

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Friday, September 25

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, September 26

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, September 27

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 receiving our
Four Cents a Meal Hunger Offering
Session meets for lunch after Worship

✝ Monday, September 28

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Tuesday, September 29

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching in Clifton
Forge at 11 and Buena Vista at 2

✝ Wednesday, September 30

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ Thursday, October 1

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard will be teaching his college
classes today.

✝ Friday, October 2

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, October 3

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, October 4

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with the Lord's
Supper on World Communion Day

Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2015**

Head Waters Retreat

Last weekend the Lord provided beautiful weather for the Youth Retreat at Head Waters Lodge in Highland County. Both Saturday and Sunday were sunny with temperatures in the 70s.

There were a total of 33 persons who welcomed the lovely weather and the time away with the Lord. Twenty-three teens were present from several different churches and schools with the majority from Bath County High School. Additionally, the group included 5 college-age young people with the speakers, Bryan Keyser and Ian Bell, part of this segment. Finally, there were 5 youth advisors helping to lead the Retreat.

After a brief orientation to the Lodge on Saturday morning, the group separated into male and female contingents for the Silent Prayer Walk. On the men's side, there were 20 guys. Mr. Sherrard reported that he did not hear one whisper in the group during the hour and a quarter of the walk. During that time the walkers made 11 stops to pray for themselves, their families, their schools, their churches, their communities, and their country. At the same

time, they were observing the beautiful part of God's creation that surrounds Head Waters Lodge.

After lunch the young people went directly to the ropes course. There, they had the opportunity to participate in the High Swing, the Leap of Faith, and the Zip Line.

The Leap of Faith has become a real challenge for many of the teens. After being harnessed to a support line, you climb a ladder and steps up to a tree platform about thirty feet above the ground. About 9 feet horizontally out from the platform is a trapeze swing. The challenge of this event is to leap directly out into mid-air and grab hold of the bar. Since a person is harnessed, there is no possibility

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Take Note!

Sep 27: Four Cents Hunger Offering during Worship so bring your pennies to support our Food Pantry ministry; Session lunch after worship.

October 4: World Communion Day with the Lord's Supper in Worship; Teens meet at 5 p.m. at Millboro Elementary

Oct 6: Women's Bible Study on Hope begins this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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of falling if you miss the bar. The real challenge is to dive into open space even knowing that you cannot fall. Many of the teens tried the Leap more than once. Over the years, only about ten percent of those who have tried have actually been able to hold onto the bar. It's a partial triumph just to touch the bar, but grabbing and holding on is much more difficult.

After these events were completed, the teens and some adults played a version of dodge ball that has continuous action. Most of the adults thought the main purpose was to use up some of the seemingly inexhaustible supply of teen energy.

After supper, it was time for worship, our speaker, and ministry time. Sharon Sherrard led the worship, and Bryan Keyser was the evening speaker. During the ministry time, all of the teens were on their knees praying to God and being ministered to by the speaker and our adult advisors. The Lord was very active.

Ian Bell spoke on Sunday morning. He gave a thought-provoking interpretation of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. During the ministry time, the group did some "soaking." Soaking is one way of enjoying the Lord's presence that the teens really like. While some soft Christian music is played, folks rest on the floor and allow the Lord's presence to surround them. In a way, it's a time of basking in the love of God.

As a follow-up to the Retreat, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored See You at the Pole as part of Wednesday's Bible Club at the High School. There were about 30 students who were at the flag-pole to pray for their school and for our country.

Regular Schedule Resumes

On Sunday, September 20, Windy Cove resumed its regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:45 and Morning Worship at 11. Sunday School had an adult class led by Mike Grist. All of our teens were at the Retreat in Highland County, and our younger learners were away for the weekend.

Mr. Sherrard continued the sermon series begun earlier in the summer on Great Leaders of the Bible. Peter was the person for discussion on September 20. Peter was one of the first disciples whom Jesus called. He was often the spokesman for the group and was part of the inner circle of disciples that also included James and John.

At Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16), Peter proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Jesus heartily endorsed Peter's declaration. However, Peter immediately demonstrated his lack of understanding of this ministry of Jesus when he told Jesus that he could not suffer and be killed as Jesus had said would happen.

Then, on the night of Jesus' arrest, Peter denied three times that he

even knew Jesus despite his ringing declaration only hours before that he was willing to die with Jesus. This shattering experience of Peter's life might have destroyed him and his ministry as a leader. Indeed, after his denial, Peter went off by himself and wept bitterly (Matthew 26:75).

However, God had other plans for Peter; and, in John 21, we read of Jesus' rehabilitation of Peter as a person and as a leader of God's people. In John 21 Jesus asks two things of Peter: to love Jesus and to take care Jesus' followers. Corresponding to Peter's three denials, Jesus allows Peter to affirm three times that he does indeed love Jesus and wants to serve him.

We know for a certainty that this rehabilitation of Peter worked. For on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), Peter is touched by the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaims the good news of Jesus to the crowds and the authorities. Peter is no longer uncertain about the true gospel nor is he afraid to declare his continuing allegiance to Jesus.

We all may face extremely trying situations in our lives which cause us to think we are of no value to the Lord or to others. However, Jesus gives us another chance. He provides an opportunity for us to make a comeback to useful faith and ministry. Like Peter we continue to have the chance to answer Jesus' questions: Do you love me? Will you serve me? Thank you, Lord!

Community Jamboree

The time is drawing near for our Windy Cove Community Jamboree. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 10, from 3 until 7 p.m. Many of the plans are being implemented to make this event a community highlight for the fall season. The Jamboree will include an antique tractor display, children's activities, Bible skits, craft tables, good bluegrass music, and a free supper.

One highlight of the evening will be the Harwell Grice Band from Rocky Mount, VA. The website reverbNation has this to say about the band: "The Harwell Grice Band has been entertaining audiences throughout Virginia nonstop, since late 2003. Their original bluegrass and Americana mixed with a large repertoire of traditionals and even a few popular covers result in a very entertaining show." The band has numerous YouTube videos available for those who want a preview of what to expect. We are sure that our Bath County neighbors will have just as positive a response to these talented musicians as others have.

Next week in lieu of our usual *Weekly Word*, we will be sending out an invitation to our regular readers and our community friends to enjoy the Jamboree with us. We also hope that our weekly readers will spread the word about the Jamboree to their friends and neighbors. If you want more information about the Jamboree, you can always call the church office at 997-5395.