

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✠ Saturday, February 15

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, February 16

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with Elder April Miller leading

### ✠ Monday, February 17

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Tuesday, February 18

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Wednesday, February 19

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Super Pantry at 11 at the Church

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Thursday, February 20

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Friday, February 21

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, February 22

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, February 23

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch following worship

**We now have ten men committed to the Stepping Up Men's Bible Study. Our study will begin on Monday, February 24, with supper at 6:30 and our Bible Study to follow.**

**We are beginning to point forward to the Season of Lent. Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on March 5.**



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
February 13, 2014**

## Encouragement from the Apostle Paul

Windy Covians at worship on February 9 received encouragement from the Apostle Paul. That encouragement was intended originally for the Christian believers in the Greek city of Thessalonica. Here's how the story developed.

Paul and Silas along with Timothy were on the Second Missionary Journey. They had been beaten and jailed in Philippi for causing a disturbance when Paul healed a fortune teller who was controlled by an evil spirit. An earthquake struck the jail during the night shaking loose the chains of the prisoners. The Philippian jailer was ready to commit suicide when he thought all his prisoners had escaped. However, Paul and Silas stopped him, shared God's good news with him, and baptized him and his family when they responded to the gospel.

After their release from prison, the missionaries moved on to Thessalonica. Again, some folks responded to the gospel, but others opposed the spread of the Word. Amid the furor Paul moved on to Berea and eventually to Athens. In Athens Paul was worried about the believers that he

had left behind in Thessalonica so he sent Timothy back to check on their progress in faith.

Timothy reported back to Paul that the Thessalonian Christians were doing well. Paul wanted to encourage them further so he sent a letter to them full of encouragement and suggestions for being faithful. That letter is the New Testament book which we now call First Thessalonians. It was written from Corinth (Paul having moved on from Athens to Corinth) in 51 A.D. and comprises the first-written book of the New Testament.

Paul wanted to encourage the Thessalonians to wait patiently and constructively for the promised return of Jesus. Paul's words strike

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### Take Note!

**February 14: Valentine's Day**

**February 16: Elder April Miller will be leading worship at Windy Cove with the Sherrards visiting family in TN**

**February 23: Session meets for lunch following worship**

**February 24: Stepping Up Men's Bible Study will meet for supper and fellowship at 6:30 with Bible study to follow**

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## Encouragement (Cont.)

a responsive chord with us as contemporary Christians since we are still waiting expectantly for Jesus' return. In other words we still need encouragement to faithfully continue our ministry until Jesus comes back to rule the world in glory.

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul writes a list of encouraging words and cautions to those early Christians and to us. The list includes:

- Warning those who are idle or disruptive,
- Encouraging the disheartened,
- Helping the weak,
- Being patient with everyone,
- Making sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strives to do what is good for each other and for everyone else,
- Rejoicing always,
- Praying continually,
- Giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus,
- Not quenching the Spirit,
- Not treating prophecies with contempt but testing them all and holding on to what is good, and
- Rejecting every kind of evil.

This list still sets out an admirable program for ministry and fellowship in the Church.

## Movie Night

We're sorry that many of you missed our Movie Night last Saturday. We had a small but congenial group that watched a family movie with an excellent theme.

The movie was about the Butter Cream Gang. It told the story of a small, Midwestern town that had developed a gang of young guys who helped down and out farmers during the Depression. Part of their help was churning cream into butter for elderly women who could no longer manage that chore. Thus, the Butter Cream Gang was born.

The town kept the gang going through the years with each new generation of young boys being encouraged to help in the community. As the movie begins, the contemporary version of the Gang (say the late 1970s) is called to help an elderly lady who has fallen in her home.

One of the Butter Cream gang goes to live with an aunt in Chicago. He gets in with the wrong crowd and joins a street gang. Predictably, he gets in trouble; his attitude turns sour; and he is sent back to his home town. Unfortunately, he carries his Chicago street smarts and attitude back with him. He no longer fits in with his Butter Cream friends.

His town friends, young and older, have to deal with this change in attitude and behavior. That was the working out of the plot in the movie. We could tell you how things came out in the end, but then maybe you

wouldn't come to our next movie night. If you just have to see how things went, check with Sharon Madison who supplied the movie.

By the way, the movie had such a good message that Mr. Sherrard used it as an illustration in Sunday's sermon. And, he had never seen or heard of the movie until Saturday night!

## Three Wonderful Ministries

As a follow up to our recent article on our local Food Pantry, we wanted to update you on this month's Pantry. Coordinator Bea Clark indicated that the number of households was down somewhat from the previous month. About 55 households were served on Tuesday, February 11. However, it still may be the case that some folks who could not come on that particular day will be served later this week.

In another related ministry, we hosted the Super Pantry at Windy Cove on Wednesday, February 12. Super Pantry is a program sponsored by the Virginia Extension Service. Their agent comes to local areas to teach cooking and nutrition. Folks from the Millboro area come to the church, cook a meal together, eat the meal, and take home some extra food supplies from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

Another ministry that occurred at the church this week was a reception for Ben Beach's family following his funeral and burial in Windy Cove

Cemetery on Monday. Our Fellowship and Service Ministry Team provided sandwiches, fruit, veggies, and drinks for the family. About 35 members of the family had come to the area just for the funeral. They found the church a warm and welcoming place for fellowship.

## People and Prayers

Many folks from Bath County attended the memorial service for Judy Durham held on Sunday afternoon, February 9, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton. The sanctuary was full of the family and friends that Judy had touched in her life. Judy had died unexpectedly the previous week after suffering a brain aneurysm in Panama where she had a winter vacation home.

Pastor John Peterson centered the service on Judy's love for music and the expression of the gospel in hymns and songs. The gathered congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "It is Well with My Soul" as part of the worship.

Following the service folks had the opportunity to greet Judy's life partner, Jane Sawyer, daughter, Ginger Kennedy, and siblings Lucy Durham Lindsay and Bill Durham as well as other extended family members. Judy had graduated from Millboro High School in 1970. She furthered her interest in mathematics at Mary Baldwin, JMU, and UVA. Judy worked in business and taught math before her retirement.