

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, August 28**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, August 29**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, August 30**

Worship at the Picnic Pavilion at 10 with a consideration of Mary as one of the Great Leaders of the Bible

Session meets at lunch after worship

✝ **Monday, August 31**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, September 1**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard has resumed his teaching schedule at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. Ordinarily, he leaves his office about 10 to travel to school. His classes meet at 11 and at 2.

✝ **Wednesday, September 2**

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, September 3**

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching his college classes today. His 11 o'clock class meets in Clifton Forge; his 2 p.m. class meets in Buena Vista.

✝ **Friday, September 4**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, September 5**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, September 6**

Worship at the Picnic Pavilion at 10 including a celebration of the Lord's Supper



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
August 27, 2015**

“Come Home, Come Home . . .”

The words of the familiar hymn, “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling,” remind us at Windy Cove that Homecoming is fast approaching as summer comes to an end. Windy Covians will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, September 13, at 11 a.m. in the Windy Cove Sanctuary.

That day will be one of joy and thanksgiving as we celebrate the wonderful history of ministry at Windy Cove and look forward to the bright future that God is preparing for us. The Reverend Keith Hill will be our guest preacher at Homecoming this year. Keith is currently pastor at Saint Giles Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Before coming to Richmond, Keith served churches in Winnfield, LA, Wichita Falls, TX, and Douglasville, GA. However his connection to Windy Cove is a more personal one.

The Hills, Keith and Sarah, have been friends with the Sherrards since 1977 when the Sherrards helped the Hills move into an apartment at Union Seminary in Richmond. The Sherrards had themselves only recently come to the Seminary from Key West, FL. Keith and Rob entered their first

year together with a preparatory Greek class that summer.

Later at the Seminary, Keith and Rob were partners in a class on the Book of Romans. They also participated during their seminary careers as part of a four-person ministry team that went out to churches in Virginia and North Carolina to do weekend programs.

Meanwhile, Sharon Sherrard and Sarah Hill were becoming close friends. They attended a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting together, and they often confided in each other and prayed together. Sharon even attended a baby shower prior to the birth of the Hill's eldest daughter, Lindsay. She took Matt along to

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Take Note!

We're back and look forward to another publishing year with you. We realize that some of our issues get mangled in the mail. Remember, you can always read the *Weekly Word* through our website at windycovechurch.org.

If you have suggestions for us, please drop us a line or an email. We are always glad to know that someone is reading, and we trust the Holy Spirit to use this ministry for the good of our readers.

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that shower which later appeared to be part of God’s providential care.

After leaving seminary, the Hills and the Sherrards kept in touch, occasionally visiting each other. Then, “wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles” in the 1990s Lindsay Hill and Matt Sherrard began to develop a relationship with each other. They were married in Wichita Falls in July of 2000. Now, Lindsay and Matt and their two boys are living in Richmond and attending Saint Giles Church where Lindsay’s father is the pastor.

So, we are delighted to have Keith Hill for Homecoming. The theme for our Homecoming this year is From and To. When you think about it, all people have a From: the people, places, and experiences that have shaped their past life. And, all people have a To: the direction and destination to which their lives are heading.

The same idea is also true of churches. Windy Cove has a glorious history of worship and service to the Lord. The church also has a future with that same Lord who is indeed the Lord of our past, our present, and our future.

On Homecoming Sunday Keith Hill will explore this idea from the scripture of Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21. (Wow! It might take a while just to read the Bible lesson!) The title of Keith’s message is From One Season to the Next. Begin now

to contemplate how your life fits this pattern of living.

In addition to our worship on Homecoming, we will share a fellowship meal with Dinner on the Grounds around 12:30. Then, around 1:30 or so, we will have the opportunity to sing hymns together and share some of those precious Windy Cove stories.

Be sure to mark your calendar now for our Homecoming on Sunday, September 13, at 11 o’clock.

Windy Cove Jamboree

Windy Covians have also begun preparations for a special fall event, the Windy Cove Jamboree. The Jamboree is the result of planning that our Session began in the spring and summer of 2014. One goal which arose with the Vision Group that the Session had established was to build the relationships with folks in our community outside the normal ministries of the church.

That Vision Group did some brainstorming on general events in Bath County. They concluded that well-attended events in the county usually had three components: something involving children, music, and food. Our Windy Cove Jamboree has been designed with this insight in mind.

The Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, at the Windy Cove Picnic Pavilion. It will begin around 3 p.m. and continue until 7. Some things currently planned for

the Jamboree include games and activities for children, a craft fair and tractor display, Bible skits, the Harwell Grice Band from Rocky Mount, VA and free food.

The Session currently has work groups preparing in the areas of:

Crafts—Tammy Lindsay

Food—Mary Margaret King

Publicity—Bruce Cambata, Jon Eaton

Drinks—Mike Grist

Bathrooms, Signs—Fran Hobbs

Parking—Johnny Peery, Buck Smith

Tractor Display—Sam Hepler

Kids’ Activities—Traci Herscher

Faith Info/Prayer—Jon Eaton

Tents—Justin Shanks

Entertainment—Sharon Madison, Rob Sherrard

However, this event will require the maximum participation of all our members and current attenders. Please make yourselves available to these folks and be sure to say a willing, “Yes,” when called upon by them.

Also, your interest in and communication about this event will be crucial to its success. So, now is the time to talk to your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances about attending the Windy Cove Jamboree on Saturday, October 10.

A New Front Walk

For several years the Windy Cove Session has been contemplating the best solution for the deterioration of the front walk at the church. Last winter the Session decided that the most sensible solution was to replace a portion of the walk.

That work is now underway. The damaged portion of the walk has been taken out. The outline of the new walk has been formed up. Stone and gravel have been tamped in. Reinforcement wires have been laid.

Even as we write to you today, Elders Glenn Williams and Buck Smith are working on final preparations of the site before the concrete is poured. We expect the job to be completed very soon and on display at Homecoming.

One advantage to the new walk will be to make the front of the church more accessible for wheel chairs and walkers. The two steps have been eliminated and the slope reduced to an acceptable level for such devices.

At the Pavilion

Summer worship will continue at the Picnic Pavilion through September 6. Mr. Sherrard has resumed his present series Great Leaders of the Bible. On August 30 the service will highlight Mary. September 6 will focus on Jesus and will include a celebration of the Lord’s Supper.