

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Friday, May 20

Morning Prayers at 8

Wedding Rehearsal at Douthat State Park at 6 p.m.

✚ Saturday, May 21

Wedding at Douthat at 5 p.m.

Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, May 22

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with a message on the Apostle Paul

Bring your pennies for Four Cents Offering for our Food Pantry

✚ Monday, May 23

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, May 24

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Wednesday, May 25

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School at 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Thursday, May 26

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Friday, May 27

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Saturday, May 28

Evening Prayers at 8

✚ Sunday, May 29

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 continuing the Great Cloud of Witnesses

After Worship, the Sherrards will begin a week of vacation to ride bikes on the C and O Canal Trail.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2016

Bath County History Day

Bath County History Day on Saturday, May 14, drew about 20 to 25 folks to Windy Cove to explore the history of the church. During the morning and early afternoon, Mr. Sherrard greeted groups of 2 or 3 or 4 persons who were traveling to the different sites on the tour. Each person received a brochure giving a brief history of the church and the Lord's work in the area.

Most of the visitors were very interested in Windy Cove's Anniversary Quilt prepared for the church's 250th anniversary in 1999. This large quilt ordinarily hangs on the front wall of the sanctuary. The idea for an anniversary quilt came through Pastor Rob Sherrard who had seen a similar quilt while visiting a Presbyterian Church in Longview, TX. That idea came to life through the planning and hard work of quilter Cheryl Thompson and a group of other quilters that she recruited to assist her.

The quilt contains 250 individual squares consistent with the 250th anniversary. The unique design of the quilt comes from the different types of squares included. The center of the quilt contains a representation of Windy Cove's first log church beside

the river. The perimeter of the quilt echoes this theme with small country churches with the names of Windy Cove's pastors. The interior of the quilt contains family squares, one for each of the families who were members or attenders of Windy Cove in 1999. Along with the family squares are a series of ministry squares representing the various ministries of the church such as Food Pantry, Haiti, Youth Club, and many more. Finally, in the middle of the quilt, there are a group of beautiful memorial squares remembering great saints of Windy Cove who had graduated to the heavenly kingdom before 1999.

Besides their interest in the quilt, our visitors learned about the present

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Take Note

Bring your pennies on Sunday, May 22, for our Four Cents Hunger Offering. The Food Truck recently served nearly 100 families in our area.

Bible School is progressing. Mr. Sherrard has ordered the material. Are you ready to help out? Be prepared to receive a call.

The Cloud of Witnesses will continue in worship on May 22 and May 29.

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brick Sanctuary and Session House built in 1838. They appreciated hearing about the later addition of stained-glass windows.

After the history lesson, our visitors also enjoyed Windy Cove's hospitality. They chose a bag lunch of either chicken salad or egg salad with a drink and cookies. Most folks sat down in the Fellowship Hall to eat their lunch and share pleasant conversation with those who happened to be there at the same time.

We were delighted to welcome our friends and neighbors to this History Day. Mr. Sherrard said he particularly enjoyed seeing some old friends and making some new friends as well.

Peter Preaches on Pentecost

On Sunday, May 15, the Windy Cove Congregation celebrated Pentecost by examining the change that God brought to Peter's life between the Thursday prior to Jesus' crucifixion and fifty days later when Peter preached his famous Pentecost sermon recorded in Acts 2. The contrast between these two portraits of Peter could hardly be more striking.

On that Thursday evening, Jesus had told Peter that he would deny him later in the evening. Peter swore that he would never do such a thing. Peter said, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." Nevertheless, later that evening, Peter denied

three times that he even knew Jesus. Then, a rooster crowed as Jesus had prophesied. Hearing the rooster, Peter wept bitterly at his failure to stand by Jesus.

However, fifty days later on the Day of Pentecost, Peter boldly explains the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and preaches to thousands of people a message of repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus. What a difference fifty days can make! So, what happened in those fifty days to change Peter so much?

Three events explain the difference in Peter. First and most importantly, Jesus was crucified **and resurrected**. Without Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection, Peter might have died a broken and bitter man. Jesus' resurrection gave Peter a second chance to be a faithful disciple. In his message, Mr. Sherrard mentioned that he had once asked an adult Sunday School class at Windy Cove, "How would your life be different without the resurrection of Jesus?" Elder Kirk Lunsford immediately replied, "I would have no hope." Kirk realized in his own life what had changed Peter: the hope that comes from knowing Jesus and receiving the benefits of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The second event that changed Peter is recorded in John 21. This scene shows Jesus' personal rehabilitation of Peter. It's one thing to believe in Jesus' death and

resurrection as an historical fact, but it is another thing to apply the power of that fact to your own personal life. So, Jesus did some personal spiritual rehabilitation with Peter. **Three times** Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" To counteract his three denials, Peter has the opportunity to reaffirm his love for Jesus three times. Each time Jesus renews his call to Peter to continue his discipleship, "Feed my sheep."

Finally, on the Day of Pentecost, Peter deepens his relationship with Jesus as he receives the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Jesus had commanded his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit had come upon them. The deepening of that relationship with the living Lord Jesus was to be the disciples' source of power for ministry. So, on Pentecost Peter with renewed courage preaches to thousands.

In the epilogue to Pentecost in Acts 4, Peter and John are detained by the Jewish authorities and specifically commanded **not** to preach in the name of Jesus. "But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.'" No more denials by Peter, he is a completely changed person. Thank God!

Session Met with LRT

The Windy Cove Session met on May 15 with the Listening Response

Team from Shenandoah Presbytery. There was a healthy exchange of views, and folks left the meeting with a sense that the conversation had moved the Process of Discernment forward. The LRT indicated that they would be back in touch with the Session and Windy Cove after digesting the thoughts of the meeting and contemplating the next step in the Process. When we hear something more definite, we will be sure to let our readers know.

People and Prayers

We have been praying earnestly for Larry Anderson near Chattanooga, TN. Mr. Anderson is Chip Anderson's father. Chip, of course, is Katy Sherrard Anderson's husband. About a month ago, Mr. Anderson was diagnosed with cancer. He has begun receiving radiation treatments. Chip is an only child so he has much responsibility for watching out for his parents during this time.

Mr. Sherrard was happy to report that all his students passed the courses they were taking with him. He was particularly pleased with a project in his History of Christianity class where students gave oral reports on the history of local churches and connected them with the bigger picture of church history.

Gary Nair has rescheduled his back surgery for May 25. Sharon Sherrard has been feeling better after an extended bout with a sore throat and laryngitis. Pray without ceasing!