

Calendar of Ministries

✠ **Thursday, November 6**
 Morning Prayers at 8
 Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and at 2

✠ **Friday, November 7**
 Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Saturday, November 8**
 Game Night starts at 6:30
 Evening Prayers at 8

✠ **Sunday, November 9**
 Sunday School at 9:45
 Called Session meeting at 10:45
 Morning Worship at 11

✠ **Monday, November 10**
 Morning Prayers at 8
 Men's Bible Study at 6:30

✠ **Tuesday, November 11**
 Morning Prayers at 8
 Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and 2

✠ **Wednesday, November 12**
 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, November 13**
 Morning Prayers at 8
 Mr. Sherrard's classes at 11 and at 2

✠ **Friday, November 14**
 Morning Prayers at 8

✠ **Saturday, November 15**
 Shenandoah Presbytery meets at Bath
 County High School
 Evening Prayers at 8

✠ **Sunday, November 16**
 Sunday School at 9:45
 Morning Worship at 11



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
 November 6, 2014**

Teen Retreat: Warm Hearts, Cold Flurries

Last Saturday and Sunday, teens from Bath County experienced warm hearts and cold flurries at their retreat at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County. The twelve teens (Numbers for the retreat were down this year because of two other events involving teens in the area.) left Windy Cove at 8:30 on Saturday morning. After a ride of about an hour, they arrived at the Lodge which is located on Route 614 about halfway between Route 250 and Sugar Grove, WV.

If you remember, Saturday was misty and moist, and the temperature had begun to drop from the pleasant fall temperature of just a few days before. In Highland County it was very cool when the teens arrived. After getting settled, the teens and their adult leaders (Jon Eaton and Sharon and Rob Sherrard) went on a silent prayer walk.

Sharon took the girls in one direction while Jon and Rob took the boys along another route. Complete silence was the rule for the walk. There were eleven stations where the groups would stop for a few minutes of directed prayer. These stops in-

cluded prayers for their own relationship with God, for their churches, their families, their school, their country, and several other items as well. The young people were also encouraged to look around them, to take time to observe the beauty of the natural world. The entire walk took about an hour. At the end the kids debriefed what they had observed and felt about the experience of communing with God in this way.

Then, it was back to the Lodge for warming up and for lunch. The staff at Headwaters served up a delightful meal of hamburgers, French fries, salad, and chocolate chip cookies.

Ordinarily, after lunch and a short break, the retreat schedule would

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Take Note!

Saturday, November 8
Game Night at Windy Cove begins at 6:30.
Bring a snack to share; drinks provided.

Sunday, November 9
Sunday School at 9:45
Called Session Meeting at 10:45
Morning Worship at 11

Saturday, November 15
**Shenandoah Presbytery meets at Bath
 County High School at 9:30**

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Game Night
 on Saturday, November 8 at 6:30

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Teen Retreat (Cont.)

have included some events from the high-ropes course. Most likely the young people would have ridden the zip line. However, the weather was not congenial to being outside, especially high up in the trees or standing around waiting a turn. So, the afternoon was spent inside with board games and rest.

Some of the teens had attended a youth lock-in at Lifeline Ministries on Friday night. They were ready to kick back for a time and catch up on some much needed rest. With this rest and a good supper of baked chicken and green beans, the teens were ready for evening worship.

Beginning at 7 and running until 9:30, the kids and their leaders worshiped the Lord, prayed together, and watched the amazing story of Todd White and his journey with the Holy Spirit. Todd White and a friend set out on a journey to follow the Holy Spirit where he led and to film opportunities for ministry along the way. In this particular film, they ministered in Salt Lake City, UT, in Monaco in Europe, and at a KORN hard rock concert. At each of these places, they were able to minister to people who needed physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

On Sunday morning, the power went out at the Lodge for several hours, but a generator was put into service for necessary power use including worship. Worship included more fellowship, singing, and prayer

as well as another video. This video recorded Todd White's personal testimony of being delivered from drug addiction, atheism, and his abuse of family friendships to feed his addiction.

After lunch the teens did try a ropes event with the high swing. However, the weather had turned even colder. So, that one event was the limit of outdoor activities. The retreat concluded with a time of "soaking" in the presence of the Lord. The kids get comfortable on the floor; with Christian music playing softly in the background, the leaders pray for each teen individually. Many teens who have been on the retreat regard this time as the most important of the weekend.

Then came the ride back to Windy Cove where expectant parents were waiting to receive their children.

The Fabric of Life

Meanwhile on Sunday morning at Windy Cove, worshipers were considering the fabric of the Apostle Paul's life and of their own lives. The congregation watched a video from Acts 21 and 22 where Paul recounts a number of his life experiences including his early life as a child and his education in Jerusalem.

Paul had three primary threads woven together in his life: his Jewish upbringing and education, his background in Hellenistic (Greek) society, and his Roman citizenship. One can see in Paul's life

how he used the whole fabric of his life to serve God.

For example, Paul's Jewish upbringing and education equipped him to understand and elaborate the theology of Jesus as the Jewish messiah and Christian savior. Again, Paul's background in Hellenistic culture allowed him to minister effectively to both Jews and Gentiles (that is, pagan people in the society of his day). Also, Paul's Roman citizenship allowed him the freedom to travel extensively and be regarded with a certain level of respect by those whom he met.

In the same way, as God helps us to weave the fabric of our lives, we can use every part of that fabric to serve the Lord. Perhaps our education has prepared us to serve the Lord in a particular way. Maybe a unique life experience such as recovery from an illness has equipped us to minister to someone who is hurting. Possibly a distinctive upbringing may position us to help someone who is struggling with family life.

Our opportunity, as was the case with Paul, is to recognize the occasions when we can put to use in ministry any and all of the experiences in our lives which make up that total fabric of our lives. Look around yourself; where do you see God working and calling you to use that fabric to further the work that God is already doing?

Bible Study Tackles Tough Issues

Men from Windy Cove have tackled some tough issues in their Monday evening Bible study. At their first meeting on October 13, the men made a list of topics and Bible passages that they would like to explore. In subsequent weeks they have studied what the Bible says about homosexuality, the relationship between Christianity, the Bible, and atheism, and the description of love in 1 Corinthians 13.

In each of these areas, the men have had an open and frank discussion about the Biblical view and about how ministry in the name of Jesus applies to that particular situation. The men are really working hard to mature together in the understanding and practice of their faith.

Additionally, the men have enjoyed table fellowship with one another. So far, they have had meals centered on sloppy joes, pancakes, spaghetti, and venison. The group has a wide variety of ages and backgrounds to complement this fellowship. The younger men are in their 20s; the older men in their 70s and 80s with the majority of the men in between.

Since each topic is independent of the others, the group is still open to new folks. The study on November 10 will focus on coincidences and God's providence.