

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✝ Saturday, October 15

Prayer Emphasis: Hunger in America  
 Teen Retreat in Highland County, bus  
 leaves Windy Cove at 8:30 a.m.  
 Evening Prayers at 8

### ✝ Sunday, October 16

Prayer Emphasis: The Homeless  
 Teen Retreat continues in Highland  
 with return around 5 p.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:45  
 Morning Worship at 11  
 Fellowship at Young Life Camp, 2:30

### ✝ Monday, October 17

Prayer Emphasis: Domestic Violence  
 Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Tuesday, October 18

Prayer Emphasis: Hurting People in the  
 Local Community  
 Morning Prayers at 8  
 Food Truck, 10 until Noon

### ✝ Wednesday, October 19

Prayer Emphasis: Churches as a Light  
 Morning Prayers at 8  
 Bible Club at the High School at 8:08  
 Choir at 7 p.m.

### ✝ Thursday, October 20

Prayer Emphasis: Healing in our Nation  
 Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Friday, October 21

Prayer Emphasis: America's Leaders  
 Morning Prayers at 8

### ✝ Saturday, October 22

Prayer Emphasis: Military Personnel  
 Evening Prayers at 8

### ✝ Sunday, October 23

Prayer Emphasis: Civil Servants  
 Sunday School at 9:45  
 Morning Worship at 11  
 Fellowship Lunch after worship



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2016

## Jesus the Messiah: Descendant of King David

The Gospel of Matthew, the first book in the New Testament, begins with an extended genealogy of Jesus. At the very beginning of this genealogy, Matthew pointedly notes that Jesus was a descendant of Abraham and a descendant of David. Following this declaration, Matthew goes on to list many of the ancestors of Jesus. Matthew's purpose is clear. He is drawing attention to the two most important people in Jesus' ancestry: Abraham and David.

As we learn in Genesis, Abraham was the father of God's covenant people, the Israelites, who were later called Jews. God's original promises to Abraham including the provision that through Abraham all peoples on earth would be blessed. The Messiah Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise to bless all people.

Then, in 2 Samuel 7, we find the promise to Abraham being renewed to David. God promises David that through his descendants God would bring about an eternal kingdom over which one of David's descendants would rule. Again, the Messiah Jesus in the fulfillment of that promise to David. Jesus does rule over an eternal kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

References to the Kingdom of God (sometimes called the Kingdom of Heaven) are frequent in the Gospels. Often people associate the Kingdom of God with heaven. However, the Kingdom over which Jesus rules is not limited to one particular place. Indeed, the Kingdom is not just a place. The Kingdom over which Jesus presides is any place, person, situation, or circumstance in which Jesus rules.

At the beginning of his preaching ministry, Jesus proclaims, "The Kingdom of God is near." He means that God's reign is evident in what he preaches, teaches, and does. But, Jesus also says that the Kingdom of God is "within you" or the Kingdom of God is "in your midst." Other

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### **Take Note**

Windy Cove continues its regular Schedule on Sunday, October 16 with **Sunday School** at 9:45 and **Morning Worship** at 11 a.m.

**Teen Retreat**, Saturday and Sunday, Oct 15 and 16 in Highland County.

**Mission Community event at the Young Life Camp**, Sunday, Oct 16, begins at 2:30

Food Truck, Tuesday, Oct 18, 12 to Noon

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## Descendant of David (Cont.)

expressions of the extent of Jesus' rule make clear that the Kingdom is not just in heaven. Where Jesus' rule takes hold, there is the Kingdom.

What difference does it make in the ordinary life of a Christian to know that Jesus rules in an eternal kingdom? It can and should make all the difference. What about worry? If a person believes that Jesus does indeed rule over all, why should one worry about ordinary matters. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his followers not to worry, that he takes care of them. He says, "Consider the lilies of the field . . ." These flowers are beautiful as part of God's creation, and people are so much more valuable than they are.

Or, what about forgiveness? If the King is willing to forgive, why are Jesus' subjects often so reluctant to forgive others. The deacon, Stephen, is a model of a forgiving spirit. In Acts 7 we read that Stephen prays for those who are stoning him to death. This act of forgiveness can only remind us of Jesus' cry from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they don't know what they are doing." Recognizing Jesus the Messiah as an eternal king can make all the difference in many situations in life.

Our series on The Advent of the Messiah will continue on October 16 with a consideration of Jesus the Messiah as God's remedy for sin. Join us for this important lesson.

## Teen Retreat this Weekend

Area teens will be in retreat this weekend, Oct. 15-16, at the Youth Development International camp at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County. This year's retreat marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important part of teen ministry at Windy Cove and in Bath County.

In recent years the Teen Retreat has provided a rally point for the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). The FCA works with students at Bath County High School through the Wednesday morning Bible Club and through other special events throughout the year including a Super Bowl party at the Old Dairy Barn in Warm Springs. FCA Chaplains for this school year include Logan Peery (serving his second year) from Windy Cove and Tyler Bryant from Calvary Baptist.

Activities at the Retreat will include a silent prayer walk, worship, Bible study, an inspirational speaker, the challenge of the high ropes course, and the fellowship of just being together. Each of these activities focuses on challenging the young people and their adult leaders to move to a deeper level of relationship with Jesus.

The kids will leave Windy Cove on Saturday morning, October 15, at 8:30 a.m. and return on Sunday afternoon around 5. Adult leaders for the Retreat include Sharon Sherrard, Traci Herscher, Krista Armstrong, and Shelton Burns.

## Hurricane Matthew

Most of our readers will know by now of the passage of Hurricane Matthew over the country of Haiti. The hurricane came toward Haiti from the south. It passed over the southwest tip of Haiti near the city of Les Cayes. The hurricane did extensive damage with its high winds and large amount of rain.



Most of the Haiti Education Foundation schools are east of Les Cayes closer to the town of Jacmel. However, Hurricane Matthew was big enough to do damage far out from its eye. We are still awaiting a full report from our Haitian friends. However, we did receive the following news from Father Fred Menelaus of Saint Matthias Parish at Cherident:

*Saint Matthias Preschool, Elementary and High School in Cherident all had roofs blown off.*

*Epiphany School in Morin is destroyed.*

*Pere Fred, Priest in Charge of St. Matthias Parish, says that there is damage/destruction to many other schools as well. He will get specifics as soon as he can.*

Please continue your prayers for these children and their schools. As soon as we receive more information, we will let our readers know how they can help.

## Fellowship Lunch

Our Fellowship Ministry Team has organized our next fellowship event as a lunch after worship on Sunday, October 23. The church will furnish ham for the lunch. The Ministry Team is asking you to fill in with other dishes as well. **Since it's Autumn, the Team suggests making pumpkin desserts for the lunch.** In addition to the fellowship of the meal, there will be opportunity to hear current information about the Discernment Process with Shenandoah Presbytery.

## Generosity

We appreciate your continued generosity for the mission of Jesus in our community and around the world. According to our treasurer, offerings from all sources for the year recently topped \$95,000; and we still have 11 weeks left in the year. Thanks be to God!