

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Friday, March 25

Morning Prayers at 8
Piney Grove Good Friday Service at 7

✝ Saturday, March 26

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, March 27

Happy Easter!
Sunrise Worship at 7 atop the hill on Windy Cove Farm
Community Breakfast at Calvary Baptist Church following the Sunrise Service
No Sunday School on Easter
Morning Worship at 11 with a Celebration of the Lord's Supper

✝ Monday, March 28

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Tuesday, March 29

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Wednesday, March 30

Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ Thursday, March 31

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Friday, April 1

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, April 2

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, April 3

Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11 with Andrew Hobbs and his Philippine trip with a light lunch to follow
Session meets following lunch
Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
March 24, 2016

Lent Ends, Easter Arrives

Since Ash Wednesday on February 10, Windy Covians have been on a Lenten journey leading to Easter. That journey will conclude in the next few days with distinctive services during Holy Week and Easter. These singular opportunities for worship will complete the congregation's consideration of the Lenten theme, What Do You Really Need in Life. This theme has been explored with a series of answers focused on You Need Jesus in Order to . . .

On Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., our emphasis will be on Jesus' power to forgive sin. Early in Jesus' ministry, he was confronted with the unusual situation of a paralyzed man carried to him on a mat by four friends. By this time the crowds were so extensive that the four friends could not approach Jesus in the house where he was staying. So, they removed some tiles on the roof and let down their paralyzed friend in the middle of the crowd right in front of Jesus. Surprisingly, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven."

When questioned by the religious leaders about his authority to forgive sin, Jesus healed the man as evidence of his authority to forgive as well as

to heal. We will explore the implications of this story for our present situation as sinners in need of forgiveness.

On Good Friday at 7 p.m., Pastor Rob Sherrard will participate in a cooperative service at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Hot Springs. Along with other pastors, he will explore the Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross. Mr. Sherrard will address Jesus' exclamation, "It is finished." Piney Grove invites the community to join them for this special service.

Mr. Sherrard will also be preaching the Millboro Springs Community Easter Sunrise Service this year. That early morning worship begins at 7 on Easter atop the hill on Windy Cove

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Take Note!

Check out all the Lenten and Easter Events on the Calendar!

Mark Sunday, April 3, on your calendar to hear Andrew Hobbs speak about his trip to the Philippines.

The staff of the *Weekly Word* will be taking their Spring Break next week. We will publish again, Lord willing, on April 7. See you then. In the meantime, enjoy the Lord's blessing at Easter.

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Lent, Easter (Cont.)

Farm. Early weather reports give abundant hope for a beautiful sunrise on Easter. Because of the emphasis on the rising sun at this service, Mr. Sherrard will explore Jesus' declaration, "I am the light of the world."

The culmination of our consideration will come at Morning Worship at 11 on Easter. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we will also consider our own resurrection. Throughout Lent we have used the Apostles' Creed to affirm each Sunday that we believe in the resurrection of the body. Jesus' resurrection is the firm basis for our continued affirmation of a substantial life after death.

Indeed, all major religions deal with the three important questions of mortality, morality, and meaning. Many, if not all, of the significant questions in life resolve themselves into the provocative question: What happens when we die? On Easter the congregation will take a serious and joyful look at that very question.

We hope that many of you will join us for these various opportunities to affirm our faith and worship together. We know that many of our readers attend other churches, both locally and away from our Millboro Springs Community. We encourage you wherever you live to celebrate your relationship to God on Easter.

Blessing Others

On Sunday, March 20, Windy Covi-ans celebrated Palm Sunday. This Sunday of the Church Year reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the last week of his earthly life.

After several years of practice, worshipers at Windy Cove have actually become quite accomplished at waving the palm branches supplied to them on Palm Sunday. Many folks were enthusiastically waving their branches during the musical parts of worship last Sunday. That joyous mood was set by the Choir as they began the service with the anthem, "Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord." The congregation soon followed with "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

The morning message dealt with Why We Need Jesus in Order to Bless Others. When sin entered the world, it disturbed God's good creation. But, God had a plan to restore creation. That plan began with Abraham who, along with his descendants, was to "bless all the nations of the earth." When Jesus came, he was a descendant of Abraham; and Jesus was the means for blessing all the nations of the earth. Then, Jesus commissioned his disciples to spread that blessing.

Mr. Sherrard's message encouraged the Windy Cove worshipers to use their natural abilities, their talents, and their spiritual gifts to bless

others in Jesus' name. One illustration of the use of spiritual gifts to bless others came from a testimony of Pastor Bill Johnson of Bethel Church where Traci Herscher and Sharon Sherrard recently attended a prophetic conference.

Pastor Johnson told the story of a young prophetic believer who was in Walmart. This believer had some numbers running through his head when he spotted another shopper who seemed distressed. The believer in his mind heard the words "Dad" and "12." So, he boldly but pleasantly asked the shopper, "Say, this might seem weird, but what happened between you and your Dad when you were 12?"

The shopper broke down in tears. He said that he had been estranged from his father. The Christian said, "Why don't you call him?" The shopper replied that he did not even know his father's number. At which the young prophet took out his cell phone, punched in the numbers that were going through his head, hit send, and handed it to the troubled shopper. The call went through to the father's answering machine where the son left a message.

Several weeks later, the young prophet was again in Walmart. He saw an older man who seemed distressed; so, he asked, "Are you O. K.?" The man said he was troubled because his son had called him several weeks earlier and left a message; but when he tried to return

the call, he did not reach his son. The prophet asked, "Do you still have that number?" The man replied, "Yes," and showed him on his cell phone. It was, of course, the prophet's own cell phone number.

At this revelation, the obedient prophet took the man's cell phone, punched in numbers that the Lord was giving him, and handed the phone back to the older man. When the call went through, it was the answering machine of the gentleman's son. Through the perceptive obedience of a young prophet, God's blessing of reconciliation was passed on to a son and a father. Surely, God can and does move "in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." Who knew that shopping in Walmart could be so much of a blessing!

Two Things

1. Peanut Butter for our Food Pantry in April. Please bring 18 and 28 ounce jars of peanut butter for distribution on April 12. The box is in the vestibule waiting.
2. Andrew Hobbs will be sharing a testimony about his recent mission trip to the Philippines on Sunday, April 3, during Morning Worship. Afterwards, we will have a light lunch so that folks can greet Andrew and ask any questions they may have.
3. All we need is you!