

Calendar of Ministries

✝ **Friday, April 15**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 16**

The Sherrards will be in Kingsport, TN for the second birthday of their foster grandchild

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 17**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with a message on the Cloud of Witnesses

After worship, teen trip to Waynesboro for God Is Not Dead, Part 2

✝ **Monday, April 18**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Tuesday, April 19**

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Truck at Windy Cove at 11

✝ **Wednesday, April 20**

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ **Thursday, April 21**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Friday, April 22**

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ **Saturday, April 23**

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ **Sunday, April 24**

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Monthly Fellowship Meal after worship

Session meets following the Meal



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2016

Racial Reconciliation and David's Tent

Sharon and Rob Sherrard traveled to Washington, D.C. last weekend to attend a prayer rally on Saturday at the Lincoln Memorial. This rally was loosely linked to a much larger event held the same day at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum celebrating the 110th anniversary of the Azusa Street revival and calling for present-day revival in America.

Because of its particular venue at the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington event focused on revival in the nation beginning with racial reconciliation called for in Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech delivered at the Memorial in 1963. An especially significant part of the rally was a foot washing ceremony in which a group of white church leaders knelt to wash the feet of several black church leaders. These black leaders included Dr. King's niece, Alveda King. This ceremony of humility and repentance was surrounded by prayer and worship throughout the day including prayer in small groups.

While on the Mall, the Sherrards walked to the area of the Washington Monument to visit David's Tent. This ministry of worship, prayer, and Bible reading has occupied a space close to

the Monument since September 11, 2015 and will continue on the Mall until Election Day on November 8, 2016. David's Tent gets its name from the tent for worship that King David set up in Jerusalem once he had made that city his capital. He made provision for continual worship at the tent until a permanent structure (the Temple) could be built as the center of God's presence in Israel. As was the case with the original Tent of David, David's Tent in Washington practices continuous worship.

Additionally, David's Tent has a ministry of proclaiming the Word of God over the city and the nation. At Ezra's Platform inside the tent, visitors in turn read the Bible aloud.

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Take Note!

Our Food Pantry met on Tuesday, April 12. We were grateful for all the peanut butter that had been brought as our extra item for the month

The Food Truck from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will be at Windy Cove on Tuesday, April 19.

The Spring Blood Drive will be in Millboro at the Ruritan Building on Tuesday, April 19. Check with Olivia Haney for details at 540-997-9135.

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David's Tent (Cont.)

Where one reader stops reading in the Bible, another reader starts until the entire Bible has been completed. When the Sherrards visited the tent last December, they both read from the prophet Jeremiah. That was the fourth time through the Bible at David's Tent since September using this method of sequential reading.

On their trip last weekend, the Sherrards read through part of 1 Chronicles. Rob covered the section which included the death of King Saul and the inauguration of David as the new King of Israel. When Sharon stepped up to read, she was deeply touched by the first verse, "And David made houses for himself in the City of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it," referring to the original David's Tent in Jerusalem.

Rob has been particularly touched by reading and reflecting over the Word of God in our nation's capital. He says, "There is something profoundly moving about using this way to proclaim spiritual blessing over the nation and to call the nation back to its own spiritual roots. I don't believe anyone can participate in this ministry without being changed, and I hope the nation will change also. I advise everyone who is able to visit David's Tent." There is more info at www.davidstentdc.org/.

Philippine Ministry

We were very grateful for Andrew Hobbs's ministry at Windy Cove on Sunday, April 3. Andrew spoke with utmost sincerity about his trip to the Philippines with a team from Advancing Native Missions. Andrew gave instruction in welding techniques to the people the team visited. In addition, you could tell from his presentation just how much Andrew was touched by the people he met, especially the children. We are certain that Andrew's visit touched these kids as much as his story touched us.

Andrew also told his own story of God's healing. Right before he left for the trip, Andrew got a tiny piece of metal in his eye. It was too late to do anything about it before leaving. So, he left the whole matter in the hands of the Lord. Surprisingly, he had no trouble with his eye during the first part of the trip. After the team moved to its second destination, he awoke one morning with terrible pain in his eye. The doctor from a medical team that had then joined Andrew's team took a look, tried a preliminary procedure, and decided that Andrew needed to go immediately for further treatment.

When he arrived at the hospital for treatment, the eye doctor told him that she could see where the metal had been imbedded. However, the metal was now gone, and she said the eye had already begun to heal. Thank you, Lord!

The congregation also appreciated the lunch provided by Andrew's family on the Sunday that he gave his testimony. After we announced that Andrew's grandmother, Fran Hobbs, had made her famous rolls to go with the ham at lunch, no one really wanted to go home after worship. Thanks so much, Fran.

Great Cloud of Witnesses

Windy Cove began a new series of messages in worship on April 10. Mr. Sherrard will focus on important figures from the history of Christianity. On the 10th he began with an exposition of Hebrews 12:1-2 which includes the phrase, "a great cloud of witnesses."

The Book of Hebrews as a whole is a revival document. Though hard to imagine, even in the middle to the end of the first century after Jesus' resurrection, people were starting to fall away from their faith in Jesus. They may have been caught in Jewish or Roman persecution and wondered whether their faith was worth suffering for. Hebrews exhorts them to keep the faith.

In Chapter 11 the writer reminds the readers of the great Old Testament heroes of the faith: men and women like Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Rahab, and others. He commends their persistence in faith even when it was challenged by adversity. With such examples in the background, he exhorts his readers and us to do three things.

First, he says to get rid of any weight that would hold us back including any sin which might easily entangle us. Secondly, he calls upon us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. That race, of course, is our Christian life which can certainly have challenges. Finally, he invites us to focus upon Jesus as the pioneer (the one who has blazed the trail for us) and as the mature expression of a faithful person. After all, Jesus was the one who even endured the torture of the cross so that we might have the opportunity to run the race of faith.

On Sunday, April 17, our lessons will continue as we look at Abraham, one of those great heroes of faith. Hope to see you here in worship.

People and Prayers

Nancy Peery and her family did return safely from Minnesota this week following her mother's funeral last Friday. As we wrote last week, Nancy's mother died from a heart attack that she suffered during an auto accident as she left church on Sunday, April 10.

Nancy expects to return to Minnesota in the near future to spend some more time with her Dad and to help her sister get some of her mother's things in order. Nancy was grateful to learn of the love offering that Windy Covians gave for the family last Sunday. She says that the offering will give her the freedom to help her family in Minnesota.