

Calendar of Ministries

✚ Saturday, May 27, 2017

Barbecued Chicken available from the Ruritans, sign up in the vestibule to reserve your chicken

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Saturday, May 27 through Saturday, June 3, the Sherrards will be on vacation in WV and then in Richmond

✚ Sunday, May 28

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11 with our graduates giving testimony to their faith

✚ Monday, May 29

Memorial Day! Remember those who served and gave their lives that we might live free.

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Tuesday, May 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✚ Wednesday, May 31

Morning Prayers at 8
Choir at 7 p.m.

✚ Saturday, June 3

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✚ Sunday, June 4

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11 beginning a new series of messages on church officers, their duties and qualifications

We will not have a regular *Weekly Word* next week. Instead, we will have a local, all Millboro, mailing announcing our Bible School to the community. We'll finish our publication for this year with a summer issue on June 8. Until then, we wish you the Lord's blessing as we celebrate Memorial Day weekend.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

May 25, 2017

The Greatest Thing in the World

Around 1880 Henry Drummond penned his famous essay, *The Greatest Thing in the World*. Drummond was a Scotsman who was educated in religion and science and who became an influential writer and lecturer during his lifetime of 45 years.

Drummond's most enduring work was his exposition of 1 Corinthians 13, the Apostle Paul's chapter explaining the meaning of Biblical love. *The Greatest Thing in the World* was at one time a very popular graduation gift. It charted an admirable course for young women and men starting out on an important part of their life's journey. In worship on Sunday, May 21, Windy Covi-ans had another opportunity to see for themselves what Paul says about love in his famous chapter that had so inspired Henry Drummond.

In the beginning of Chapter 13, Paul draws a contrast between things that people consider to be very important and love. In each case, Paul says that without love such things mean little. For example, Paul writes that if he were

a gifted speaker, but did not speak in love, he would be like a noisy gong or clanging cymbal. He further says that if he understood all mysteries and had acquired all knowledge, but did not have love, he would amount to nothing. Paul ends this section by saying that even seemingly heroic actions like becoming a martyr for religious conviction meant nothing if done without love.

Next, Paul begins his positive statement of what love really is. In Drummond's essay, he describes nine simple virtues taken from Paul's list. Drummond says, "[B]y a multitude of small things
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Take Note

Sunday, May 28

Sunday School at 9:45; Worship at 11
Celebrating Senior Testimony Day with messages from our high school and college graduates. The Sherrards will be out of town this week

Sunday, June 4

Sunday School at 9:45; Worship at 11
Mr. Sherrard will return to worship beginning a series on church officers.

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Greatest Thing (Cont.)

and ordinary virtues, the supreme thing," the greatest thing in the world is composed. These nine ordinary virtues or components of love include:

1. Patience
2. Kindness
3. Generosity
4. Humility
5. Courtesy
6. Unselfishness
7. Good Temper
8. Guilelessness
9. Sincerity

By these virtues, a person can measure thoughts, motives, words, and actions to determine if he or she is really living a life of love as Jesus commands and as Paul and Henry Drummond subsequently explain.

Paul concludes this section of Chapter 13 with a summary: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." In this sentence, the words "bear" and "endure" are particularly interesting. "Bear" derives from the Greek word which means roof or covering. The concept is like a tent that protects a person from the elements. That idea points to the fact that love provides a protective covering in a situation or relationship.

On the other hand, endure contains the idea of being out in the

very midst of the storm without a covering and still abiding or remaining or holding fast to faith. This idea recalls Jesus' words to his disciples, "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." These disciples were called upon to endure serious troubles following Jesus' death and resurrection. Yet, they could endure or remain because of their love.

It's no wonder why Paul's chapter on love and Drummond's essay on that chapter have been so influential. Both works set forth a way to measure a life that is one well lived and one well worth living.

Last Sunday, May 21, concluded the current series on Deuteronomy, God's commands, and love. On May 28, Mr. Sherrard will be on vacation. Rob and Sharon will be attending the Alumni Banquet at for their High School on the 27th in celebration of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Martinsburg High School. On Sunday, they plan to worship at Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church where Rob grew up.

On Memorial Day, the Sherrards hope to complete the last leg of riding the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Bike Trail. They have ridden the entire trail from Cumberland, MD to Washington, D.C. except for one stretch from Williamsport, MD to Shepherdstown, WV. Then, they expect to spend time in Richmond.

Bible School

Windy Cove is gearing up for another fun week of Bible School scheduled from Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23, with the Bible School Program and Picnic on Sunday, June 25. Nancy Peery and Rob Sherrard are doing most of the planning, but they need lots of help to reach a successful end.

The theme for this year's Bible School is Maker Fun Factory. It's all about how each kid has been created by God for a unique purpose and how each one can creatively serve God in return. The main Bible points for each day include:

God Made You from Psalm 139

God Is For You from Joshua 1-2

God Is Always with You from Judges 6-7

God Will Always Love You from Luke 22-24

God Made You for a Reason from 1 Samuel 25

As in past years, the children will learn about these different aspects of their relationship with God as they pass through various learning centers that include a Bible video center, a drama center, the worship and music center, a craft center, and their recreation and snack center. Each day will begin and conclude with worship and fellowship in the sanctuary. Each day begins at 9 and ends around noon.

People and Prayers

Mr. Sherrard had two funerals scheduled this week. The first was one of Sharon Sherrard's computer clients in Lexington. Sylvia Zoecklein had been in failing health for several years while Sharon had been helping with her personal affairs. Her funeral was in Lexington on Monday. On Tuesday Mr. Sherrard got a call from Nancy Nichols' daughter who lives in Birmingham, AL asking his help for her mother's funeral in Goshen on Friday, May 26. Wilbur and Nancy Nichols had often attended Windy Cove when staying at their farm on Big River Road. They both grew up in our area.

Sharon Sherrard's nephew, Tony Claxton, had surgery this week to replace and repair heart valves. Tony lives in Tallahassee, FL. A good friend of Fran Hobbs and Rob Sherrard from prior Haiti teams, Layton Manus, has been having body scans to check on internal organs. Layton and her husband Tom live in Concord, VA near Lynchburg. She was formerly the guidance counselor at Riverheads High School.

May 28 will be Senior Testimony Day featuring our high school and college graduates: Alicia Lee, Logan Peery, Aaron Newmarker, and Ryan Newmarker. These young folks will share their Christian stories with the congregation as they prepare to embark on new sections of their journey in life. Support them with your prayers and presence.