

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, September 30, 2017

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

Teens meet at 5 at Millboro Elementary

✠ Monday, October 2

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, October 3

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✠ Wednesday, October 4

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08 a.m.

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 5

Morning Prayers at 8

College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✠ Friday, October 6

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, October 7

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, October 8

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11

We're looking forward to our next fellowship event on the last Sunday of October, the 29th. We're planning for breakfast together that morning.

In the meantime, we have snacks before Sunday School around 9:30 each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2017

A Verse a Day Keeps the Devil Away

For the two weeks since Homecoming, worship at Windy Cove has focused on the current series, *A Verse a Day Keeps the Devil Away*. The inspiration for this series came from a reflection that Mr. Sherrard had during the mission trip to Haiti in 2016. The Lord spoke to him about the possibility of writing a devotional book sometime in the future. What was clear that afternoon in Haiti was a title for the book and the general outline of how such a work might progress.

The title he wrote down was: *A Verse a Day Keeps the Devil Away (366 Verses for Reflection, Inspiration, and Encouragement from God's Word)*. Earlier this summer, Mr. Sherrard decided to try this idea in a series of messages to see if such a plan was truly feasible and coming from the Lord. Since the middle of July, except for Homecoming, worship at Windy Cove has focused on one or two verses from each of the first six books of the Bible. These passages have included Genesis 1:1, Exodus 3:7, Leviticus 19:18, Numbers 13:32-

33, Deuteronomy 8:18, Joshua 24:14-15, and Judges 21:25.

The series began with the summary of God's creation in Genesis. If a person does indeed believe, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," that belief will influence one's whole perspective on the rest of life. The Exodus passage clearly says that God hears and cares for people when they cry out even when they don't think that God is listening. In Leviticus the congregation found the surprising command often associated with the New Testament "to love your neighbor as yourself." Numbers reminded Windy
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Take Note

Mr. Sherrard has been contemplating an additional Sunday School class designed for adults who may not have an extensive background in the Bible. Such an informal class would allow these folks to ask simple questions which might not arise in our more advanced adult class. Let Rob know what you think.

The Windy Cove Negotiating Team will meet with Presbytery representatives on Friday, September 29, at 3:30 p.m.

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Verse a Day (Cont.)

Covians to face the “giants” in their lives by depending on the promises of God, not simply on their own perceived strength.

Deuteronomy was matched up with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and focused on the renewal of the covenant of grace in Jesus. Just as the Israelites renewed the covenant on the Plains of Moab prior to entering the Promised Land, so modern worshipers renew that covenant with the Supper. Joshua also dealt with covenant renewal with Joshua’s bold statement, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Finally, in Judges the congregation considered the ominous warning in the last verse of that book, “In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.” This verse sounds an alarm for those living today in a culture that often proclaims that truth and morals are relative to each individual person.

On Sunday, October 1, the congregation will again celebrate Communion. Our verse will be from the delightful Book of Ruth, “Do not urge me to leave you, to return from following after you. For where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people shall be my people, and your God my

God.” The story of Ruth, her mother-in-law (Naomi), and her protector and future husband, Boaz, serves as a counterpoint to the religious apostasy, moral depravity, and political anarchy of the era of the Judges. This story is one of righteousness being upheld as God’s standard for human relationships.

Homecoming Letter

Following our recent Homecoming celebration and our description of it in the *Weekly Word*, we received a letter from Charlotte Eiland Venable. Charlotte was married to Frankie Venable and lived in Bath County for several years. After Frankie’s death, Charlotte moved back to Alabama to be closer to another part of her family. While living in Bath County, Charlotte was active at Calvary Baptist Church, but she was always a good friend of many at Windy Cove. As you can tell from her letter, she is a faithful reader of the *Weekly Word*. She writes,

I was delighted and entertained by the description of 2017 Homecoming in the Weekly Word. Short of being there in person, I felt the spirit of fellowship, food and worship along with all who were there. I miss all of you and wish I could be there again one day.

And, I enjoyed following the

*history of Windy Cove. God certainly kept His purpose for a real functioning congregation in the area with the zeal of many former pastors and faithful families who saw to it that the reality of a full-time church with sturdy buildings would come to pass. I had a tiny part in some of the later construction: when I first moved to Bath County and worked part-time for my cousin Jim Clark, I made the trip on Jim’s truck to pick up and deliver the windows for the north Sunday school room as it was being completed. And I remember vividly the floods that created so much havoc to the little church building that **WOULD NOT BE DESTROYED!!** God is good—All the time. . .*

Greet my friends for me and know that Windy Cove will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I care.

Charlotte, thanks so much for your encouraging note. May the Lord continue to bless you with health and strength and prosper your ministry with family, friends, and church in Opp, Alabama.

Update on the Directory

Many of you who had your pictures taken for the new Church Directory should have received your prints this week. Some of the free 8 by 10 portraits were sent here to the

church so check on Sunday in the vestibule to retrieve those.

We passed around a list last week to get as much information as possible for the directory. Check again this week for a sheet to include your telephone numbers, emails, and cell phones if you don’t mind those appearing in the directory. Eventually, we’ll send this information to Lifetouch to be added to your directory pictures.

People and Prayers

We were glad to see Jim and Catie King at Homecoming. Catie had come home for the weekend, but she continues to receive cancer treatment in Myrtle Beach, SC. Catie’s parents are there to support her while Jim’s parents have been helping with the farm that Jim manages in Highland County.

We rejoiced on Sunday with the report of the success of the Bath County High School Marching Band. The Band took the top prize in the Blast in the Draft band competition at Stuarts Draft High School. We have several young people involved with the band, and we thank the Lord for Melinda Hooker’s leadership.

We’re praying for 9-year-old Matthew Taylor who broke his leg in recreation football at a recent practice. Be strong, Matthew, and get well quick.