worship beginning at 3 p.m.

✠ Monday, September 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, October 1

Morning Prayers at 8

Women's Bible Study at 6:45 p.m.

✠ Wednesday, October 2

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 3

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Organizational Meeting at 7 p.m.

✠ Friday, October 4

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 5

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 6

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with our Four Cents Hunger Offering

October 6th is also World Communion Day so we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Things to Come

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders

Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, October 13, following worship

Food Pantry on Tuesday, October 8



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2013

Choir Flies Away; Paul Is Converted

On Sunday, September 22, the Windy Cove Choir began our worship with their lively rendition of "I'll Fly Away." The arrangement was actually a medley which concentrated on the Christian hope of living eternally with Jesus in heaven. Besides "I'll Fly Away," the medley included "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." After such a dynamic start, the congregation had no trouble moving quickly into worshipping the living God.

The focus for our Bible lesson was from Acts 9 on the conversion of the Apostle Paul as he traveled from Jerusalem to Damascus. The congregation viewed a dramatic presentation of the scripture from the Visual Bible. The Visual Bible of the Book of Acts uses the text from the New International Version to accompany the video portrayal of the action.

The congregation saw Paul being knocked to the ground at the appearance of the risen Lord Jesus. Then, his traveling companions took him to the house of Judas on Straight Street. His companions had to lead him to this destination because his encounter with Jesus had left him blind.

Meanwhile, the Lord spoke to a believer named Ananias. He told Ana-

nias to go to Paul who had already had a vision of a man coming to pray for him to receive his sight. Ananias was reluctant to go because Paul had the reputation of arresting and persecuting Christians. In fact, Paul had been carrying arrest warrants on his trip to Damascus. However, Ananias was obedient; he went to Paul; and Paul received his sight, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and was baptized.

Paul's Jewish upbringing and training as a Pharisee nearly prevented him from fulfilling the plan that God had for his life. However, when confronted with the risen Jesus, Paul's heart and understanding were changed. In our modern terminology, Paul was converted. Actually, the

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Take Note!

Women's Bible Study begins on Oct 1 at 6:45. Pick up a study book in the vestibule. Call Sharon Sherrard for details.

Men's Group organizational meeting on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m.

Bring your pennies on Sunday, October 6, for our Four Cents Hunger Offering.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. to elect elders

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Paul, Choir (Cont.)

word “conversion” is hardly ever used in the Bible. The Biblical word for speaking about what happened to Paul is the word “repentance.” Repentance means to have a change of mind and heart which includes a change of direction in one’s life. Repentance includes a continual reorientation of one’s life to God.

Repentance is like checking a compass to determine true north. In repenting a person checks his or her spiritual compass to make sure that the direction is still towards God. Paul’s spiritual compass had been thrown off by his own judgments about Christianity. The risen Jesus recalibrated Paul’s compass. From the time on the road to Damascus until his death, Paul continually checked his spiritual compass to make sure that he was oriented toward God through the Holy Spirit.

On September 29 the congregation will continue the study of Paul with a look at what have been called the “silent years.” These years comprise the time between Paul’s conversion and his arrival at Antioch with the beginning of his missionary journeys.

Pumpkin Patch

Windy Cove now has its own Pumpkin Patch. It’s not the traditional kind with the pumpkins attached to the vines growing in the soil. Rather, it’s a patch which will help to bind us with closer ties to the

school children in Haiti at our adopted Notre Dame School.

About a month ago, Elder April Miller reported to the Session about the Haiti Mission Trip for 2013. That trip was in July when our team of twelve visited and worked at Notre Dame School in David (pronounced da-vide), Haiti. Windy Cove had adopted this school in the fall of 2012 as a mission project.

April mentioned during her report that the principal of the school said that his biggest need was to provide a nutritious meal for the children. Indeed, he told the Windy Cove team that children would leave school in the middle of the day because of hunger pangs and an inability to concentrate.

April also reported that there was about \$1,000 in extra offerings beyond what was necessary for scholarships for the children to attend the school. She presented the opportunity to use these extra offerings to begin a feeding program at the school. The Session heartily endorsed this idea and authorized our Pumpkin Patch.

The Pumpkin Patch is in the vestibule. The patch has “pumpkins” of various sizes. These pumpkins represent the different offerings that folks might give toward the feeding program. For example, did you know that 26 cents will provide one meal for one child in Haiti? So, \$20 will provide 77 meals. \$100 will provide 384 meals. Every offering is important to those children who

attend Notre Dame School. **You can find your particular pumpkin on Sunday in the vestibule. Then, attach it to your check or cash when you place it in the offering plate.**

In addition to the Pumpkin Patch, several other ways of providing meals for the children have opened up. Mossy Creek Church has expressed interest in helping with this ministry. Alex Cambata, who is about ready to begin his quest to become an Eagle Scout, is preparing a proposal to make the feeding program his Eagle Scout project. It’s amazing how much good can be done when the Lord stirs people up.

Teen Ministry

At the Youth Retreat at Headwaters Lodge two weeks ago, there were 22 teens from 8 different churches. Many of these same young people joined together on Wednesday, September 18, for the school year’s first meeting of Bible Club at the High School.

Chaplains Sydney Herscher and Mikayla Miller also scouted out some more kids prior to their meeting in the Band Room last Wednesday. Mikayla went to the cafeteria around 8 and told the bus students waiting there that they could “escape” early by coming to Bible Club at 8:08 rather than waiting until 8:15 to go to their homerooms. Her invitation was successful as a number of kids followed her to Bible Club.

On September 25 the teens gathered round the flagpole for the na-

tionwide event: See You at the Pole (SYATP). This student-initiated event has swept over the country since its beginning in 1990 in Texas. You can see the history and results of this year’s SYATP on the website: syatp.com. Many teens will report their attendance and God’s presence at their individual school events.

Our local Bible Club operates in conjunction with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter at Bath County High School. Because of their meeting time at 8:08 a.m. on Wednesdays, the gathering has become known simply at 808. Chaplains Miller and Herscher will be leading Bible study and prayer at that time each Wednesday in the Band Room. Pastor Steve Shaver and Elder Sharon Sherrard are advisors for 808 and for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

In addition, Windy Cove will host regular Sunday evening meetings for teens on the first and third Sundays of each month at Millboro Elementary School. The first Sunday meeting is on October 6 beginning at 5 p.m. The schedule calls for fellowship, snacks, and games from 5 to 6. Worship and Bible study will run from 6 to 7 p.m. For those who want to stay, there will be recreation in the gym from 7 to 8 p.m. The last hour also provides the opportunity for more singing, eating, hanging out, or making contact with our Youth Coordinator, Sharon Sherrard.

If you are called on to help with these programs, lend a willing hand.