

Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Saturday, November 5**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, November 6**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5
- ✚ **Monday, November 7**
Special Prayer Trip to Washington
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Tuesday, November 8**
Election Day!
Morning Prayers at 8
Clothes Closet will be open today.
Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- ✚ **Wednesday, November 9**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School at 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

- ✚ **Thursday, November 10**
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Friday, November 11**
Veterans Day!
Morning Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Saturday, November 12**
Evening Prayers at 8
- ✚ **Sunday, November 13**
Sunday School at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11

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!

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The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
November 3, 2016

Imperfect Candidates/Imperfect Human Beings

This year's presidential election as well as the election of other officials at the local, state, and national level has caused quite a stir in the media and among people. The situation has prompted concern among Christians about how to react to such a state of political affairs. There are some Biblical insights which can help the thoughtful person to find a way through the maze of advertisements, rhetoric, and political prediction.

Perhaps the most important reminder from the Bible is this: There are no perfect human beings, except one, the Messiah Jesus. By their human nature, all political candidates and parties are flawed. However, the Bible does make clear that God can use even imperfect human beings to accomplish God's greater and more enduring purposes.

A list of the great Bible leaders besides Jesus reveals all too clearly their human imperfections. As a young man, Moses was forced to flee Egypt because he had killed an Egyptian overseer. King David tried to cover up his adultery and eventually arranged the murder of one of his own soldiers. The model of wisdom, Solomon, was not wise enough to resist

the temptations presented by the idol worship of his many wives. The Apostle Paul was the first-century equivalent of a bounty hunter as he even journeyed outside Jerusalem to bring those offensive Christians to justice. And did we mention Paul's complicit behavior in the illegal stoning death of the deacon Stephen? The list could go on.

The amazing thing is that God can and does use such imperfect people as we move forward on God's agenda. That way of God working should give people some hope when searching for the "perfect candidate."

In the second instance, the Bible reminds us that we are individually
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Take Note

It's the time of year for our friendly reminder to **adjust your clocks this Saturday evening.** Daylight Savings Time ends so your clocks need to "fall back" one hour. However, if you forget and come an hour early for worship, there's always Sunday School.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 8. That day is also Food Pantry and Clothes Closet Day. Lots of activity in and around Millboro and Millboro Springs.

Imperfect (Cont.)

responsible for our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. Though we live in a society where there is much discussion of and blame for what “they” did or didn’t do, we should be clear that ultimately we are responsible for the kind of life we live; and at some point, we are responsible for the society that we have created. Often we would do well to remember the thought from the Pogo Comic Strip: “We have met the enemy, and he is us.” If we desire change, change should begin within our individual hearts and spheres of influence, not with someone else.

The Bible is also completely clear that we should pray for all our governmental leaders, not just the ones that we like and support. This call to prayer is repeated in several places in the Bible. How we pray for our leaders may remain a matter of discussion; but the fact that we should pray for our leaders is clear.

Taking this latter admonition to heart, Windy Cove is sending a team of people to Washington, D. C. on Monday, November 7, to pray for our nation and for the election. The group will be visiting David’s Tent, a ministry that has been worshipping non-stop in our nation’s capital for more than a year. Inside the Tent, there is an area called Ezra’s Platform where folks from all over the world have been proclaim-

ing the Word of God over the nation by reading sequentially through the Bible.

Sometimes those words have been a harsh reminder of how far we have strayed from the righteousness of God; sometimes those words have been an invitation to return to a place closer to God’s own heart; sometimes those words have been a comfort in times of distress. At all times those words have been important. As Isaiah the prophet says of God’s Word,

*“The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. **It is the same with My word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.**”*

As we pray for our nation, words embedded in our own Constitution may give us some guidance about how to pray. In the presidential oath of office, the President promises to “preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.” As Christians our prayer might well be for God to preserve, protect, and defend our nation. That prayer may, as well, be a good starting point for mending some of the flaws that have become all too apparent during this election season. May God help us as we pray!

The Resurrection of the Messiah Jesus

On Sunday, October 31, Windy Cove’s worship centered on the cornerstone of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul makes clear that the truth of the Christian faith rests upon the solid ground of the resurrection of Jesus. In that chapter, Paul begins with a testimony of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. He wants the Christians in Corinth to know that their faith rests upon the solid foundation of positive, eye-witness evidence.

Later in the same chapter, Paul comments that, if Jesus has not been raised from the dead, Christians would be of all people the most to be pitied. They would be living a lie, depending on promises that had been made but not delivered upon. But, in a resounding declaration, Paul says, “But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.”

In fact, it is Jesus’ resurrection that validates the promises that Jesus made to his disciples and makes to us. On November 6 we will explore this theme further as we focus on Five Messages of the Resurrection. These Five Messages lie at the heart of the promises of Jesus and our Christian response to those promises. Make plans to join the congregation for this important reflection.

People and Prayers

The Sherrards were in Kingsport, TN on Monday, October 31, to participate and rejoice in the adoption of their first granddaughter, Alyshah Anderson. Alyshah came to live with Katy and Chip Anderson when she was about seven months old. She was in the foster care system in Tennessee. Over the next two years, Alyshah became available for adoption.

In a joyful proceeding in the judge’s chambers, Alyshah was formally adopted into the Anderson/Sherrard families. Besides Sharon and Rob, Alyshah’s other new grandmother, Cathy Anderson was also present as was Alyshah’s brother Silas. Mr. Sherrard offered a prayer during the hearing focused on the love, hope, and joy of the Lord that overshadowed the hearing.

Besides their usual hard work, the teachers at Millboro Elementary have been besieged by sickness this fall. Some strain of respiratory infection has struck them. Sharon Madison lost her voice for a while. Providentially, she had a student teacher who did most of out-loud teaching for a week. Denise Eaton literally coughed her rib out of place, as if the bronchitis itself were not enough of a plague. So, your prayers for these and other teachers and staff and for the students at the school will be greatly appreciated. Let the healing begin.