

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✠ Friday, September 16

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, September 17

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, September 18

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11 with Mike Tennant's testimony

Teen Group at Millboro Elementary at 5

### ✠ Monday, September 19

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Tuesday, September 20

Morning Prayers at 8

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

Food Truck at 10 a.m. with distribution around 11:30

### ✠ Wednesday, September 21

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✠ Thursday, September 22

Morning Prayers at 8

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

### ✠ Friday, September 23

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✠ Saturday, September 24

Evening Prayers at 8

### ✠ Sunday, September 25

Sunday School resumes at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets for lunch after worship



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2016

## Mike Tennant to Speak

On Sunday, September 18, Mike Tennant will be speaking at Morning Worship at Windy Cove. Mike will give his personal testimony of the Lord's protection, care, and provision during the challenges that he has faced in life, especially in the last few years.

As most of our local folks know, Mike suffered financial reverses in his automotive business which caused him to eventually lose his auto shop. During that same time, Mike over-used prescription drugs which led to further personal and legal issues.

Sinking deeper into this pit of trouble, Mike ended up incarcerated in the Rockbridge Regional Jail. During his time in jail, Mike's father, Jim Tennant, had a serious truck accident and needed care. Mike believed that his mission was to get out of jail and take care of his father. When he was released, he came home to stay with Jim and provide much of his care.

Taking care of his father was more difficult than Mike had anticipated. Under the stress of the situation, Mike slipped back into some of his old habits and was sent back to the Rockbridge Regional Jail. Because of

the length of his sentence, Mike was then transferred to the Virginia State Correctional System.

He first went to the Powhatan Reception Center near Richmond for processing. Then, he was assigned to the Greenville Correctional Center at Jarratt, VA for the majority of his sentence. Near the end of his sentence, he was sent to the Bland Correctional Center from which he was released to return home.

During this turbulent period of his life, Mike experienced God in a way different than he previously had. On Sunday you will be able to hear more about Mike's personal journey. He will appreciate your support, and you will profit from his insight. We'll look for you on Sunday morning.

### Take Note

**Windy Cove returns to its regular fall and winter Sunday schedule this week.**

**Sunday School** begins at 9:45 with gathering and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Morning Worship** follows at 11 a.m.

On the **first and third Sundays** of each month our **Teen Group** meets at Millboro Elementary School at 5 p.m. (September 18 is the third Sunday.)

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## Gorgeous Day for Homecoming

Over the years, we've had some very nice weather for our Homecoming on the second Sunday of September. By any measurement, last week's Homecoming was one of the best weather days ever: not too hot, not too cold, nice and sunny, low humidity, just right!

And, it wasn't just the weather! To quote Pastor Rob Sherrard, "Steve Cathcart's Homecoming message was one of the best ever. It was personable, preached from the heart, and directed by the Holy Spirit." Steve spoke on the Communion of Saints bringing to a close Windy Cove's series on the Cloud of Witnesses. Steve brought together how our relationship with Jesus and with other people incorporates us into that cloud of witnesses. We join others who have gone before and others who will follow after us as part of the communion of saints who trust in Jesus.

And, it wasn't just the preaching! The worship was wonderful as well. The Windy Cove Choir sang two specials, one at the beginning of our time of prayer and one at the end. The first reminded worshipers that "God Is So Good to Me." The second assured the hearers that they were indeed "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." In addition to the choir numbers, the congregation joined with two hymns: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" and "For All the

Saints." Our contemporary music included emphasis on Jesus as the sure foundation, the cornerstone of our lives and faith.

And, it wasn't just the music! The congregation had the opportunity in prayer to thank the Lord for the faithful saints who had been important in their lives and the life of the church. Many familiar names from the heavenly cloud of witnesses were mentioned. In prayer and song, the congregation also remembered the shocking events of September 11, 2001. There was a Navy video which highlighted the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and the crash site in Shanksville, PA. The congregation remembered with the words from "America":

"Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King."

And, it wasn't just the worship! With Dinner on the Grounds, there was a feast for all to enjoy. From shrimp to chicken to venison to two whole tables full of desserts, plates were being filled and refilled. People lingered around the tables to just enjoy each other's company. That fellowship continued inside the sanctuary around 1:30 as folks sang hymns and told encouraging stories of their journey with the Lord.

Homecoming! What a blessing!

## Have You Noticed?

Our Property Ministry Team has been working on some items at the church. Recently, the front corner of the vestibule was repaired where it had been damaged when the front sidewalk was being redone. The extension from the concrete truck pouring the walk had accidentally hit the corner of the vestibule. The mason who fixed the vestibule also did some cosmetic work on the back of the church.

Less obviously, the air conditioner that cools the rear of the church had gone on the blink this summer. Thankfully, it was during the month when the congregation was meeting at the picnic pavilion. Alleghany Mechanical discovered a loose wire coming from the thermostat to the outside compressor and fixed the problem.

The Property Team has also contracted to fix the railings on the stoops at the kitchen and back of the church. The present rickety ones will be replaced with something more substantial.

Additionally, we have contracted with a pest control company to care for the church. You may notice some bait traps around. Mr. Sherrard reported that the last mouse he caught in the kitchen still had the cheese in his mouth. Ah, the terrible fate of eating the forbidden cheese!

If you see other items that need attention, contact Justin Shanks.

## People and Prayers

Sharon Madison's mother, Polly Rector, is recovering from the effects of a stroke in addition to dealing with some broken bones. She has come back home, but Polly needs lots of care and prayer.

Vicki and Mike Grist are about to be grandparents again. By the time you receive this *Weekly Word*, their daughter Samm should have delivered in Switzerland. Where do you think Mike and Vicki are headed this week?

Gary Nair continues to struggle with nerve pain in his back and legs. Gary had hoped to be singing with the choir on Sunday after practicing on Wednesday evening. However, he was not able to make it on Sunday. Lord, help that back to grow stronger and less painful.

In August Mr. Sherrard attended the Memorial Service for Martha Phifer in Pinehurst, NC. Martha was the wife of Shenandoah Presbytery's former Executive Presbyter, Homer Phifer. The Phifers had been good friends with the Sherrards during Homer's tenure as Executive, and their relationship continued after the Phifers retired to Pinehurst.

The Sherrards have bought a home in Lexington which they intend to use in retirement. However, no definite plans for retirement have been made. Recent rumors of imminent retirement were greatly exaggerated!