

Calendar of Ministries

✚ **Friday, June 12**
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Saturday, June 13**
Evening Prayers at 8

✚ **Sunday, June 14**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11 continuing a series on Keys to Revival

✚ **Monday, June 15**
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Tuesday, June 16**
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Wednesday, June 17**
Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.
Coffee and Conversation at the manse to share thoughts on the Discernment Process, 8 to 9 p.m.

✚ **Thursday, June 18**
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Friday, June 19**
Morning Prayers at 8

✚ **Saturday, June 20**
Evening Prayers at 8

✚ **Sunday, June 21**
Father's Day
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

Send us an email this summer while you are on vacation so we can keep in touch. We will publish your thoughts and fun in the Sunday bulletins.

Have you heard of the present and historical movement called An Appeal to Heaven? We will be looking at that in connection with worship on July 5.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
June 11, 2015**

Summer Fun: Bible School Is Coming

Bible School is fast approaching at Windy Cove. The children of the community will have an exciting time from 9 to noon each day from June 22 through June 26 with our Bible School Program and Picnic on Sunday, June 28. The theme for this year's Bible School adventure is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world at 29,035 feet above sea level according to the History Channel. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first climbers to reach the summit and return on May 29, 1953. Everest is in the range of the Himalaya Mountains on the border between Nepal and China. Mount Everest has sadly been in the news lately because of the recent devastating earthquake in Nepal.

Everest is a fitting theme for Bible School for two reasons. First, its imposing grandeur reminds one of the beauty and awesome power exhibited by God's creation. Its peak does indeed seem to reach up to the heavens in praise to God. Secondly, the challenge of scaling Mount Everest can be symbolic of the various challenges that people do face in life.

Thus, the subtitle for Bible School fits: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power.

During our week of Bible School the kids will learn about God's power to provide through the story of the prophet Elijah. Several stories of God's provision for Elijah appear in 1 Kings 17. Another story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19 will emphasize God's power to comfort those in distress. Such provision and comfort are two basic ways in which God interacts with people.

The story of the prophet Elisha will provide the background for another demonstration of God's power: the power to heal. 2 Kings 5 has the story of the healing of the Syrian general,

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Take Note!

We expect to publish one more issue of the Weekly Word before our summer break. Next week we will highlight some summer activities.

June 14—Mr. Sherrard returns to the pulpit to continue the series on Keys to Revival.

June 28—Bible School Program and Picnic

July 5—Patriotic Sunday with Communion on the summer schedule of Worship at 10 with no Sunday School until mid-Sept.

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Bible School (Cont.)

Naaman. After humbling himself before God and the prophet, Naaman was healed of his skin disease.

On Thursday and Friday of our Bible School week, the children will concentrate on Jesus' power to forgive our sins and on Jesus' power to love us forever. These two aspects of God's power are central to our understanding of who God is and how Jesus interacts with us.

As in past years, these main themes will be highlighted for the children at each of the stations that they attend each morning. These stations include our opening, music, video, drama, crafts, and recreation and snacks. This continual reinforcement helps the kids understand and take in the lesson for the day.

Our Bible School Program will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 11. The children will lead worship that day. A picnic for the kids and the congregation will follow worship.

If you can help with Bible School but have not yet volunteered for a specific job, contact our Director, Denise Eaton. She will surely welcome your offer and support. Then, support the children by attending on Sunday, June 28.

Wedding Follow Up

Catie Green and Jim King were married at The Farm in Candler, NC on Sunday, June 7. The setting was a lovely horse farm which doubled as a wedding venue.

During the afternoon there were a few clouds in the area. However, just before the scheduled time for the ceremony, sunlight filtered through the clouds. That sun made a perfect setting for Catie and Jim to exchange the vows which they had written to each other. In addition to these vows, the ceremony was a distinctive Christian testimony to the importance of marriage and family in God's plan for human beings.

The gathered family and friends then shared a lovely buffet with chicken, pork loin, and salmon along with a very tasty butternut squash dish. Catie and Jim will be living in Bath County following their honeymoon.

Keys to Revival

In Mr. Sherrard's absence for vacation, Elder Gary Nair led worship on Sunday, June 7. Gary presented a video message by Dr. Adrian Rogers focused on The Soul Winners: Six Mighty Motivations. Based upon Bible lessons from Paul's letters and on Paul's own life, the message outlined six strong motivations for leading others to Christ. This message and Gary's own passion for leading others to the Lord Jesus fits perfectly with our current theme of revival.

Mr. Sherrard will return to the pulpit on Sunday, June 14, with a consideration of Matthew 28:18-20. In this passage Jesus commissions his disciples to spread the gospel message, a key to God's plan for revival.

Vacation Theology

Everyone needs a vacation. It's true. Even if you love your work and find satisfaction in doing a good job, you still need a vacation. If you still don't believe that's true, would it help to remember that Jesus took vacations? It's true. The Gospels are clear that every so often Jesus would leave his disciples and go off by himself. In fact, in Mark 1:35 we read, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

You may be thinking, "That's not much of a vacation," but let's look at the bigger picture. Jesus had been beset with people needing his ministry of healing well into the night before his early-morning vacation. The crowds had pressed in upon him. When his disciples found him the next day, they told him, "Everyone is looking for you." So, a few hours alone to recharge his spiritual batteries and to contemplate his plan of action was needed. Jesus did not let the demands of others determine his destiny. He is always careful to follow the Father's leading.

Vacations give us a time to clear our minds, to reset our compasses toward God's plans for us, and to affirm again our priorities. A few weeks ago Mr. Sherrard used a suggestive phrase in the middle of a message. He was speaking about the many things or voices that compete for attention in our lives. He declared it was time for Christians to

move from "clutter to clarity." Sometimes or even many times in life, people have difficulty determining what the really important things are in life. That's what vacations are for: to clear out the clutter and focus clearly on the things that are truly important in life.

What are the truly valuable things in life? A whole section of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is devoted to that question? You can read what Jesus has to say in Matthew 6:19-34. His conclusion is this: "But seek first his [God's] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these [other] things will be given you as well." Vacations can help you answer some of these questions about your own life.

So, what does a pastor do on vacation? On their recent week away, the Sherrards rode their bicycles on the New River Trail. In 5 days they rode 98 miles through some of God's most beautiful country. Each day after the ride, they enjoyed the hot tub and sauna at their motel. They ate out at two lovely restaurants in Wytheville, VA.

Then, they connected with family and friends. In Galax they shared a meal with Layton and Tom Manus who were friends through our Haiti ministry. They visited and worshiped with their daughter and family in Kingsport over last weekend. They attended Jim and Catie King's wedding in North Carolina. Mainly, they enjoyed each other's company, something they don't always take time for at home.