

Calendar of Ministries

✚ **Saturday, February 11, 2017**
Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of *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 Soup and Sandwiches for lunch and Valentine Desserts
Defibrillator demonstration after lunch

✚ **Tuesday, February 14**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1
Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

✚ **Wednesday, February 15**
Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ **Thursday, February 16**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

✚ **Friday, February 17**
Morning Prayers at 8
Mr. Sherrard teaches at DSLCC at 10

✚ **Saturday, February 18**
Evening Prayers at 7:30 with a discussion of Ted Dekker's *The Forgotten Way*

✚ **Sunday, February 19**
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship at 11
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

Mr. Sherrard is contemplating a series of messages during Lent focusing on hope, vision, and blessings from the Lord. This series will begin in March following the conclusion of *The Forgotten Way* Series.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
February 9, 2017

Matters of the Heart

On Sunday, February 12, Windy Cove will celebrate Matters of the Heart at Morning Worship, at a Fellowship Lunch, and at a medical demonstration following lunch.

During Morning Worship we will spend time thinking through a very important concept of our faith: what is means to love God with "all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Similar passages appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The phrase, "love the Lord your God," also plays a prominent role in the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy where it appears several times.

This consideration of love for God and for our neighbors is entirely consistent with the season of Valentine's Day. Although the day has been highly commercialized, it does have Christian roots. There are several stories that circulate around an Italian priest of the third century called Valentine. Valentine is said to have helped Christian couples to marry which caused him trouble with the Roman authorities

who thought single soldiers fought best. He was jailed for these activities and asked to prove his faith in Jesus by healing the blind daughter of the jailer. The Lord did hear that prayer, and the daughter was healed.

Later, Valentine was arrested again and sent to Emperor Claudius in Rome. According to legend, Claudius liked Valentine until Valentine sought to persuade the Emperor to become a Christian. Claudius ordered Valentine's execution which was carried out on February 14 in the year 269. During the Middle Ages, Valentine became the saint of courtly love.

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Take Note

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Fellowship Lunch following worship.
Defibrillator demonstration after lunch

Tuesday, February 14

Food Pantry, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Men's Bible Study coming on Feb. 27, sign up with Mr. Sherrard, see Inside

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At lunch Windy Covians will have the opportunity to share Christian fellowship together. These common meals have been part of the Christian faith since New Testament times. They give brothers and sisters in the faith an opportunity to catch up with each other. They also express the bond of Christian love that those devoted to the Lord do have for one another.

After lunch Barbara Howell and Heather Newmarker will provide information and a demonstration of the heart defibrillator which is housed at the church. For quite a few years, we have had a defibrillator in our vestibule and available for use.

Additionally, we always have quite a bit of traffic and parking around the church; many people pass through the church road each day. Also, each school day, most of the buses transfer students here. Finally, on Food Pantry and Food Truck days, we have quite a few elderly folks who participate with these ministries. For all these reasons, we thought a clear demonstration was in order just in case of some future emergency. Come for fellowship; come to learn.

Remember!

Worship at Windy Cove on Sunday, February 5, was centered on the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and on Jesus institution of the Supper where he said, "Do this and remember me." This emphasis on remembering fit well

with the congregation's reading of Ted Dekker's renewal book, *The Forgotten Way*. One of Dekker's main ideas is that many Christians have or often do forget the way of the gospel which Jesus embodied. For many, Dekker believes, the good news has become a matter of the head and not of the heart. What he means is that many Christians (and certainly lots of strictly secular folks) know many facts **about** Jesus without really **knowing** Jesus as a personal friend or intimate companion. Some have described this difference as one between the head and the heart.

Distractions that can turn people away from a close relationship with Jesus are the troubles that we experience in this earthly life that we are currently living. People get distracted by such things as finances, troubled relationships, attacks by others, jealousy, anger, anxiety, illness, and many more. Our focus shifts from our primary relationship to Jesus toward these other worldly troubles. Like Peter walking on the Sea of Galilee, once our attention focuses on the waves, we lose sight of the Savior beside us.

In fact, we often turn to other lesser gods to ease our anxiety or outright fear of these troubles. We look for security and significance in things such as our appearance, our clothes, our possessions, our education, our work, our status in family and society, and our secondary relationships with others.

We fail to remember, that as important as some of these things

seem, they cannot give us the lasting peace that we crave. Rather, as Jesus suggested in his Sermon on the Mount, we are better off to seek God's Kingdom and righteousness and see all these other things in their proper perspective.

The Lord's Supper is uniquely able to restore our focus, our remembering, on the most important aspect of our lives: our personal relationship with Jesus. Only there do we realize that God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Even More on Haiti

During this last week, we had several new developments for our 2017 Haiti team. First, we added a new member: Tyler Bryant. Tyler was a member of our 2016 team and really wanted to continue his experience in Haiti. He's a teen who is active at Calvary Baptist Church.

Tyler joins other team members Kim and Paul Lancaster, Heather and Jay Newmarker, Dallas Reynolds, Fran Hobbs, Debbie Darcus, Russ Woodzell, Aislinn Ryder, and Rob Sherrard. Of this group, all except Jay have been to Haiti at least once; and Jay has previously been on a mission to the Dominican Republic.

In addition, the Team secured reservations at Moulin Sur Mer, a retreat center in Haiti, where they will spend their last two nights before

returning home. Reservations have also been made at the Best Western Pentagon Hotel for Sunday evening, June 25, the day prior to the Team's departure for Haiti. By staying in the D. C. area the night before, the Team hopes to avoid the worst of the morning rush hour traffic. They fly from Reagan National Airport at 10:30 a.m. on June 26.

Men's Bible Study

Mr. Sherrard is organizing a Men's Bible Study to begin on February 27 and continue for about six weeks. The focus of the study will be on five sayings in Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. In each case Paul says that the saying "deserves full acceptance." The men will be looking at each of these sayings as a foundation stone of Christ's Church.

As in past years, an important part of the Bible Study will be the fellowship of supper prior to the study. Supper will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the study to follow around 6:30. In years past the men have enjoyed the varieties of suppers prepared by different participants in the study group.

If you are interested in participating in the Bible Study, let Mr. Sherrard know so that he can make plans for the first week on February 27.

Special Note

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, this year. Easter arrives on April 16. Mark your calendars now!