

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, October 19

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

✠ Sunday, October 20

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Fields of Faith at Bath County High School at 7 p.m.

✠ Monday, October 21

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, October 22

Morning Prayers at 8

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

✠ Wednesday, October 23

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 24

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Meeting at 7 p.m.

✠ Friday, October 25

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 26

Maury River Mission Community at

New Monmouth, 9 to 3

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 27

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session lunch with training and planning after worship

Things to Come

Fields of Faith at the High School, Oct 20 at 7 p.m., everyone invited

Session lunch, training, and planning on Sunday, October 27.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2013

New Class of Elders Elected

Prior to Morning Worship on Sunday, October 13, the Windy Cove Congregation held a congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for elders for the Class of 2016. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Pastor Rob Sherrard who moderated.

Jon Eaton reported for the Nominating Committee. He recalled for the congregation that Tammy Lindsay, Terry King, and he had been elected earlier by the congregation to the Nominating Committee. Those three members were joined later by Elders Vicki Grist and Nancy Peery who were appointed by the Session. Together these five worked through the process of selecting nominees.

Jon placed in nomination the following people: Sharon Madison, Johnny Peery, Sonny Clark, and Justin Shanks. All were present on Sunday and had agreed to serve if elected by the congregation. Moderator Rob Sherrard asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was passed by common consent to close the nominations. Then, a motion was made to elect the four nominees by acclama-

tion. Members of the congregation stood to show their support for the four nominees, and they were elected by acclamation.

Sharon, Johnny, and Sonny have all previously been ordained as elders and served on the Session at Windy Cove. Justin has not been previously ordained. During the next few weeks these folks will be offered leadership training along with current members of the Session. Part of the training will be handled by our Mission Community on Saturday, October 26. Another part of the training will be at the next regular Session meeting on October 27. Following that training and examination, a time to ordain and install these newly-elected elders will be established.

Take Note!

Fields of Faith at Bath County High School on October 20 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this event sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Session training and planning:

Oct 26 at New Monmouth Church with the Maury River Mission Community

Oct 27 after worship at Windy Cove at the regular Session meeting

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Sunday, October 13

Following a congregational meeting at 11 on October 13, the congregation gathered for worship. Worship leader, Traci Herscher, beautifully helped the congregation make the transition from the meeting to worship. Traci led the congregation into "Here I Am to Worship." She began the song herself and gently coaxed the congregation to join in. That introduction to worship was followed by the powerful celebration of the resurrection with "My Redeemer Lives."

The Windy Cove Choir contributed their anthem as a reflection before the offering. The Choir sang that a relationship with Jesus was "More Precious than Silver." While still thinking on those words, the worshipers gave their tithes and offerings to God.

Because the day included the election of elders and the commissioning of chaplains for Bible Club, the Bible lesson focused on the preparation of Barnabas and Paul for their first missionary journey. As outlined in Acts 11 and 13, Barnabas was an important leader in the early church, first in Jerusalem and later in Antioch. He was also responsible for incorporating the newly converted Paul into the ministry of the young Christian church.

Christians were originally known as People of the Way (of Jesus). However, when these early followers of Jesus became separated from

traditional Judaism, they were called Christians. That change first happened in Antioch, a city in Syria. It was there that the Holy Spirit spoke to the church about setting aside Barnabas and Paul for a special work. That ministry would become known as Paul's First Missionary Journey.

Paul especially had been prepared for this missionary activity. First, he was prepared by his Jewish upbringing and education. Paul was born into a devout Jewish family and then received extensive training as a Pharisee. Pharisees, for example, often memorized the entire Torah, the first five books of the Bible. Later on, Paul would put this Biblical education to good use in his understanding and explanation of Jesus and his ministry.

Secondly, Paul had absorbed much of the general Hellenistic culture of his day. He was able to converse intelligently about Greek philosophy and literature. He understood the ways of people who had been brought up outside of Judaism. This general familiarity with the prevailing culture of his day allowed Paul to minister effectively to non-Jews as well as to his Jewish brothers and sisters.

Finally, Paul was a Roman citizen. That citizenship gave him privileges that many in the Roman Empire did not enjoy. Perhaps the most useful of those privileges was the ability to travel without restriction throughout the Empire. That ability became

a key to Paul's ministry as he traveled extensively in his quest to spread the good news of Jesus.

This discussion of Paul led to a consideration of how the Lord continues to prepare people for ministry as part of God's plan for the world. We can still see that God uses our families, our education, and our life experiences to prepare us for ministry.

After this message, Sydney Herscher and Mikayla Miller came forward to be commissioned as chaplains for Bible Club for this year at Bath County High School. Other Windy Covians who had previously served as chaplains for Bible Club came forward to lay hands upon Mikayla and Sydney during Elder Sharon Sherrard's prayer of commissioning. These former chaplains included Angela Herscher, Drew Newmarker, Aaron Newmarker, and Justin Shanks.

The service concluded with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction followed by the congregation joining hands and singing "The Church's One Foundation."

After worship, the congregation shared Soup and Sandwiches. When asked what soup he had, Camden Wagoner replied, "Deer soup." It must have been one of the several vegetable blends. There was also chili, potato (Did we hear made with real cream?), and several more. Varieties of sandwiches were available as were many desserts. What a good day Sunday was!

People and Prayers

We had a reunion of sorts at Windy Cove on October 13. Bill, Carol, and Liz Magargee were present for worship. As some of our readers will remember, Bill and Carol lived in Bath County as newlyweds in the 1980s. Bill and Carol were part of the extended family of Dick and Sally Rauscher. They lived in the Rauscher's guest house on Route 42. Bill worked at the Pumped Storage Project having heard about the opportunities there from Dick Rauscher who later became the project manager for Daniels Construction.

Carol and Bill were very active at Windy Cove. Both sang in the Windy Cove Choir. Carol taught Sunday School and was active with the young people here. Carol and Bill's three children were born after they left Bath County and eventually settled in Ohio. Their oldest daughter, Liz, was with them on Sunday. Liz teaches at Faith Christian School in Roanoke.

Their visit at Windy Cove on Sunday was intentional. Carol had been corresponding with Mr. Sherrard about the possibility of joining the 2014 Haiti Mission Team. Both Carol and Liz are likely to become members of the team. So, after lunch on Sunday, they sat down with Mr. Sherrard to find out more about the opportunity.

We were delighted to see the Magargees again and look forward to further contact with them.