

Calendar of Ministries

✚ **Saturday, February 4, 2017**
Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of *The Forgotten Way*

✚ **Sunday, February 5**
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 with Communion
Super Bowl Party at the Barn in Warm Springs begins around 6 p.m.

✚ **Tuesday, February 7**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

✚ **Wednesday, February 8**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ **Thursday, February 9**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

✚ **Friday, February 10**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches at DSLCC at 10

✚ **Saturday, February 11**
Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of Ted Dekker's *The Forgotten Way*

✚ **Sunday, February 12**
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11
Teen Ski Trip to Snowshoe in the p.m.
Fellowship Lunch after worship. Soup and Sandwiches for lunch and bring a Valentine Dessert
Defibrillator demonstration after lunch



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
February 2, 2017

What Happened in the Garden?

Chapters 1 and 2 in the Book of Genesis present the wonderful story of God's good creation. The first scene emphasizes the power of God and his orderly plan for creation. God simply spoke and it was so. "Let there be light, and there was light." God's power is so great that Genesis 1:16 says, "He also made the stars." As if in God's overwhelming power, creating billions of stars was merely a simple postscript to add beauty to the night sky.

The order of God's creation was evident in the movement from one day to the next. Day one, day two, and so on, until finally God made people "in his own image." God looked at creation and reflected, "It was very good." Then, God rested on the seventh day completely satisfied with the work of creation.

In Chapter 2 Genesis emphasizes the importance of human beings in the plan of creation. God takes care to shape Adam, and God provides a helper suitable for Adam. He breathes into human beings the very breath of life. God provides a garden called Eden so that Adam

and Eve would have a beautiful place to live and to work. Adam and Eve lived in wonderful fellowship with God and with each other. They were vulnerable but not afraid; they were innocent without any pretense or guile.

So, what happened in the Garden? One day two creatures that God had made: the serpent and the human beings got together to consider their lives apart from any consultation with God or without any regard to God's word for them. The serpent enticed Eve by suggesting that God had lied to her and Adam. She responded with a half-truth and with the considered

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Take Note

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Bring your pennies for **our 4 Cents Hunger Offering** to help with Food Pantry Community Super Bowl party at the Warm Springs Dairy Barn. Activities start around 5 or so. Game starts at 6:30. Refreshments provided.

Sunday, February 12

Fellowship Lunch following worship.
Defibrillator demonstration after lunch

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Garden (Cont.)

desirability of eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve was tempted and she ate. Adam was tempted and he ate. They got what they did not need and had not really bargained for: a knowledge of good and evil.

Their innocent and protected life was over. They felt threatened and ashamed. They tried to hide and protect themselves. But, their efforts were ultimately unsuccessful.

What had gone wrong? Because of temptation, they miscalculated their relationship with God. They had already been created "in the image of God." They were intended for intimate fellowship with God as an exalted part of God's creation. Their desire to be gods themselves caused them to forfeit their rightful place in creation and separated them from fellowship with God.

Also, they misunderstood God's prohibition not to eat from the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. By believing the serpent's lie instead of trusting in God's goodness, they failed to realize that God's command was to protect them. God's command was not to keep them from experiencing something delightful and fulfilling. On the contrary, the knowledge of good and evil plunged them into a darkness they had not known or worried about. That story is the bad news.

The story of Jesus is the good news. Jesus comes as a second Adam. He takes upon himself the full humanity of creation. Jesus is tempted in every way as we are as human beings. Yet, he did not sin.

Therefore, Jesus could offer himself as the perfect sacrifice to restore his human brothers and sisters to their proper relationship with God. Jesus bridged the gap that sin had created. Jesus reestablished that intimate connection and fellowship with God that had been broken by the sin of the Garden and every sin which followed it during human history and in our own personal history as well.

Jesus brings light into the darkness; and by finding our identity in Jesus, we can live in that light and shine it to others. As Ted Dekker repeats often in his book, *The Forgotten Way*, Jesus really is the good news for our lives. At times we may forget that good news, but it is always there for us to remember and to align ourselves with in our journey with Jesus.

On Sunday, February 5, we will explore how the good news of Jesus helps us to overcome the lesser gods of our lives. We will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus's words from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Here's your invitation to meet Jesus afresh and to renew your commitment to him.

Session Meets

The Windy Cove Session met on Monday evening, January 30. After hearing a devotion on forgiveness, the Session took up several property concerns. The first item was a report from Roy Mohler of the Orkin Company.

The Sherrards have had Orkin service at the manse for many years. As such, they were entitled once a year to an inspection of their crawl space. In that recent inspection, Mr. Mohler found ample evidence of ground water under the manse as well as growing fungus and water saturation in the main support beam. These items indicated that some restoration of the crawl space was in order.

After Mr. Mohler's presentation on creating a completely controlled and moisture-regulated environment under the manse, the Session agreed to his proposal and commissioned the work. Total cost for this improvement will be \$12,900 with the work to be done sometime during February or March.

The Session then discussed the vinyl ceiling at the picnic shelter. During the winter when winds are the strongest, the vinyl panels in the ceiling have often blown loose and sometimes damaged. The Session is checking into a more permanent solution to this problem. The Session also discussed the need to weed eat or brush hog the triangle area and the bank which runs by the church. Another item was the deterioration of the circle road behind the church. The Property Ministry

Team will consult with Donald Kennedy and Mike Stinespring concerning a solution to the winter potholes.

The Session also heard an initial report from its Negotiating Team which had met on Sunday afternoon with the Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery. The Team indicated that they had received a preliminary proposal from the Commission and were formulating a reply which they will circulate to the Session before presenting it to the Commission.

More on Haiti

Windy Cove received a mid-year report from Trinity Hope which administers the feeding program at Notre Dame School in David, Haiti. We have supported this school for several years providing scholarships for the children to attend school and providing an extra supplement for the children to have one nutritious meal each school day.

In the 2015/16 school year, we fed an average of 55 students and teachers each day. The cost of each meal is 28 cents. In the present school year of 2016/2017, we are averaging 111 meals per school day. Some of this increase may be due to October's Hurricane Matthew which caused widespread devastation in the southwestern part of the country. We are certainly glad that we have a program in place to help care for these children and their families who desperately need help as they recover from the hurricane.