

## Calendar of Ministries

- ✚ **Saturday, February 18, 2017**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✚ **Sunday, February 19**  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 11  
Teens meet at Millboro School at 5
- ✚ **Tuesday, February 21**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Food Truck arrives around 10 a.m. with distribution around 11:30  
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1
- ✚ **Wednesday, February 22**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08  
Choir at 7 p.m.
- ✚ **Thursday, February 23**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard teaches today at 1

- ✚ **Friday, February 24**  
Morning Prayers at 8  
Mr. Sherrard teaches at DSLCC at 10
- ✚ **Saturday, February 25**  
Evening Prayers at 7:30
- ✚ **Sunday, February 26**  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 11  
Session meets for lunch after worship
- Men's Bible study begins on Monday, February 27 with supper at 5:45 p.m. and the study around 6:30. Contact Mr. Sherrard if you are interested. He needs a count for fixing the first meal. First passage will be 1 Timothy 1:1-17 focusing on verse 15.**



# The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church  
February 16, 2017**

## What True Love Requires

In connection with Valentine's Day and our special Sunday called Matters of the Heart, the congregation on February 12 considered what true love requires. The Bible lesson was from Luke 10:25-28 which is the introduction to the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Jesus has an exchange with an expert in the Old Testament law who is really trying to trap Jesus into saying something that will get him into trouble. The expert is trying to create a "Gotcha" moment. So, the expert asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Recognizing the situation, Jesus turns the question back to the expert. Jesus asks, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The expert answers from Deuteronomy 6 and Leviticus 19, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus affirms the expert's answer when he responds, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

This exchange is a key to understanding what true love requires. Love,

true godly love, requires total devotion, both in loving God and loving one's neighbor. It's the way God has loved us. Later, in the Upper Room in the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples that he has loved them to the full extent of his love. He came to lay down his life to that they might have life. That kind of total devotion to God and to others is what love requires.

Additionally, the passage gives insight to what love really means. Love includes the four areas of a person's heart, soul, strength, and mind. Loving with "all of your heart" includes sincerity of

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### **Take Note**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

Sunday School, 9:45; Worship at 11  
Teens meet at 5 p.m. at Millboro School

**Monday, February 20**

Presidents' Day Holiday  
Take time today to pray for the nation.

**Tuesday, February 21**

Food Truck arrives around 10 a.m. with distribution around 11:30

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## **True Love (Cont.)**

commitment not just outward appearance. Such love pours out from a person's true character.

Loving with "all your soul" comprises the physical part of a person including feelings and emotions. This part of love can often be mistaken for the totality of love. It may include that walking-on-air feeling that people may have when they sense an intimate attraction to someone. Such feelings are definitely part of love, but they should not be mistaken for the entire essence of love.

Loving with "all your might" indicates the force or strength of a person's commitment to another. Most people have an idea of the difference between "like" and "love." That difference is one of the force or strength that rests behind the commitment to the other person.

Loving with "all your mind" has an interesting language association. The Greek which lies behind the phrase means "deep thought." This derivation indicates that love should be well thought out. Love is not a casual thought or a spur-of-the-moment decision.

On Sunday Mr. Sherrard used this illustration from his personal life. Several years before

the Sherrards were married, Sharon proposed marriage to Rob. She had a boxful of wedding literature including brochures for a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. She had plans for her transfer to Longwood College in Farmville, VA while Rob could continue at Hampden-Sydney.

Rob's response to this proposal was to tell Sharon that he did love her dearly and that he thought that they would be married someday. However, he did not think that getting married as sophomores in college was a good idea! On Sunday while telling this story, he said, "I am glad that deep thought and calmer heads prevailed." From the front pew, Sharon Sherrard, responded, "So am I."

The final part of the passage from Luke includes loving one's neighbor. That idea refers to Leviticus 19 where the Israelites are to love others just as God had loved them. God's love for Israel was always intended not only for the chosen people but also through them for all peoples of the earth. God chose Israel for the specific purpose of expanding his love to all nations.

So, true love today requires Christians to love God with total devotion and to share God's love with others.

## **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.

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.

## **Haiti, Again!**

The Lord is planning something special for Haiti this summer! That fact is indicated by the number of folks who have been willing to join the team. In the last week or so, two more people have been added to the team: brothers Aaron and Ryan Newmarker. These two join their parents, Heather and Jay Newmarker, on the team.

The Haiti team now comprises 13 members: Kim and Paul Lancaster, Heather and Jay Newmarker, Aaron and Ryan Newmarker, Tyler Bryant,

Dallas Reynolds, Fran Hobbs, Debbie Darcus, Russ Woodzell, Aislinn Ryder, and Rob Sherrard.

Mr. Sherrard has also been in contact with Susan Turbeville the Executive Director of the Haiti Education Foundation (HEF) and through her with Father Frederic Menelas the Episcopal priest at Cherident, Haiti. Several projects are distinct possibilities for the team this summer.

Father Fred wants to continue our one-day Bible Schools at several of the HEF schools including Notre Dame School supported by Windy Cove. Father Fred also suggested the continued need for school benches at all the schools. However, the project that sparked Father Fred's interest the most was the idea of building bench pews for the Saint Matthias Church in Cherident.

Saint Matthias was destroyed by the earthquake in 2010. The community has been rebuilding the church since that time. The last item to be added was the roof which is still under construction. For most of the intervening period, Father Fred has held services in one of the school rooms close to the church. One reason for having new bench pews for the church is to eliminate the need to move school benches into the sanctuary each week for Sunday's worship. The continual moving of these benches greatly increases the wear and tear on them. The team will need your prayers and financial support for their work.