

## Calendar of Ministries

### ✚ Saturday, November 11, 2017

Veterans Day, Pray for the nation  
Evening Prayers at 7:30

### ✚ Sunday, November 12

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30  
Morning Worship at 11

### ✚ Monday, November 13

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✚ Tuesday, November 14

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

### ✚ Wednesday, November 15

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

### ✚ Thursday, November 16

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

### ✚ Friday, November 17

Morning Prayers at 8

### ✚ Saturday, November 18

Evening Prayers at 7:30

### ✚ Sunday, November 19

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments around 9:30  
Morning Worship at 11  
Teens meet at Millboro Elementary at 5  
Community Thanksgiving Service at Rehoboth Church at 7:30



# The Weekly Word

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2017

## Community Stunned; Then Mourns

The Bath County Community was stunned on Tuesday, November 7, to learn of the unexpected death of Sonny Clark. Because of Sonny's importance to and influence upon his family, neighbors, and friends, folks will no doubt remember just where they were when they received the news of Sonny's passing.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Sherrard was giving a test to his World Religions class at the Rockbridge Center in Buena Vista. He was summoned out of class to receive a call from his wife, Sharon. She had talked to Windy Cove's Music Director, Tammy Lindsay, who heard the news at school. Mr. Sherrard called the Clark home and spoke to Sonny's wife, Bea, who confirmed the report. Rob left town and came directly to the Clark home to be with the family who had begun to gather.

Bea told Rob of the morning's events. Sonny had driven his bus route to the high school as usual. He came home to eat breakfast and was getting ready for a doctor's appointment to treat a sore on this leg when he collapsed. There, at his home, Sonny was

greeted by the Lord Jesus and ushered into the heavenly dwelling place prepared for him.

Sonny's desire was that his body be cremated. So, the family is currently making plans for a memorial service during the weekend following Thanksgiving. Detailed plans will be announced by the family once the arrangements have been made.

In the meantime, our community will mourn with the family and remember the legacy of a life well lived. As for Sonny, "Blessed are those who die in the Lord. They will rest from their hard work, and they will be rewarded for what they have done."

### Take Note

November 12, 2017

Sunday School at 9:45 with refreshments beginning at 9:30

Morning Worship at 11 focused on King Jehoshaphat and his encouragement to God's people

November 19, 2017

Besides Sunday School and Worship, our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Rehoboth Church at 7:30 p.m.

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## Redemption Fund

In a little over a week since the plan to redeem our property and ministry from Shenandoah Presbytery was announced, **our Redemption Fund has accumulated \$13,500.** This Fund was established in response to the agreement between the Windy Cove Session and the Administrative Commission of Shenandoah Presbytery by which Windy Cove will pay \$150,000 to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Windy Cove's transfer to another Presbyterian denomination is expected to be approved at the next meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery on November 28. The effective date of the transfer will likely be December 31, 2017.

Rather than open a new bank account to receive offerings for the Redemption Fund, the Session will be using our local Memorial Fund account to hold the offerings until they are needed to pay Shenandoah Presbytery. So, checks intended for the Redemption Fund should be made out to the Windy Cove Memorial Fund and clearly marked for Redemption. Offerings received above the amount necessary to settle with Shenandoah Presbytery will replenish the \$90,000 used from investments to meet the overall goal of \$150,000.

## Excessive Pride

In worship on November 5, Windy Cove worshipers worked through the issue of excessive pride. The Biblical background for this lesson was the story of the prophet Elisha and the healing of the Syrian general, Naaman. The story can be found in the Bible in 2 Kings 5.

Israel and Syria had formed a political and military coalition to fight the invading Assyrian army. This coalition temporarily rebuffed the Assyrians after the battle of Qarqar in 853 BC. In modern terms, Naaman was general of the Syrian armies.

But, Naaman had a skin disease which aggravated him. A young Israelite girl served as a handmaid to Naaman's wife. The handmaid proclaimed that Naaman's skin disease would be healed if he went to the prophet in Israel (that is, to Elisha). Naaman went first to the King of Israel and ultimately to the front door of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent out word by a messenger that Naaman could be healed by washing seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman's pride was wounded, and he became quite angry. He had expected that Elisha would make a big show of healing him or require some extraordinary feat to prompt the healing. In

his pride and anger, Naaman almost missed the healing that God was making available to him through the prophet Elisha. Mercifully, Naaman's soldiers convinced him to simply accept the prophet's word and wash in the Jordan. When Naaman did so, he was healed.

How many times have we as Jesus' followers missed a blessing from God because we did not simply trust in God's word? In an article by John Ankerberg, he points out that simply believing in Jesus, attending worship regularly, and trying to live as a Christian will have beneficial effects on a person's earthly life. Studies have found that in general Christians are healthier, make better husbands and wives, worry less, and are more successful than those who resist Jesus' call.

Ankerberg sums up by saying, "Those who attend church regularly and act consistently with their faith are better off physically, socially, spiritually, educationally and mentally than they would be otherwise." So, why do we sometimes let excessive pride get in the way of such blessings? Can't we just wash in the river that God supplies in Jesus rather than wanting to do it our own way?

Jesus says, "Just trust me. I will bless you." Hey, why not?!

## Packing Boxes

A group of teens and adults from Windy Cove had fun and fellowship on Sunday evening, November 5, packing Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas ministry. In Bath County this ministry is primarily promoted by Faith Covenant Church where Steve Shaver is pastor. However, folks from many other churches pitched in to pack the shoebox-size boxes.

Here's the way it works. First, over time, items are collected: paper, pencils, clothes, shoes, toiletry essentials, games, balls, stickers, really anything that a child might need or appreciate or be delighted in. On packing night each person takes a shoebox and circles the tables where the items are laid out and puts various items in the box until it's filled. Each box is oriented toward a girl or boy within three age groups: up to 5, 5 to 9, and 10-14. These shoeboxes are then packed into larger containers for shipping to Samaritan's Purse for distribution around the world. People went around the tables about 6 or 7 times before most of the items were gone. Over 400 boxes were packed that evening.

The packers then enjoyed a fellowship meal together. It was a satisfying evening of doing the Lord's work together.