

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, May 29**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, May 30**

Haiti Team meets at 5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, May 31**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 beginning a series on Keys to Revival

Bring your pennies for our Four Cents Hunger Offering.

✝ **Monday, June 1**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, June 2**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Wednesday, June 3**

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, June 4**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, June 5**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, June 6**

Haiti Team meets at 5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, June 7**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 led by Elder Gary Nair

The Sherrards will be on vacation from the evening of May 31 until June 9. In case of emergency, contact Elder Fran Hobbs or Elder Traci Herscher. During their week of vacation, the Sherrards will attend the wedding of Catie Green and Jim King in Candler, NC.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
May 28, 2015**

Message of Pentecost: Revival!

On Sunday, May 24, Windy Covians celebrated Pentecost with a look at the marvelous prophetic passage in Ezekiel 37. Ezekiel vividly describes his encounter with the Lord in a valley filled with dry bones. The Lord tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones; and when he does, the bones begin to connect together. However, there is no life in the bones.

The Lord commands Ezekiel a second time to prophesy for wind or breath to come into the bones. When Ezekiel does so, the newly formed bodies come alive. As the passage reads, "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host."

This prophecy represented God's people, Israel, at the time. They considered themselves dead. Their nation had been overrun and conquered by the invading Babylonians. Their Temple had been destroyed; their king had been carried into exile. Many of the people had been carried away to exile in Babylonia. These exiles sadly proclaimed, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off."

When the dry bones came to life with the very breath of God, it signaled hope for these hopeless people. They could not breathe life into themselves, but the Spirit of God could and did revive them. Some forty years later, these exiles would return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city under Ezra and Nehemiah.

The celebration of Pentecost is all about the coming of God's Spirit to bring life and hope where there seems to be none. For today's church Pentecost speaks a word about revival in the midst of discouraging or even seemingly hopeless situations.

On Sunday Mr. Sherrard had worshipers turn to each other and list some situations that many people

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Take Note!

We are giving our readers a heads-up notice this week. We will not publish a *Weekly Word* the first week in June. Our staff will be on vacation. On June 11, we will be back for our summer issue highlighting Bible School.

May 31—Keys to Revival series begins. Bring your pennies for our Four Cents Hunger Offering.

June 7—Elder Gary Nair will lead worship.

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Pentecost (Cont.)

might consider to be hopeless. Worshipers mentioned certain illnesses, some relationships, the inability to find a job after losing one, extreme losses following unexpected disasters, and more. The message of Ezekiel and of Pentecost flies in the face of such hopelessness. God is able to revive even those people and situations that appear, humanly speaking, to be without hope.

God can and does bring revival to churches through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. As an example of such a revival, Mr. Sherrard pointed to the history of Windy Cove. In its annual narrative report to presbytery in April of 1894, the Windy Cove Session said, **“We regret to say that we have not been blessed with a special outpouring of the Spirit.”** However, just one year later in April of 1895, the Session reported:

Beyond doubt we have been greatly blessed with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It had its beginning at a week's meeting held in July in the Presbyterian Church at Millboro Depot by the pastor [W. H. Groves] aided by brothers Fife and Argabrite at which quite a large number professed Christ. Another meeting was held at Windy Cove in September which lasted for one week. At this meeting the pastor preached from one to two sermons each day, and the singing

was remarkably delightful being under the management of Mr. Argabrite. The attendance and religious results of this meeting were almost astonishing. Eighty four (84) persons made professions of religion, a large majority of whom were admitted to full membership of the Presbyterian Churches of Windy Cove and Millboro Depot, a small remainder being received by churches of other denominations. Again, in December, the pastor, assisted by Mr. Argabrite, held a week's meeting at Lyle's Chapel. There, as at the former places, the efforts of the pastor and his earnest co-workers were blessed with good results and a large number accepted Jesus as their personal savior. As a general result of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit at these meetings, more additions have been made to the church in the last year than was ever made in any period of Windy Cove's long and interesting history.

Statistics bear out this incredible revival in the Millboro area. From 1894 to 1896, Windy Cove added 137 members to its rolls nearly doubling its total membership. What may be even more astounding is that there were 91 adult baptisms during this period. Those adult baptisms probably indicate folks who had little or no previous connection with the church before revival came through the Spirit of God.

This message of encouragement through the prophet and the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday marks a transition for the Windy Cove Congregation. From Easter to Pentecost the congregation was Pointing to Pentecost with a series of lessons on the Holy Spirit. For the next month or so, the congregation will focus on some of the Keys to Revival. Of course, since revival comes through the Holy Spirit, the groundwork has been laid for planting the seeds of revival in these next weeks.

Wedding # 3

Catie Green and Jim King are the third of our four couples to be married this spring and summer. They will wed on Sunday, June 7, at 5 p.m. at The Farm - A Gathering Place in Candler, NC. Candler is close to the larger city of Asheville, NC.

Catie and Jim met through school at Appalachian State University. They were in a summer school biology class and happened to sit next to each other. The way Jim tells it, Catie missed a couple of days of class and asked to borrow his notes. When she returned them, she had written a phone number on them and suggested that they get together to study. Jim says he didn't think much about it at the time.

They occasionally saw each other on campus, but not much was developing until Jim's final semester when they were in another class together. Jim finally invited Catie to a Hallow-

een Party and got to know her better. She reciprocated by inviting Jim to a family tailgate party that Saturday. Her family and friends seemed to know about Jim, but he was unsure why. Anyway, the tailgating didn't go that well, but they kept in touch until finally Catie asked Jim out on a real date.

Catie describes a subsequent camping trip that a good friend, her sister, and she took to the Kings' property in WV. Jim had his close friends, Will Trimble and Tony Walters, with him. The day they were supposed to camp turned out to be rainy and foggy, so all six returned to the cabin for fun and fellowship and plenty of Mary Margaret's food.

The next day was gorgeous and included a hike to Green Knob. It was a beautiful West Virginia site with the girls taking lots of pictures. Toward the end of the day, Catie's friend said she would like to get a picture of just Catie and Jim. So, they returned to the overlook while everyone else went to take in the view from a distance. Instead of **posing**, Jim was actually **proposing** for the picture. Jim was a little excited at the time and didn't get all his proposal out. So, a little later Catie and Jim went back to relive the moment and talk about their future.

After the wedding and honeymoon, Jim and Catie will live at the Kings' home in Bath County until a house on the Walters' farm becomes available. May God bless you both!