

Calendar of Ministries

✝ Friday, September 9

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, September 10

Women's Conference at Piney Grove Baptist in Hot Springs

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, September 11

No Sunday School today

Homecoming Worship at 11

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30 p.m.

Hymn Sing at 1:15 or so

✝ Monday, September 12

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Tuesday, September 13

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches his college classes today at 10 and 1.

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✝ Wednesday, September 14

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

✝ Thursday, September 15

Morning Prayers at 8

Mr. Sherrard teaches his college classes today at 10 and 1.

✝ Friday, September 16

Morning Prayers at 8

✝ Saturday, September 17

Evening Prayers at 8

✝ Sunday, September 18

Sunday School resumes at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

September 8, 2016

Homecoming: The Communion of Saints

Sunday, September 11, will be a very special day at Windy Cove. First and foremost, Sunday is our annual Homecoming. As our banner along the road proclaims, we will celebrate our 267th anniversary this year. Think of it, for 267 years at least, folks have been worshipping the Lord Jesus in our community. We can thank the sturdy pioneers like John Craig, who preached in the area in the 1740s, and Alexander Craighead, who established the church in 1749, for bringing the gospel to this part of Virginia.

Our theme for Homecoming is The Communion of Saints. We're not thinking of saints like Mother Teresa who was recently declared an official saint by the Roman Catholic Church. Rather, our theme corresponds to the Biblical use of "saints" which includes all those who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

"The communion of saints" is, of course, a phrase that appears in the Apostles' Creed. It refers to the idea that all who have made a profession of faith in Jesus are in communion or connection with each other. This connection includes those still living on this earth and those now residing in heaven with the Lord. On Sunday

we join with the saints who have gone before us and with those who may come after us in one chorus of praise and thanksgiving to God. We will indeed remember many of those who did pave the way for our present devotion and ministry in Jesus' name.

Additionally, we will take time to remember the events of September 11, 2001. The fifteenth anniversary of that shocking day reminds us to be diligent in prayer and in service to our country.

Our guest preacher for Homecoming this year is Steve Cathcart. Steve is well known to many in our church and community because of his former service at Falling Spring Presbyterian Church. Steve and his wife retired to

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Take Note

Homecoming Schedule, September 11

Morning Worship at 11 a.m.

Dinner on the Grounds at 12:30

Hymn Sing and Remembrance at 1:15/30

Since the weather may be hotter than usual for this time of year, **please dress comfortably for the day.** Pastors Steve Cathcart and Rob Sherrard have agreed **not** to robe this year, but to wear more casual but respectful attire.

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Homecoming (Cont.)

the Lexington area three years ago. Most recently, Steve finished an interim assignment at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church at Kerrs Creek. Unfortunately, Margaret Cathcart suffered a broken leg two weeks ago which requires a stiff brace on her upper leg until the bone mends. She is currently in the Golden Living Rehab Center in Lexington. Please pray for her swift recovery.

Homecoming afternoon will include the usual Dinner on the Grounds. Brings several dishes to share with family, friends, and visitors. Folks always look forward to some of the traditional Homecoming dishes, and they look forward to seeing some new dishes that folks are trying out on Homecoming. One indelible picture of a past Homecoming includes Carl Plecker surveying a whole table of desserts. There were cakes, cookies, pies, and even more variety. As he looked upon the bounty, Mr. Plecker remarked, "What I wouldn't give for a good, sweet onion."

Later in the afternoon around 1:15 to 1:30, we will have the opportunity to sing some of the "old favorites." As we sing together, we will also take time to share memories of Windy Cove and the people who have made the church such a significant part of our lives and the life of our community. We'll look for you on Sunday morning.

Kansas City Wedding

The Sherrards were in Kansas City, MO this past weekend for the wedding of Peter Goings and Erica Hayes. Peter is the son of Dr. Ron and Susan Goings of Clifton Forge. Through his mother, Peter's grandparents were Faye and Kenneth Simmons of Windy Cove.

Both Peter's and Erica's families have roots in Iowa. Dr. Ron Goings grew up in Iowa and attended the University of Iowa. Erica grew up in Iowa and her parents still live there. Peter decided to study nursing at Iowa, and he met Erica at the University. Their friendship grew more serious after they finished college and began work. Peter now works in Kansas City as a nurse while Erica works for a computer company that specializes in medical software.

Mr. Sherrard became involved with the couple because he had officiated at the wedding of Peter's parents and neither Peter nor Erica had established a relationship with a particular church in Kansas City. In fact, at the wedding Mr. Sherrard had his picture taken with most of the couples from the extended Simmons family whose weddings he had done. These included Susan and Ron Goings, Cindy and Kelly Cosby, Christy and John Bounds, Joseph and Marin Goings, Rachel and Jamie Talbott, and Karen and Brian Willett. One of the Simmons/Cosby grandchildren was missing because that

couple had recently had a baby and could not travel.

The wedding itself was on Sunday, September 4. Interestingly, both Peter's parents and Erica's parents had been married on September 3, 1983. Erica and Peter had intended to be married on September 3, but the wedding venue was booked for that day. So, they chose the next day instead. The venue was a working farm outside Kansas City which had several barns specifically constructed for weddings and their receptions.

The ceremony included a reaffirmation of faith by the couple and their drinking from a cup of blessing prior to a special prayer of blessing by Mr. Sherrard. Erica and Peter had selected passages from the Song of Solomon and from Romans to be used at the wedding. Mr. Sherrard shaped his meditation around Paul's advice, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

During their time in Kansas City, the Sherrards also visited the International House of Prayer. They spent about 4 hours praying and worshipping there on Saturday and an additional 2 hours on Sunday before the late afternoon wedding. Oh, by the way, they also attended a Kansas City Royals baseball game on Friday night!

On Labor Day they made the long drive home: 16 hours to cover the 950 miles back to Millboro Springs.

New Series Coming

On Sunday, October 2, Mr. Sherrard expects to begin a new series of messages on The Singular Messiah. He mapped out this series during his time in prayer at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. The word "singular" can have the meaning of one of a kind or a single instance as well as the meaning of exceptional or extraordinary. Both of these meanings apply to Jesus as the Messiah. He was the only individual to be the Messiah, and his messianic ministry was exceptional.

Our English word "messiah" comes from the Hebrew word meaning the anointed one. The English word "Christ" is derived from the Greek and means the same thing: the anointed one.

The series of messages beginning in October will explore how Jesus is the one who fits the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah and how these passages were applied to Jesus by the authors of the New Testament books. The intent of the series is to explore the implications of Jesus' life and ministry as the Messiah for our present understanding and practice of our Christian faith.

Of course the first Sunday in October is also World Communion Day, and the series on the Messiah will be designed to lead us into Advent which begins on November 27. Did you realize that Christmas falls on Sunday this year? It does!