



CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES*

LOOKING FOR JOY? Opportunities to minister are listed here in hopes that God may lead you to a ministry where He can love others through you and that you, too, may experience **HIS JOY!**

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

AMERICAN RED CROSS FANNIN COUNTY DISASTER ACTION TEAM is staffed entirely by volunteers and most of the work is responding to single-family home fires. Immediate aid is provided to disaster victims. Canteen service is provided to local firefighters and rescue teams. Support is provided to American Red Cross local blood drives.

Location: 205 Church Street, Blue Ridge, near the Fannin County Court House

Contact: 706-632-9331; Office Mgr./CLCC member, Sue Green; Home 706-632-2114.

APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER is a non-profit advocate for the safety of children in Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens counties, reducing the trauma of child abuse victims and their families. The ACC provides immediate support and assistance to the child victims and their families, including 24-hour emergency shelter services, counseling and crisis intervention. The ACC serves the Appalachian Judicial Circuit of Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens counties. ACC accepts volunteer applications for positions to serve as Board of Directors member, Team Leaders, committee members and supporters at fundraising events.

Contacts: 706-273-2225

www.appalachianchildrenscenter.org

THE CLOTHES CLOSET provides surrounding communities with donated clothing for all ages at no charge. Two active primary volunteers serve one scheduled Thursday afternoon a month with alternate standby volunteers. Workdays are scheduled twice a year to rotate seasonal clothing.

Hours: First 3 Thursdays 1-4 PM

Location: The Craddock Center, 947 Cherry Log St., Cherry Log, GA

Contact: CLCC member Donna Foley 706-635-1477 dfoley@etcmail.com

THE CRADDOCK CENTER, serves communities of Southern Appalachia, provides a wide variety of programs to meet individuals' needs for physical health, social and cultural enrichment, and the desire for greater educational and growth opportunities. The Center enlists professionals from throughout the country and attracts local talented people who are eager to share their skills and knowledge by Preaching Workshops, Scholarship Program for Head Start Children, Storytelling Program, Music Program, Story Express van, Appalachian Weekend, and Helen Lewis Lectures.

Contact: Tricia Senterfitt, Dir.; Tammy Blair, Office Mgr.; P.O. Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522, 706 632-1772, craddockcenter@tds.net www.craddockcenter.org. CLCC members Dr. Fred Craddock

EMPTY STOCKING PROGRAM OF FANNIN COUNTY a non-profit organization, promotes a Christmastime ministry and raises funds to provide for needy children of Fannin County clothing, shoes and other necessities.

The Department of Family and Children's Services provides a designated number for each disadvantaged child who may not get Christmas presents. The assigned numbers and wish lists are placed on a Christmas tree, the "ANGEL TREE", and CLCC members select a child's number to provide them with Christmas presents.

Contact: Kristy Chancey, President, 706-632-9262; CLCC member Lynn Starr 706-374-2693

FANNIN COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION is a non-profit organization that coordinates services to families and children in need. The community is assessed every 3 years for changing needs. Organizations are contacted to participate when a particular need arises in their area of expertise.

Contact: Fannin County: Lynda Mahan 706-632-6063
Gilmer County Family Connection 706-276-2319

FIRST FOUNDATION, a non-profit organization, bases its programs on the concept of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in partnership with Leap for Literacy. In participating Georgia counties, each month, until age 5, a new book will be mailed directly to the registered child's home address and the parents read it to them.

The cost for providing books for a single child for one year is \$35. Money raised in a county goes directly to the First Foundation chapter in that county. Supported by Rotary Clubs. The Craddock Center will forward donations to the program.

Contact: 1-888-565-0177; info@ferstfoundation.com

Gilmer Co.: Judy Harvey goodvibes47@hotmail.com

Fannin Co.: CLCC member Anne Seay (Rotary Club member) 706-374-4199

GILMER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY assists Gilmer County residents with food on an emergency/temporary basis when life's unexpected situations (i.e. job loss, illness, accidents) occur causing financial hardship and some long-term hardship cases. One monthly visit is permitted. Presently there are 12 cooperating churches including Cherry Log Christian Church. CLCC collects canned goods each 1st Sunday. Cash donations may be given as well as food.

Location: 1298 Old Highway 5 North, Ellijay

Hours: Weds 10:00-12:45 PM

Contacts: 706-273-3663; CLCC members: Sue Green 706-632-2114, Katie Griffin, Gil Reed

GILMER COUNTY HEADSTART PROGRAM is a free Pre-K program for 3-4-year-old disadvantaged children below the poverty line. Receptionist volunteers are supplied by CLCC because of its connection with the Craddock Center. Volunteers are needed to work one day a week, 8-11 AM.

Location: West Side Elementary School Campus, Ellijay

Contact: CLCC member Betsy Doty 706-698-3528

GOOD SAMARITAN is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to people who are having difficulty meeting their immediate financial obligations. Several local churches take turns distributing the funds to needy persons. A Labor Day Weekend Barbecue is held in the City Park. Participating churches are given time slots to provide volunteers.

Contact: CLCC member Frazier Coffie 706-632-8281

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FANNIN AND GILMER COUNTIES, INC., is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that works with selected employed low-income Partner Families to build affordable, decent houses with a no-interest mortgage. All non-designated donations, tithed to Habitat For Humanity International, are used to build houses in Guatemala. Volunteers serve on the Board of Directors and various committees.

Contact: Office 706-632-6337, M-F 10-2 PM; PO Box 51, Cherry Log, GA 30522 www.habitatfanningilmer.org.

CLCC members: Caroline Carder, Church Relations Committee Chairman 706-946-6001

MOUNTAINBROOK MENTORS provides mentors for students with emotional problems once a week. The

mentor visits the child privately at the school as scheduled by the mentor and the teacher. The mentor is matched to the student to help provide improvement in the areas of self-esteem, confidence, school attendance, positive adult relationships and overall student conduct. All mentors undergo a complete background screening. More men and women mentors are needed.

Contact: Blue Ridge 706-632-6100

CLCC Members: Maily Hughes, 706-632-0333

NURSING HOME PET THERAPY is a ministry to Gilmer and Fannin nursing home residents who are still able to relate to and enjoy dogs. The dogs must pass certification in order to be taken into the nursing home facilities.

Contact: CLCC members Lynn Starr 706-374-2693;

PRISON MINISTRY provides various services to prisoners and their families.

Contact: Jim Lang 770-361-1173

N. GEORGIA MINISTRIES/PICKENS CO.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTH GEORGIA, INC. inspires and enables young people of disadvantaged circumstances to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens by offering safe, enjoyable, educational, and creative activities. Two clubs, primarily for middle-school students in Pickens County, have more than 100 members each. The Gilmer County club at the elementary and primary school needs volunteers. Program expansion into Fannin County is planned.

Hours: School day 3-6 PM, some Saturdays and summer

Contact: 706-253-5982

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF BIG CANOE/NORTH GEORGIA promotes international understanding, friendship and peace by organizing exchanges that give club members the opportunity to host and be hosted by other similar club members in sixty different countries.

Contact: Harry Yarbrough 706-268-1012

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN HOSPICE provides services to terminally ill patients for whatever the patient can pay. Volunteers provide non-nursing services, i.e. patient companionship, socialization, phone calling, letter writing, light meal preparation, care and touch, caregiver or patient transportation, spiritual support, housecleaning, etc.

Contact: Gina Pendley 1-800-692-7199

CLCC members Feeney Midkiff, Jill Wolleat, Pam Young, Sara Singleton, Caroline Carder

“HIGH COUNTRY HARMONIZERS”, over 30 barbershop singers, perform in four north Georgia counties and two North Carolina counties for various social and cultural community events, organizations, churches, hospitals and nursing homes. Practice is each Tuesday 6:30 PM, Methodist Church, Blairsville
Contact: CLCC members: Donn Smith 706-374-2650, Milton Hunt 706-632-7736

HIGHLAND RIVERS CENTER furnishes various services to children and adults with mental-health and developmental disabilities or substance abuse problems. It serves residents of 11 counties in Northwest Georgia, including Gilmer, Fannin, Pickens, and Cherokee counties, with a staff of several hundred professional employees and numerous facilities.
Contact: Klay Weaver, Exec. Dir., 706-270-5000

MOUNTAIN MENTORS furnishes mentors to students in the Pickens County Schools.
Contact: Jan Coleman, Program Manager, 706-253-0385

ROTARY CLUB OF JASPER promotes understanding and peace throughout the world through Rotary International by furnishing services and programs for Pickens County youth and others.
Contact: Richard Rolands, President, 706-692-3148

UNITED HOSPICE OF BLUE RIDGE serves 11 counties. Contact: 706-632-0027
CLCC members: Hal Doster, Chaplain 706-632-5104
Ceil Golightly 706-632-3175

OUT-OF-AREA MINISTRIES

BLANKET SUNDAY is an in-memory-of/in-honor-of offering sponsored by the Christian Women’s Fellowship to provide \$5 heavy-duty blankets to be used in natural disaster areas.
Contact: CLCC member Nancy Brewer 706-896-8123

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINISTRIES (DDM) is a non-profit accredited state-wide organization that provides training in self-help skills in group homes or semi-independent apartments for adults with mental retardation. Ministry opportunities include donations of cash or in-kind gifts from needs lists, house and yard maintenance or volunteers for special events for residents. See www.ddmga.org.
Contact: Cathy Humphrey, DDM, PO Box 922787, Norcross, GA 30010-2787 1-888-340-5820
chumphrey@ddmga.org.
CLCC member: Velda Harrison 706-632-4653

GLOBAL MINISTRIES/SPECIAL OFFERINGS WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING is a Disciples of Christ

annual event each February, participated by CLCC. The funds are used for disaster relief and developmental projects here in North America and around the world. (www.weekofcompassion.org)
Contact: CLCC member Nancy Brewer 706-896-8123

SAMARITAN PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is a project that sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 95 countries the second week of November. Drop-off locations will be provided for those who wish to participate.
Previous Contacts: CLCC members Paige Peugh and Lisa Weir 706-374-2901

CLCC MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

DISCIPLES WOMEN’S (DW) is a CLCC women’s organization whose purpose is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth enrichment, education and creative ministries to enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole mission of the church of Jesus Christ. All CLCC women are automatically members and invited to attend. Various members host the meetings on the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Carpooling from the church and Rose’s parking lot is an option at 10 a.m. Bring a sandwich to share. Salad, dessert and drinks are provided.
Contact: Ann Doster, President 706-632-5104

MISSIONS COMMITTEE assesses needs of local disadvantaged persons and gives assignment to the following sub-committees.

- **HOME IMPROVEMENT NEIGHBORS** includes providing minor building repairs, building handicap ramps and doing yard maintenance for disabled persons in the local area.
- **MISSION TRIPS** includes coastal hurricane and disaster relief and minor repairs to houses outside of the local area.

Contact: CLCC members: Patty Williams, Chairman 352-422-5934; Sam Starr 706-374-2693, Bill Harrison 706-632-4653

*Prepared by Community Services/Outreach Committee as a ministry resource. Note: Due to limited space not all the ministries in which CLCC members share God’s grace with others could be represented here. If you have a ministry that you would like included or corrections, e-mail Velda

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