

Calendar of Ministries

- ✝ **Friday, May 8**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Saturday, May 9**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Sunday, May 10**
Mother's Day
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11 continuing a series on the Holy Spirit
- ✝ **Monday, May 11**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Tuesday, May 12**
Morning Prayers at 8
Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- ✝ **Wednesday, May 13**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

- Choir at 7 p.m.
- ✝ **Thursday, May 14**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard's Exams at the college
- ✝ **Friday, May 15**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Saturday, May 16**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✝ **Sunday, May 17**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Fellowship Lunch followed by an informal gathering of the congregation
- Mother's Day is May 10. We are planning a special remembrance and thanksgiving for mothers on that day. Bring your Mom to church or honor her memory by your attendance.**



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
May 7, 2015

Growing Up with the Holy Spirit

On Sunday, May 3, Windy Covians continued their current emphasis in worship on the Holy Spirit. Together, they considered how people can grow to be better people and better Christians under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Growth is an easily recognizable part of human life. In the season of Spring, we see plants begin to grow. Some have been relatively dormant for the winter, but they begin to grow again in the Spring. Others, we plant anew and watch them grow throughout the spring and summer. Most folks have enjoyed watching their children and grandchildren grow up through the years of their lives. As many remark, "It seems like just yesterday that we held the baby in our arms. Then, we put her on the bus for school, and now we are taking her off to college." Children do seem to grow up quickly.

As Christians, growth should also be a normal part of our lives. Our relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit can help us grow. Paul makes this very point in writing to the Galatian Christians when he speaks of the "fruit of the Spirit." What Paul means is that our relationship with

Jesus in the Holy Spirit is meant to produce better character in our lives. In Galatians he mentions nine different qualities of character: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Understanding each of these qualities can help us to grow in that particular area. We can cooperate with the Holy Spirit instead of being disinterested or even resisting the change that the Spirit is encouraging in our lives.

Contrary to the popular movie of the 1970s, love does **not** mean never having to say you are sorry. Rather, love is the personal and deliberate choice to act for the utmost benefit of another person even when that

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Take Note!

- May 10—Mother's Day**
- May 12—Food Pantry in the afternoon**
- May 17—Fellowship Lunch followed by an informal congregational gathering with the Presbytery Listening Resource Team**
- May 19—Food Truck around 11 a.m.**
- May 24—Next Session meeting at lunch**
- May 31—Anticipated reception of new members by confirmation and transfer**

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Growing Up (Cont.)

person has harmed or injured us in some way. Joy is the deep inner security that arises from a vibrant relationship with God even in the face of challenging outward circumstances. Peace is the firm belief that one's life is in God's hands and that the world is ultimately subject to God's will.

Biblical patience has to do with persistence in the face of opposition without resorting to spite or revenge. Patience is what Jesus exhibited as he faced unjust crucifixion. Kindness and goodness go together as the virtues of helping others in the everyday course of life. Faithfulness is the quality of character besides love most associated directly with God's character. Faithfulness means being utterly trustworthy and reliable. Gentleness characterizes a person who intends to submit to the will of God, one who is teachable and considerate.

Finally, the Holy Spirit helps a person grow in self-control. Self-control is discipline when applied to oneself. It's like an athlete in training who bears the training knowing what goal he or she is striving for. Self-control is the mastery of self for the purpose of serving others.

By understanding these traits and by cooperating with the Holy Spirit, we can grow as Christians and bear more fruit for God's kingdom.

Our Holy Spirit series continues on May 10 with Ask, Seek, and Knock.

Wedding # 1

We are anticipating a series of weddings this spring and summer. In May Matt Phillips and Krystal Hall will wed on the 16th while Justin Shanks and Cara Kauffman will be married on May 23. Later, on June 7, Jim King and Catie Green will wed in Asheville, NC. Then, toward the end of the summer on August 1, Angela Herscher and Tyler Bradley will be married at the Dairy Barn in Warm Springs.

So, Wedding # 1 will unite Krystal Hall and Matt Phillips. Matt and his parents, Vic and Lisa Phillips, lived at River Uplands Farm while in Bath County. They were faithful members at Windy Cove. Matt graduated from Bath County High School in 2003. After further education, Matt became a member of the Danville Police Department in 2010.

Krystal and Matt actually met at the Danville Regional Medical Center where Matt and several of his police buddies happened to be when she was working as a receptionist in the Emergency Room. Krystal has since graduated from the Danville Community College School of Nursing and works now for Chatham Health and Rehab.

Matt and Krystal dated for about five years before his proposal on Christmas Day in 2013. It was a family event as together the families watched a video of romantic and fun times that Krystal and Matt had experienced together. After the video,

Matt proposed. The families knew all along what was coming, but Krystal was surprised by the moment.

The couple will marry at the Main Street Baptist Church in Danville on May 16. Mr. Sherrard will assist their local pastor, Mr. Mays, with the ceremony. Krystal and Matt have planned a honeymoon cruise on Royal Caribbean with stops in the Bahamas, Saint Thomas, and Saint Maarten.

After returning the young couple will reside in Dry Fork, VA and continue their careers as well as pursuing further education.

Fellowship Lunch and Informal Gathering

Our Fellowship Ministry Team has planned a lunch for Sunday, May 17, following worship. The church will supply fried chicken and baked beans for the meal while folks are encouraged to fill in with salads and desserts to share. This meal will be our fellowship event for May.

In addition to the fellowship meal on the 17th, the congregation will have an informal gathering around 1 following lunch. The purpose of this informal gathering is to meet with the four members of the Listening Response Team (LRT) appointed by Shenandoah Presbytery. As our readers will remember, the LRT was appointed in response to the Windy Cove Session's request for discussion and discernment with the Presbytery concerning challenges facing the larger church and our denomination.

Thus far, the LRT has met with the Session twice listening carefully to their concerns about the denominational policy on ordination of homosexual persons and same-gender marriage as well as the larger issue of Biblical authority. Together, the Windy Cove Session and the LRT thought that the next step should be for the LRT to hear from the congregation as a whole.

All folks who are members or attenders at Windy are invited to participate in the lunch and also in the informal gathering to follow. This informal gathering will be one opportunity to express your views and concerns about the local church and the larger church represented by our presbytery and denomination.

People and Prayers

We are sad to report that Mark Gentry, dear friend of Tammy and Keith Lindsay, died at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital on Monday, May 4. Tammy had encouraged the congregation on Sunday with a report that Mark had made a little progress in his hard battle, but his physical strength was exhausted by the lengthy battle with heart disease and its complications.

Sonny Clark is back home in Bath County after a stay at MCV in Richmond. Sonny is expecting more tests later in May. Right now, Sonny is resting and regaining strength. Bea and Sonny would appreciate your calling ahead to see if and when a visit might be helpful.