

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Thursday, October 23

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

✠ Friday, October 24

Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard will be visiting Mike Tenant at the Greensville Correctional Center today

✠ Saturday, October 25

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, October 26

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

✠ Monday, October 27

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

✠ Tuesday, October 28

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

✠ Wednesday, October 29

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.
Women's Bible Study after Choir

✠ Thursday, October 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Friday, October 31

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, November 1

Youth Retreat in Highland County
Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, November 2

Youth Retreat continues in Highland
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
October 23, 2014

Good News Opportunities

Windy Cove recently had two unique opportunities to share the Good News with our local community. The first of these occasions was on Saturday, October 18, at the one-day Bath County Fair. The Fair took place at Millboro Elementary School and was sponsored by our local Cooperative Extension Office.

Fair planners had invited merchants and exhibitors to participate by having a table or booth showing their goods or products. BARC provided its bucket truck to take folks on a sky ride. Additionally, Millboro School teachers had fun activities for the children inside the school.

Windy Cove reserved a space to connect with folks in the community in three different ways. Elders Traci Herscher and Sharon Sherrard were available to pray for people if they were open to such ministry. Those women along with Pastor Rob Sherrard also gave out dog-tag necklaces to children and adults who stopped by the booth. These necklaces had a cross emblazoned on one side and a verse from the Bible on the other side. The Windy Cove booth also provided an opportunity for folks to sign up to receive a free Bible.

As the event progressed, more and more people could be seen wearing the necklaces. Approximately 100 necklaces were given out by the end of the day at 3 p.m. Several people did receive concentrated prayer, and a few people signed up for free Bibles for themselves or their children.

The other unique opportunity came on Tuesday, October 21, at the church. The local Social Services Board in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank sponsored a special food pantry truck at Windy Cove. About mid-morning a Food Bank truck pulled up in front of the church. Willing local workers unloaded numerous food items from the truck into grocery bags.

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Take Note!

Sunday, October 26
Sunday School at 9:45 with our Adult Class beginning a study of Isaiah

Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch

Saturday and Sunday, November 1-2
Annual High School Youth Retreat at Headwaters Lodge

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Opportunities (Cont.)

By this time a line of cars had been organized by other local volunteers. When all was ready, people drove their cars by one at a time; and the groceries were loaded into each car. Altogether there were 40 cars in the drive-by, and about 65 households received the help of extra food for the month.

We appreciate these extra opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus by word and deed in our community. May God bless those who participated and benefitted from these two unique ministries.

Men's Bible Study

Following a very successful Bible Study last spring, Windy Cove men have begun another Bible Study on Monday evenings at the church. Last spring the men used a video series that focused on what it means to be a Christian man. About a dozen men participated in that study.

On Monday, October 13, about a dozen men reconvened for another study. This time the men decided to suggest topics for each week and dig into what the Bible has to say about each of the topics. Some of the topics suggested included homosexuality, atheism, Paul's chapter on love in First Corinthians, coincidences or God's providence, the relationship between law and grace, and the creation story in Genesis. The men will take one of these topics each week from now until November 17.

To enhance the fellowship of the study, the men meet for supper at 6:30 with the study beginning around 7. So far, the guys enjoyed sloppy joes with fruit and three deserts one week. Then, last Monday they had eggs, pancakes, and sausage before beginning their study.

Since each week is an independent study, it's not too late to join. Remember, supper begins at 6:30 on Monday evening.

Women's Bible Study

Encouraged by the men, our Windy Cove women began their own Bible Study on Wednesday, October 22, immediately after choir. For their curriculum, the women have selected *The Circle Maker*. This book by Pastor Mark Batterson was on the New York Times Bestseller List. His title is based on the story of an ancient Jewish wise man who helped to save a generation from drought.

The Circle Maker chronicles Batterson's ministry in Washington, D. C. and encourages readers to be persistent in their life of prayer. Batterson is the lead pastor of National Community Church in Washington. The Church has numerous locations in the metropolitan D. C. area. The Battersons live on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Ladies, now is the time to get started in this exciting adventure in prayer. If you want more information, contact Sharon Sherrard. Otherwise, see you Wednesdays!

Churches to Host Presbytery

Behind the scenes, plans are well under way for the Presbyterian Churches of Bath County to host Shenandoah Presbytery on Saturday, November 15. The group of churches involved includes the Parish of the Pastures (Goshen, Millboro, and Rocky Spring), Windy Cove, Williamsville including Westminster Chapel, Warm Springs, and Hot Springs.

Since none of these local Presbyterian churches has the seating capacity to host Presbytery on its own, they are cooperating under the guidance of Pastor John Haney of the Parish of the Pastures to host the Presbytery at Bath County High School. Plans call for the meeting to be held in the auditorium with lunch provided in the gymnasium. A typical Presbytery meeting usually has attendance in excess of 200 people.

The lower atrium would be used for welcoming guests and registration for the meeting. The upper atrium will likely be used for various exhibits necessary for the meeting.

Each church has furnished a person to work on a coordinating council to make and execute the plans for the meeting. Such items as traffic flow, food, registration, audio and video equipment, and others have to be worked out in order to have a smooth and productive meeting.

Shenandoah Presbytery consists of 109 churches and their Chapels stretching from the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia down the Shenandoah Valley to Lexington and over into eastern West Virginia above Pocahontas County.

People and Prayers

We had an encouraging note from Mary Ellen Tyree who continues to live in Richmond with her daughter. She is preparing to celebrate her 95th birthday. Mary Ellen is a faithful reader of the *Weekly Word*, sometimes more than once each week. Mary Ellen says she really misses her friends from Bath and Alleghany Counties. She especially mentioned Mary Doug and Alvin Durham. Before moving to Richmond, Mary Ellen and her husband, Bernie, lived on the corner of the Elks Camp Road.

We have been praying this week for the family of Jerry Bradley. He coached basketball in Greenbrier County, WV. Jerry's brother, Terry, has been a teacher and coach at Bath County High School for many years. We have prayed for Jerry for more than a year. He did recover sufficiently from a life-threatening situation to receive rehab at the Brian Center. However, about a month ago, he suffered another setback which eventually resulted in his death. May God bring comfort to Terry and the rest of the family.