

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, October 28, 2017

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, October 29

Fellowship Breakfast at 9
Session Consultation at 9:45
Morning Worship at 11
Teen Movie Night at 6

✠ Monday, October 30

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, October 31

Morning Prayers at 8
College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✠ Wednesday, November 1

Morning Prayers at 8
Bible Club at the High School, 8:08 a.m.
Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, November 2

Morning Prayers at 8
College Teaching for Mr. Sherrard at 10 and 1

✠ Friday, November 3

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, November 4

Evening Prayers at 7:30

✠ Sunday, November 5

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30
Morning Worship at 11
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5

Bring your pennies on Sunday, October 29, for our 4 Cents Hunger Offering. Mobile Food Truck served 98 households this month.



The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2017

Breakfast and Consultation

Windy Covians will have the opportunity for fellowship at a congregational breakfast on Sunday, October 29. This fellowship event is part of Windy Cove's overall plan to have one significant fellowship event each month during the year. Recently, these events have included lunch at the picnic pavilion in August, Homecoming in September, and now the breakfast in October. Breakfast begins at 9 on Sunday.

In addition to the breakfast that morning, the Windy Cove Session has also scheduled a consultation with the congregation beginning around 9:45 and replacing the Sunday School hour. The purpose of this consultation is to discuss the proposed financial settlement offered by the Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery.

The journey which has led to the current proposal began in October of 2014 when the Windy Cove Session notified the Presbytery that the Session had serious concerns about recent actions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denomination to which Windy Cove currently belongs. These

concerns centered on the denomination's apparent lack of respect for Biblical authority in the life of the larger church. These concerns reached a tipping point for the Session when the denomination adopted an amendment to its constitution permitting churches and pastors to bless marriages between persons of the same gender.

After three years of discussing the issues involved and working toward an agreement, Windy Cove appears to be on the verge of a settlement with the Presbytery and denomination. That settlement would provide for Windy Cove's dismissal from its current
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Take Note

October 29, 2017

Fellowship Breakfast begins at 9 followed by the consultation with the Session around 9:45. No Sunday School

Worship at 11 will focus on the prophet Elijah from 1 Kings 18-19. Bring your 4 Cents Hunger Offering.

Teens will have a movie night at Windy Cove beginning at 6 since it's the fifth Sunday of the month.

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Consultation (Cont.)

denomination to another Presbyterian denomination, the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians or ECO.

Because of the governing constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denomination has an interest in property locally controlled by individual congregations. This property interest makes it necessary for local churches wishing to leave the denomination to redeem the local property at some price worked out between the church and its presbytery. Thus, the Windy Cove Session and Shenandoah Presbytery have spent the last year or so seeking to work out a satisfactory financial settlement.

The Administrative Commission from Shenandoah Presbytery originally offered a financial settlement of \$186,806.25. The Windy Cove Session made several more modest offers without much success. However, the Administrative Commission recently indicated that they would agree to a settlement figure of \$150,000. That proposal from the Administrative Commission is what the Windy Cove Session wants to discuss with the congregation after breakfast on October 29. The Session hopes that many will join this consultation.

Seeking and Finding Wisdom

In worship on October 22, the Windy Cove Congregation studied King Solomon. Solomon was the son of King David and his wife Bathsheba. Solomon was the third king of Israel following his father David who had replaced the first king, Saul. Solomon was about 20 years old when he began his reign around the year 960 BC.

At God's invitation to ask for whatever he wanted, Solomon asked that he might have the wisdom to govern the people of God in a good way. God responded that he would indeed give Solomon wisdom and that he would add many material blessings to that wisdom.

In fact, Solomon became a legend for his wisdom and for the splendor of his kingdom. 1 Kings 10 recounts the visit of the Queen of Sheba from a kingdom in the southern Arabian Peninsula. When the Queen visited Solomon, she said that his wealth and wisdom far exceeded what she had heard. The young Solomon did show much wisdom in responding to God's offer by seeking wisdom to govern the people of God.

On Sunday, attenders at worship took a few minutes to answer the question of what they might have asked for. One prominent answer was "good health." Another intentionally humorous answer was "the opportunity to eat anything without gaining weight."

Mr. Sherrard addressed the question on wisdom found in Job 28: Where can wisdom be found? From an overall Biblical perspective, the answer often comes back, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." From a more uniquely New Testament perspective, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." No one comes to the Father except through me."

Without a relationship with God through Jesus, no one can expect to have a full complement of wisdom. God created the universe and governs its workings. A relationship with God is necessary to understand God's purposes for the universe and its people.

Jesus' proclamation that he is truth itself gives insight about wisdom. One way of describing wisdom is to say that wisdom involves the application of truth to situations in life. So, wisdom begins with truth which comes ultimately from Jesus.

One of the greatest mysteries of life is the meaning of life itself. Again, Jesus says that he is life. Obviously, people can and do live without Jesus. Or, at least, they exist without Jesus. But, what Jesus is saying, is that people don't truly live outside a relationship with him.

It's like the old story of a little girl who wanted to go to the circus that was coming to her town. Her parents gave her a dollar to attend the circus. She took the money and went to town. She saw the circus parade coming and sat down on the curb to watch the animals and performers. When the parade was over, she returned home and gave the dollar back to her parents.

They asked, "Didn't you go to the circus?" She replied, "Yes," and told them what had happened. Sadly, she had only seen the parade and not the circus itself. So, it is for a life without Jesus. Many go through life seeing only the parade and not the real life found only in a personal relationship with Jesus.

True wisdom comes from the application of our life with Jesus to all the other circumstances that we encounter. The Holy Spirit helps us to apply Jesus' wisdom always.