

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, January 25

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, January 26

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 as we continue our journey with the Apostle Paul

Bring your 4 Cents Hunger Offering
Session meets for lunch after worship

✠ Monday, January 27

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, January 28

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Wednesday, January 29

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

Mr. Sherrard will be in Harrisonburg for a meeting during the day.

✠ Thursday, January 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, January 31

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, February 1

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, February 2

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 as we continue our journey with the Apostle Paul

Community Teen Super Bowl Party around 6 p.m.

Food Pantry continues to meet the needs of many households in Bath County. Although January saw a small decline from the previous months, the Pantry still served over 60 households. So, bring your pennies on Sunday, January 26. The Lord needs those pennies.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
January 23, 2014**

A Few Good Men

Like the Marines, Windy Cove is currently looking for a “few good men.” Pastor Rob Sherrard is recruiting ten men to participate in a video-based Bible study: *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood*. This study leads men through a consideration of the Biblical view of what it means to be a man. The study emphasizes reflection, participation, and the development of a plan for growing in faith and understanding of God’s plan.

The Bible study will begin once ten men have made a commitment to follow through with the program. At present it looks as if Monday evenings will be the likely time for the men to meet together. The approximate time would be from 7 to 9 p.m. Duration for the entire study would be about 6 weeks.

Individual sessions for this Bible study include: 1. Surveying the Terrain (Defining Manhood), 2. Scaling the Summit (Living Courageously), 3. Strengthening your Heart (Building a Life of Faith), and 4. Showing the Way (Stepping Up to Lead). Each of these sessions includes video segments to spur thinking and dialogue.

Each session also includes some personal time for reflection on the particular issues raised. Each session also contains time for group discussion and encouragement.

If you are interested in this study but need more information, talk to Mr. Sherrard. The study will begin once the group of ten has been recruited. Although the starting date is still flexible, it is likely that *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood* will begin sometime in February and continue through mid-March.

This study has been prepared by Family Life Publishing and is based on a book by Dennis Rainey. Family Life has been offering resources on marriage and family life for many years. Men, are you ready and willing?

Take Note!

After a brief break following Christmas, your *Weekly Word* is now back in circulation. We are currently updating our mailing list, discussing with the U. S. Postal Service why some of our newsletters get mangled in the mail each week, and contemplating the possibility of an e-*Weekly Word* for those of our readers who would rather receive the publication in that format. We will keep you posted on these items and solicit your help going forward.

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Christmas Season

We had a very satisfying and encouraging Christmas season at Windy Cove. Our focus on the Carols of Christmas brought some new insight about the Biblical significance of Jesus' birth and also refreshed warm memories for many in the congregation of past Christmas celebrations.

As is often the case, the highlight of our seasonal celebration was our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship. We had a very full sanctuary that evening with a number of visitors, some returning family members and others simply members of our Bath County community. The congregation sang carols, listened to the good news of Jesus through the music of the Windy Cove Choir, heard a meditation on the difference that Jesus makes in a person's life, celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and held their candles high as they sang "Silent Night, Holy Night."

A smaller group of worshipers finished the Carols of Christmas on Sunday, December 29, by looking carefully at the familiar "Joy to the World." Mr. Sherrard invited those present to complete the thought, "Joy to the world, . . ." He suggested such conclusions as "the stock market is higher," "I got the gift I wanted for Christmas," and "my family is safe and healthy." The rest of the message explored the completion suggested by the hymn:

"Joy to the world; the Lord is come." The hymn traces that Biblical theme out to its final conclusion in the second coming of Jesus when all aspects of life will reflect God's joy and peace.

On Sunday, January 5, Elder April Miller filled the pulpit at Windy Cove. April's message focused on the familiar passage in Ecclesiastes 3 where the wise man speaks of a time for every activity. April noted how the beginning of a new year provides an opportune time for reflection and an opportunity in Jesus to rid ourselves of thoughts and attitudes that hinder our spiritual growth.

Mr. Sherrard was back in the pulpit on January 12 and 19. On those Sundays the congregation rejoined Paul on his second missionary journey. The worshiping congregation will continue to journey with Paul from now to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

Christmas Flowers

The lovely flowers that graced the sanctuary were a beautiful part of our Christmas celebration. Our Worship Ministry Team integrated the cream and red poinsettias with our candles and with two lighted wreaths, one in the back window of the sanctuary and a Trinity wreath on the front wall. We were delighted to have the flowers which lasted well past the beginning of the New Year.

It is our joy to recognize those who gave extra offerings to remember and to celebrate members of their families and our community.

To Remember

**Carl and Marie Swope
Clyde and Maude Hively**
By Joyce and Clyde Hively

**Julia Toney
Carl and Della Plecker
Louise McLaughlin Smith**
By Ruth Cauley

**Wilson Shanks
David and Betty Jo Armstrong**
By Donna and Rickey Armstrong

Hunter and Sadie Hepler
By the Hepler Family

David and Anna Innes
By Barbara and Buck Smith

**To Honor
Marie Shanks**
*By her daughter,
Donna Armstrong*

Tammy Lindsay
By Ruth Cauley

**Their Sons: Henry, John,
and William**
By Kathy and Donald Barden

Looking Back, Looking Forward

After worship on January 19, members of the 2013 Windy Cove Haiti Mission Team gathered for a reunion lunch at the church. Last year's team invited those interested in joining the 2014 Team to join them for lunch as a way of starting the development of a new team.

In recent years especially, we have kept a list of interested persons from one year to the next. We have also had many people who are so touched by the ministry in Haiti that they want to return each year. We try to balance the need to incorporate new people into the team with the need to take veteran people who can deepen the overall experience for everyone on the team. We try very hard to include new folks from churches who have supported Windy Cove's ministry over the years. For example, we have been working with Warm Springs Presbyterian Church and with Mossy Creek to include members on our 2014 team. With all these factors under consideration, we may still have one or two spots available on the 2014 team.

Our current schedule for the team looks something like this. We hope to have a commitment from the prospective members of the team by early February. We expect to acquire tickets sometime in February or March when they are usually cheaper. We will hold required orientation meetings in April, May, and June. Then, our trip will be from July 7 through July 15.

If you have a tug toward the ministry in Haiti, talk to April Miller or Rob Sherrard. We will see where the Lord is leading and how the timing works for this year or perhaps next. We always appreciate your support for this important ministry.