

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, April 19

Memorial Service for Hilda Plecker Hobson at 11 a.m. with a lunch at the church following the graveside committal service at Woodland Cemetery

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, April 20, Easter

Happy Easter!

Sunrise Worship atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm at 6:15

Morning Worship at 11

✠ Monday, April 21

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, April 22

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Wednesday, April 23

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, April 24

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, April 25

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, April 26

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, April 27,

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch after worship

We will take next week off from our publication schedule. We will be back with you with our next issue on May 1. Until then, we hope that you have a blessed Easter Day. Open your hearts and lives to the presence of Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit guide and direct you.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

April 17, 2014

Where Would We Be Without Easter?

Although the question may be unspoken or unanswered, this question (Where would we be without Easter?) is perhaps the most serious one that we can ask in our entire lives. Many years ago in Sunday School, I asked a similar question: How would your life be different if Jesus had not been raised from the dead? Windy Cove Elder Kirk Lunsford immediately responded, "I would have no hope."

Kirk was a wise person who had known difficulty in his life. At an early age, he was afflicted with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. He spent some time in a sanitarium out West where the dry and warm climate was helpful for his condition. Although not completely cured, he returned to Virginia to live a productive life dedicated to the Lord. Kirk knew the importance of hope in a situation that at times may have appeared to be hopeless.

Jesus' resurrection on Easter does give us hope in a variety of ways. First and foremost, the resurrection assures us that physical death is not the end of our existence. We do have hope for eternal life with God and other believers when our earthly life

comes to an end. This hope answers another basic question in life: What happens when we die? How people answer that question often, in fact, determines how they live before they die. God's final word on creation is a word of life and not of death.

Secondly, Jesus' resurrection on Easter testifies to us that good triumphs over evil. We do not always see that victory in our daily living. Around the world and in our own lives, we see many tragic and horrible events in our world that reveal the strength of evil. Still, the words of the hymn ring true, "That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Jesus' resurrection proves that God's truth and goodness will

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Take Note!

April 17—Evening Worship with Communion at 7:30

April 19—Memorial Service for Hilda Plecker Hobson at 11 a.m.

April 20—Sunrise Worship on Windy Cove Farm at 6:15 with breakfast to follow at Calvary Baptist Church

April 20—Morning Worship with Communion at 11 at Windy Cove

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Easter (Cont.)

prevail in the end. For three days following the crucifixion, it appeared to the disciples that evil was stronger than good, but the resurrection reversed that impression.

Again, Easter confirms for us that the way of life that Jesus taught and lived is the authentic way of life which God intended for human beings. Each person who has ever lived must decide, either consciously or unconsciously, how that person will live life. So, what is the best way? Jesus set forth the true way to live by what he taught and by how he lived. That way was called into question by Jesus' crucifixion. However, in the Easter resurrection, God confirmed the truth of Jesus' way of life. And, those who live in such a way will not be disappointed.

Fourthly, Easter proves that God has a plan for history and his plan is being worked out. Human life has periods of confusion and chaos. We are sometimes tempted to believe that there is no rhyme or reason in life. (Jesus' disciples certainly thought this way during the three days Jesus lay in the tomb.) Yet, the testimony of the entire Bible, confirmed by Jesus' resurrection, is that our Creator God has always had a plan for creation, especially for the people who acknowledge God and depend on God's presence in their lives. Our world is **not** simply spinning out of control headed for an uncertain end. To the contrary, God's

plan for creation is working itself out in history, the history of our world and the personal history of our individual lives.

Finally, Easter assures us that Jesus' death was an acceptable sacrifice to cover our sin. "Sin" is a way of saying that human beings had turned away from God and had not lived up to the best intentions that God had for his creation. People needed a way to get right with God again. God provided that way by sending Jesus to be and do what was necessary that people might return to God. Jesus declared from the cross, "It is finished." Jesus was referring to his mission of redeeming people for God's service. Jesus' resurrection is the full assurance that what Jesus did for us was effective to open our way back to God.

So, where would we be without Easter? We would be living utterly chaotic, sinful, often meaningless lives with little or no hope for the future. Easter changes everything! "In fact, Jesus has been raised from the dead." Alleluia! Alleluia!

With thanks and praise,

P. S.—I hope to greet many of you during our various services of the Easter season. Your faithful presence is a great encouragement and blessing to me. May God bless you during this special time of the year.

Clean-Up Day

We had a small but energetic crew for our clean-up day on Saturday, April 12. Most of the time was spent cleaning up the yard, preparing for the coming mowing season. The hard winter had brought many limbs and sticks down in the cemetery, and the constant freezing and thawing of the ground had made things bumpy. After the raking of the leaves and sticks, Rickey Armstrong used a roller to smooth things out.

William Lee Burns came to talk to Mr. Sherrard about law school and to help with the cleanup. William is a junior at Bridgewater College looking toward the future. Bridgewater encourages students to do community service as part of a well-rounded education. Mr. Sherrard was especially glad to have William there since he helped wash windows in the study. That job requires two people since the storm windows have to be taken down and then replaced for the cleaning to take place.

Justin Shanks had a chain saw available to trim the Osage orange tree by the circle drive. Justin and Mr. Sherrard were very careful in the trimming process remembering a few lines from the Windy Cove history book. Speaking of the high regard that members had for Pastor O. B. Wilson (1890-1893 at Windy Cove), our history book relates, "While doing some cleaning up around the church in the summer of 1928, the men were for bidden to

cut an Osage orange tree by some of the older people, because it is the tree that Mr. Wilson always tied his horse to when pastor here." Mr. Sherrard often still parks his car under the tree, except when it is dropping its huge fruit in the fall.

People and Prayers

After months of working through the bureaucracy of the Virginia Department of Corrections, Mr. Sherrard was able to visit Mike Tennant on Friday, April 11, at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA. Jarratt is just off I-95 south of Richmond about 20 miles from the NC border. Mike was transferred from the Rockbridge Regional Jail in the fall of 2013. He first went to the Powhatan Correctional Center near Richmond for processing before being reassigned to Greensville.

Mr. Sherrard spent about three hours with Mike on Friday afternoon. Mike says that he is doing well. He has adjusted to his new situation, gets along well with his current cellmate, and has begun a Bible study with five other inmates. Mike currently has a little less than a year to serve on his sentence.

Mike appreciates the concern, prayers, and contact with the congregation. He testifies that mail from home is his lifeline. His current address is:

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