

## Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Saturday, October 29**  
Prayer Emphasis: Election Process  
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, October 30**  
Prayer Emphasis: God's Will in the Elections  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11
- ✚ **Monday, October 31**  
Prayer Emphasis: State and Local Elections  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Tuesday, November 1**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Wednesday, November 2**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08  
Choir at 7 p.m.

- ✚ **Thursday, November 3**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Friday, November 4**  
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Saturday, November 5**  
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, November 6**  
Sunday School at 9:45  
Morning Worship at 11  
Teens at Millboro Elementary at 5 p.m.

**Windy Cove is sending a vanful of folks to Washington, D.C. on Monday, Nov. 7, to pray for the country and the election.** The group will visit David's Tent, proclaim God's Word at Ezra's Platform, and possibly join another evening prayer meeting for the nation. Check with Sharon or Rob Sherrard if you want a seat in the van. Four seats are already taken!



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church**  
**October 27, 2016**

## Jesus the Messiah: Salvation and Redemption

In our quest to draw closer to Jesus the Messiah, Windy Covians studied two aspects of Jesus' ministry these last two weeks: salvation and redemption.

Salvation was the subject of our exploration on October 16. We thought about why we need to be saved, why God sent Jesus to save us, and how exactly does Jesus save us. The problem, of course, is sin. Since the time of Adam and Eve, God's creation has been contaminated by sin. There is no part of creation that has escaped the effects of Adam and Eve's disobedience to the command of God not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Every generation of people since that time have been infected with the virus of sin and have added to that illness by their own choices. As Paul reminds his readers in Romans, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Sin is the problem; what's the solution?

God sent Jesus as the savior of those infected with sin. Jesus himself forgave sins (See Mark 2 and the story of the paralytic.). And, Jesus' proclaimed that his mission was "to seek and to save the lost."

Why did God act so graciously to forgive us sinners who were disobedient to him? John 3:16 holds the answer: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God chose to solve the problem of sin because of his great love for those he has created.

But how did this saving grace of God work? God's grace worked through the person of Jesus. Jesus came as a human being to give the sacrifice that would put people right with God again. As a human being, Jesus could offer the sacrifice for human beings. However, Jesus needed to be more than merely human.

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### **Take Note**

For those of our readers who wondered, we did not print an issue on October 20. Mr. Sherrard was called out of town for a family funeral. His absence upset our production schedule. We are glad to be back with you today.

### **In the Future**

**Washington Prayer Trip**, Nov 7, all day  
**Community Thanksgiving**, Nov 20  
**Lunch and Decorate**, Nov 27

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## Salvation (Cont.)

Because Jesus was offering himself as a sacrifice for all humans and all of creation, that sacrifice had to be infinite. To put **everything** right with God, Jesus had to encompass everything within himself. Jesus had to be the infinite God as well as a finite human being. From its earliest history, Christianity has expressed this nature of Jesus as being truly human and truly divine. That's how Jesus accomplished the work of salvation for God and for people.

Then, there is redemption. In some places in the Bible, salvation and redemption mean almost the same thing. However, there is a shade of difference in their meaning. Redemption goes a step beyond salvation to answer the question: Saved for what purpose? In essence redemption focuses on being saved in order to serve a useful purpose in God's plan. In other words, Jesus does not save us to be put on a shelf or just to go to heaven; rather, he saves or redeems us for useful service to God.

Take the Biblical character of Zacchaeus from Luke 19. Unexpectedly, Jesus invites himself to be a guest in the home of Zacchaeus. He brings God's redemption into the life of a despised tax collector, one who collaborated with the Romans and cheated his own people. As a result of that redemption, Zacchaeus vows to give half of his wealth to the poor; and to restore fourfold any

money that he has fraudulently collected as taxes. Truly, Jesus' redemption came to Zacchaeus's home that day.

Redemption is not just for Biblical characters. On Sunday, October 23, Mr. Sherrard told the story of his son-in-law's family which his son-in-law, Chip, had told at his father, Larry's, funeral the previous Thursday.

Larry's father (Chip's grandfather) had abandoned his family when Larry was a preschooler. Such abandonment at an early age often leaves scars that show up as open wounds in subsequent generations. However, Larry made a commitment to Jesus in his life and was determined that his life would not be predetermined by his father's actions. Instead, he would be instructed by the love of Jesus in his life and especially in the way he treated his family and the students that he taught in his chemistry classes through the years. That attitude of redemptive love has been passed on to his son, Chip, who is married to Katy Sherrard Anderson.

Here's how Chip summed up that redemption at the graveside of his father.

*My dad's legacy is particularly important to me now. In a few days I will give a little two-year-old girl the name Anderson. It is a name I can give to her with pride, not shame or regret. But one day I know she will have*

*questions about her [birth] parents – particularly if they ever loved her and maybe if she is destined to repeat their actions. I will want to tell her about God's deep love for her, about the soul within her that is valuable beyond price. I will want to tell her that the actions she chooses are her own and she is free to create her own legacy. But first I will say to her, "Let me tell you about a boy [my Dad] who shared your questions in his heart, and what he decided shaped my life and your life too."*

Chip and Katy are scheduled to have the adoption of their daughter, Alyshah, made final on Monday, October 31. It's a testimony to God's redemption working through the family generations.

## Pumpkin This, Pumpkin That

The Windy Cove Congregation enjoyed a lovely Fellowship Lunch after worship on October 23. The highlight of the delicious meal was the table filled with various kinds of pumpkin desserts. The table included pumpkin pie, pumpkin cake, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin doughnuts, a pumpkin roll, and many more pumpkin things too numerous to mention. Boy, were they good! The church had provided ham for the lunch, and folks filled in with an assortment of matching dishes.

During lunch Mr. Sherrard announced that the Negotiating Team from the Windy Cove Session had **not** met formally with the Administrative Commission (AC) from Shenandoah Presbytery. The AC has the responsibility of reaching a settlement with Windy Cove by which the church may be dismissed to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. The AC has tasked the Windy Cove Session to present various items, such as financial and property records, to them before formal negotiations can begin. The Session is currently in the process of compiling these records.

## Haiti Relief

After receiving further word about the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, the Windy Cove Session sent \$2,000 to the Haiti Education Foundation (HEF) for hurricane relief among the people in the parishes served by HEF. The Session also sent \$1,000 to Trinity Hope, the Christian organization that arranges school feeding programs in Haiti including the feeding program at Notre Dame School sponsored by Windy Cove. The combined \$3,000 was available in the Windy Cove Mission Project Fund for work in Haiti.

Both of these groups have distribution systems already in place to deliver help to those who need it. HEF works with the Episcopal parishes and Trinity Hope through its food coordinators for the schools.