

## Calendar of Ministries

### † Saturday, November 2

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

### † Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time ends, set your clocks back one hour

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teen Group at Millboro Elementary at 5:00 p.m.

### † Monday, November 4

Morning Prayers at 8

### † Tuesday, November 5

Election Day in Virginia

Morning Prayers at 8

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

### † Wednesday, November 6

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

### † Thursday, November 7

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Meeting at 7 p.m.

### † Friday, November 8

Morning Prayers at 8

### † Saturday, November 9

Evening Prayers at 8

### † Sunday, November 10

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 including the Ordination and Installation of elders

### Things to Come

Game Night, Saturday, Nov 16 at 6:30

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Millboro Presbyterian on Sunday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. Pastor John Haney will lead the worship with Pastor Darren Keithley of Calvary Baptist preaching the message.



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
October 31, 2013**

## Session Sets Ordination Date

At its regular monthly meeting on October 27, the Windy Cove Session set the date for the ordination and installation of elders for the Class of 2016. On Sunday, November 10, the Session will ordain Justin Shanks as an elder, and the Session will install Justin along with Sharon Madison, Sonny Clark, and Johnny Peery as members of Windy Cove's governing council.

Justin will join his sister, Julie Wagoner, on the Session. Justin thus becomes the second person that Mr. Sherrard has baptized as a child and then welcomed as an ordained elder. Justin also follows in the tradition of his grandfather, Leo Shanks, who has served as a long-time elder and trustee for Windy Cove.

At its recent meeting, the Session also reappointed Nancy Peery as Clerk of the Session, Mike Wagoner as Receiving Treasurer, and Fran Hobbs as Disbursing Treasurer. Pastor Rob Sherrard serves as Moderator of the Session by virtue of his pastoral office.

The Session also made appointments to the Ministry Teams for the coming year. Mike Grist and Kim Lancaster will serve on the Disciple-

ship and Evangelism Team; Sharon Madison, Vicki Grist, and Sharon Sherrard will serve on the Fellowship and Service Team; Traci Herscher and Julie Wagoner will lead the Worship Ministry Team; and Buck Smith, Glenn Williams, and Justin Shanks will work on the Property Ministry Team.

The Session confirmed the date of Windy Cove's next fellowship event as Saturday, November 16. That night will be Game Night at Windy Cove. Extreme Musical Chairs will be back for a second year as will the popular Catch Phrase. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. and will include dessert, but not a full meal. Bring a dessert to share with others, and bring a willing disposition to have some fun with your church family.

### Take Note!

**Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3. Set your clocks back one hour or risk coming to Sunday School and Worship an hour early.**

**Ordination and installation of elders on Sunday, November 10. The Session will convene at 10:45 to prepare for the service.**

**Game Night at Windy Cove on Saturday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

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## Haiti Happenings

The Haiti Pumpkin Patch at Windy Cove has experienced a bountiful harvest this fall. Through generous giving at Windy Cove and by other individuals and churches that support the Haiti ministry, we have received offerings of around \$5,000 to begin a feeding program at Notre Dame School in David, Haiti.

We expect the school to enroll about 100 children this school year which began in the middle of September. The feeding program costs \$.26 per meal per child. Those figures show that it will cost \$26 per day to feed the children at the school. The school year usually lasts about 190 days which means the total for the feeding program will be about  $190 \times \$26 = \$4,940$ .

Elder April Miller has been instrumental in designing the Pumpkin Patch. She is also working tirelessly for the children of Haiti in her new position as a board member at the Haiti Education Foundation. April recently attended the board meeting in California and visited churches in that area. She has also spoken to Sunday School at Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church. April is speaking at Warm Springs in the near future.

Windy Cove is currently assembling its 2014 Haiti Mission Team for a planned July trip to Haiti. If you or someone you know senses a call to participate in this summer ministry, please contact April Miller or Rob

Sherrard soon. Rob and April keep an open list of interested folks from year to year. This year they are seeking to balance the team with about 6 or 7 new folks on the team and about 5 or 6 returning members. The approximate dates for our summer mission are July 7 through July 15, and the cost will likely run about \$1,000 per person.

## Paul Stoned in Lystra

On Sunday, October 27, the Windy Cove Congregation continued on the First Missionary Journey with Paul and Barnabas. After leaving Antioch of Pisidia, they went on to Iconium and eventually to Lystra.

In Lystra through the grace and power of God, Paul healed a lame man. This demonstration of God's power was proof of the gospel that Barnabas and Paul were preaching. That dramatic healing caused an uproar in the city. There was a temple to the Greek god Zeus in Lystra, and the people mistakenly believed that Paul and Barnabas were gods. The people proclaimed, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

A Christian who reads that quotation might be struck by the truth that is embedded within. Certainly, Paul and Barnabas disclaimed any notion that they were gods. In fact, the Bible tells us in Acts 14 that these missionaries were so distressed that they tore their clothes to prove that they were just human

beings. Barnabas and Paul were horrified that the Lystrans might offer sacrifices to them as gods.

However, there is an element of truth embedded in what the Lystrans said. God has come down to people as a human being. That person was not Paul nor Barnabas. Instead, that person was Jesus. As the Gospel writer John puts it, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." Jesus was the living Word of God in human flesh.

Actually, it was absolutely necessary that Jesus come as the truly human and truly divine Word of God. Jesus' mission was to reconcile people to God. People had been alienated from God by their sin. People were incapable on their own of making things right with God. God had to initiate the reconciliation and provide the satisfactory peace offering to restore the relationship. Jesus was God's initiative and God's offering which gave people the opportunity to come back to a right relationship with God.

In addition to that mission of reconciliation, Jesus also became the precise communication of God's love to people. The best testimony of God's love to human beings was through a human being, Jesus, who was willing to sacrifice his life for his fellow human beings. Paul says, "But God shows his love for us, be-

cause while we were still sinners Christ died for us." So, it isn't simply that God reconciled us to himself. Rather, he did reconcile us because of his great love for us.

Finally, the embedded truth in what the Lystrans said was that Jesus becomes an example for human beings to live the true life which God intended for all people. By the power of God's Holy Spirit, we can live as Jesus did. In church language we can become more like Christ. We have the opportunity and the power through the Spirit to be more humble, loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind and all the other virtues that Jesus himself practiced.

Yes, God has come down to us in human form: Jesus was truly God and truly human. Thank God!

## Fran Hobbs Returns Home

Elder Fran Hobbs returned home on Tuesday evening, October 29, from an extended mission trip to China and Thailand. Unfortunately, during the latter part of her journey, Fran was laid up with some severe inflammation in her leg. She spent five days in the hospital in Thailand before making the long journey home. So, Fran needs your prayers as she recovers from this setback to her service for the Lord. May God speed her recovery.

As for the rest of the trip, we will have to wait a few weeks to hear the full story of Fran's adventure.