

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, September 16, 2017

Teen Retreat at Headwaters Lodge,
bus leaves the church at 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, September 17

Teen Retreat continues at Headwaters
Lodge with kids returning to the
church around 5 p.m.

Sunday School resumes at Windy Cove
at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

✠ Monday, September 18

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, September 19

Morning Prayers at 8

Food Truck arrives around 9:30 with
distribution around 11

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10
and 1

✠ Wednesday, September 20

Morning Prayers at 8

Choir at 7:30 p.m.

✠ Thursday, September 21

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10
and 1

✠ Friday, September 22

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, September 23

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, September 24

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Session meets after worship for lunch



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2017

A Busy and Delightful Day

Homecoming 2017 at Windy Cove proved to be a busy and delightful day. The first blessing from the Lord was the delightful weather. While the congregation prayed for those suffering through hurricanes in Texas and Florida, they rejoiced in the excellent weather on September 10. The entire day was sunny with cool temperatures in the morning to around 70 degrees by lunch.

The second blessing was the presence of the Holy Spirit during the Homecoming worship. That Spirit was especially evident in the music supplied by pianist Tammy Lindsay, worship leader Traci Herscher, and soloist Paul Lancaster. Paul sang a beautiful prayer song, "Hiding Place," which was particularly appropriate considering the imminent landfall of hurricane Irma.

Besides leading the singing in worship, Traci interpreted the Homecoming theme, A Picture in Time, with a presentation of "Paint Your Picture." The message of this song speaks of God as artist and sculptor painting a picture in and through the lives of

individual believers. Her song was accompanied by a video which portrayed the painting of a lovely picture as well as the careful sculpting of ornate pottery.

Tammy began the service with an inviting piano presentation of "Amazing Grace." She also provided the excellent accompaniment for the two solos as well as the offertory.

Mr. Sherrard's message focused on Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah's proclamation for the Lord came

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Take Note

The weekend of September 16 and 17 brings the Teen Retreat at Headwaters Lodge in Highland County. Teens leave the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and return at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Windy Cove resumes its normal fall schedule with Sunday School at 9:45 and Morning Worship at 11 each Sunday. Usually there is opportunity for fellowship and refreshments prior to the beginning of Sunday School. Come and see!

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Delightful Day (Cont.)

at a particularly bleak time in Israel's history. Around 610 B.C., the remaining remnant of Israel, called Judah, was threatened with destruction by the Babylonian empire of King Nebuchadnezzar. It was at this desperate time that God spoke a word of hope through Jeremiah.

God's message of good news was one of hope and even prosperity for the future. What the people saw was only a limited picture in time; what God saw was a larger portrait of what God was doing in through the people of God.

That same message is also true for churches and individuals. At any point in time, churches and individuals have only a limited picture of their situation. They may be experiencing good times or very difficult times. In either case, God is painting a bigger picture consistent with his character and purposes for those who are part of the people of God.

To illustrate that good news, Mr. Sherrard spoke of the devastating flood that damaged the church on July 23, 1997. It was indeed a trying time in the history of the church. When the cleanup began on July 24, the larger portrait of hope that God was painting became clearer.

In conclusion, Mr. Sherrard asked the worshipers to consider the picture of Jesus hanging on the cruel Roman cross. In and of itself, that picture was one of near total darkness. Yet, in the larger portrait of God's care, that dark picture was only a prelude to the brighter offer of complete salvation and victory for those who accept God's invitation to be saved in Jesus.

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Immediately following worship, the congregation assembled on the front lawn of the church for a group Homecoming photograph. Paul Lancaster had set up his equipment earlier; and in a few minutes, he took A Picture in Time of the worshipping congregation.

Then, people enjoyed Dinner on the Grounds. Several of the folks who were new to Windy Cove's Homecoming remarked that they had never seen so much food. There was indeed plenty for all and even some to send home as well.

Around 1 o'clock, individual pictures for a new church directory began. Although the transition to taking these pictures was slightly chaotic (After all, some people were still looking for seconds or surveying the dessert table!), everyone cooperated in a good spirit.

There were three friendly photographers who rotated taking pictures and taking orders for the prints. These individual and family photo sessions lasted until 8 p.m. On Monday, the photographers were back at work from 1 until 8 p.m. These photos from Sunday and Monday will eventually appear in the new Windy Cove Directory. Everyone will receive a free 8 x 10-inch picture as well as a Directory.

The picture which Paul Lancaster took of the congregation will appear on the front of the new directory.

Additional History

(Last week we promised you some additional history. So, enjoy these reflections on the past.)

Following the construction of the present sanctuary and Session House in 1838, several additions have been made to Windy Cove. A fellowship hall, kitchen, and upstairs meeting rooms were added in 1917. In 1949 a brick vestibule was annexed to the front of the church protecting the sanctuary from the weather. Ten years later in 1959, several Sunday School rooms and a more modern kitchen were added to the rear of the church. After extensive planning in the early 1980s, another Sunday School room was

added on the north side of the church. This addition also included substantial renovation of the fellowship hall and the sanctuary.

There were also some physical setbacks over the years. The floods of 1913 and 1985 saw approximately 1 to 2 feet of water throughout the church. In both cases some substantial improvements to the church were either underway or had just been completed at the time of the flood. The reverend J. A. Thomas who pastored at Windy Cove from 1902 to 1913 mentions improvements during his time, "The old Windy Cove Church building was renovated—the gallery removed—memorial windows installed—new pews and new pulpit furniture and other additions made."

In 1985 during a general flood in the area, water backed up from the Cowpasture River to a level in the sanctuary just underneath the pew seats. This flood came in October just after improvements had been completed in the fellowship hall, sanctuary, and new room.

In 1997 a flash flood hit the small area around the church with water about 5 feet deep in the sanctuary and more than 8 feet deep at the rear of the church. After the flood, substantial repairs to the building were made with tremendous support from other churches.