

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Thursday, October 16

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard's college classes meet at 11 and at 2

✠ Friday, October 17

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 18

Fall Fair at Millboro Elementary from 11 to 3 p.m. Look for the Windy Cove tent
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 19

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Fields of Faith at Bath County High School begins at 7 p.m.

✠ Monday, October 20

Morning Prayers at 8
Men's Bible Study begins with supper at 6:30

✠ Tuesday, October 21

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard's college classes meet at 11 and at 2

Food Pantry truck at Windy Cove

✠ Wednesday, October 22

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 23

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, October 24

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 25

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 26

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Session meets at lunch



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
October 16, 2014

Paul's Contact with Churches

Most folks who are familiar with the New Testament of the Bible realize that Paul's ministry had two main aspects. First, Paul traveled extensively throughout the Roman Empire of his day. The Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke, records three lengthy missionary journeys by Paul and his companions. Additionally, Luke mentions Paul's journey to Rome necessitated by Paul's appeal as a Roman citizen to be tried by the emperor's court in Rome.

During these journeys Paul proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ and established churches, mainly in important urban areas. At times he also visited churches that had been started by others. These journeys and visits took place over a period of about twenty years and helped the gospel spread rapidly throughout the Roman Empire.

The second remarkable aspect of Paul's ministry was the letters he wrote to churches and individuals while he was going about his evangelistic work. The Bible for earliest Christians was the Hebrew Bible which we now know as the Old Testament. However, in the early second century a body of Christian literature

began to be accepted as authoritative for the life of Christian churches and individuals. These works now comprise our New Testament, and Paul's letters are a substantial portion of this material.

Paul is generally credited with writing at least thirteen and possibly fourteen New Testament books. The author of Hebrews is not named in the book itself. Some attribute it to Paul; others believe it was written by another Christian in the first century.

These two aspects of Paul's ministry, his travels and his letters, play an incredibly significant role in our understanding and practice of the Christian faith.

On Sunday, October 12, the Windy
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Take Note!

Saturday, October 18

Fall Festival at Millboro School, 11-3, look for the Windy Cove tent

Tuesday, October 21

Special Food Pantry truck at Windy Cove with set up in the morning and distribution to follow

Sunday, October 26

Session meets for lunch after worship

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Paul (Cont.)

Cove congregation profited from both aspects of Paul's ministry. To introduce the Bible lesson for the day, the congregation viewed a video presentation depicting the end of Paul's three-year ministry in Ephesus during his Third Missionary Journey. Paul's preaching in Ephesus caused an uproar among the silversmiths of the city who made idol images of the goddess Artemis whose temple was in Ephesus. The artisans thought their business would be ruined if people became Christians and repented of worshipping idols.

Paul left Ephesus shortly after this near riot and traveled to Macedonia, a region just north of modern Greece. It was during this time in Macedonia that Paul wrote 2 Corinthians. Our Bible lesson for the day came from 2 Corinthians 4:5-9. Sarah Eaton, daughter of Denise and Jon Eaton, read the lesson for the congregation.

In this section of his letter, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they carry a great treasure with them. In their relationship with Jesus they are able to experience the very glory of God. In other words God the Father radiates his love into their hearts through their relationship with Jesus the Son.

Sometimes as Christians we may forget about this incredible treasure that we possess. At other times, we may not realize the important of this

treasure. Paul attributes these failures on our part to the fact that God's treasure has been entrusted to us in our human existence, in our human bodies. It's as if this wonderful treasure has been wrapped up in a box (or as Paul says a clay pot) which obscures the real value of the treasure that is present.

Nevertheless, Paul proclaims that having the perfect treasure (God's glorious love) in such imperfect vessels (human beings) means that God receives more thanks and praise because human beings can't say that the glory comes from them.

In addition, Paul reminds Christians that having this wonderful treasure assures us that God is always with us. As Paul put it, we may be . . . "pushed hard from all sides. But we are not beaten down." We may be . . . "bewildered. But that doesn't make us lose hope." We may have to . . . "suffer. But God does not desert us." We may be . . . "knocked down. But we are not knocked out."

Haiti Update

We recently sent out thank-you letters from Windy Cove to the churches and individuals who have been faithful supporters of the children in Haiti. As most of you will remember, we have been able to support Notre Dame School in David, Haiti for the last two years. Scholarships of \$75 per year for the students pay for the principal and teachers for the school. In addition

during this last school year, we were able to add a feeding program for about \$50 per year for one child.

Just after we sent our thank-you notes, we received the Haiti Education Foundation Newsletter reminding us that a new school year had started in Haiti. The newsletter had an excerpt from a soon-to-be-published book about Foundation founder Frances Landers that reminded us of why we minister in Haiti. Here's the story as Martha Miller describes it.

Across the United States, thousands have helped Haitians help themselves. Frances never took this generosity for granted. "This is not my mission. It's God's," she'd say.

One of her favorite stories was about her first school in the village of Mercery:

Dr. Bruce Henderson of Shreveport, Louisiana, was among those working in the Leogane hospital the week that Mercery's school celebrated sixth-grade graduation. The teachers had planned a special ceremony. Frances was the guest of honor.

"When it was time to give the diplomas, one little girl was missing," Frances later said. "She lived in a village about a mile from Mercery, and she had told her teacher the previous day she would like all of us to come to her village. She wanted us to see

something and suggested that we bring her diploma.

"When we got there, she showed us a roll book and some materials that she had been using to help her neighbors get started. She had fifty illiterate adults enrolled, and she had begun to teach them herself."

"The adults began to emerge from doorways, with books and tablets in their hands. They held their work up to show Frances and Dr. Henderson the letters they had learned thus far."

"Their need to learn was so great that they somehow found things to write with," Frances said. "They shared a few old books. These men and women came out of huts with dirt floors, but the great thing was that they could read and write. This sixth-grade child was teaching them."

In the village, Frances looked at Dr. Henderson. They were both nearly in tears. "I tell Dr. Henderson so often that if he had not been with me I still would not believe it. I don't know where the little girl got the paper and pencils for her adult students. It was an amazing experience."

The Apostle Paul would perhaps say, "It's another amazing example of God's glory shining through the very fragile vessel of a young Haitian girl and a remarkable American woman from El Dorado, Arkansas.