

CHERRYLOGUE

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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

Mark Your
Calendar!

World Communion
Sunday, Oct. 5th

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 2nd

Fist Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30th

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October 4th

9:00 - 2:00

Join us on Saturday, October 4th for our Church yard sale. We have rented over 20 spaces for the event. There will be a jewelry booth that all proceeds will go to CLCC. The youth, Disciples Women, and outreach all have rented a booth. Prayer shawl knitters will be selling extra yarn.

We will also be serving a light lunch. David & Ted will be grilling hot dogs. Outreach is sponsoring a bake sale.

The weather is going to be beautiful Hope to see you here.

Blanket Sunday

Nancy Brewer

OCTOBER 26 is Blanket Sunday at Cherry Log

When we snuggle up in our cozy quilts and blankets as Fall comes on, let us remember the people around the world, and in our own country, for whom a blanket brings hope, and often even the means of survival. Blanket Sunday is a generous Cherry Log tradition, as we look far beyond our own walls with our care and compassion.

A single blanket for \$5, given through Church World Service, can go to someone left homeless after a natural disaster or one fleeing for safety as a refugee. \$25 can provide warm blankets for a family.

Envelopes will be in the pew backs and in chairs at Celebrate Early services. You may note on your envelope if you would like to honor or remem-





Make your plans now to attend Regional Assembly! CLCC is entitled to 5 delegates; registrations to be reimbursed by the church. Contact Cheri Thompson, Denominational Relations Chair, or Sharon Meek, Board Chair if you are interested in representing our church!

165th Regional Assembly

<http://www.gadisciples.org/news/RegAssm/RegAssm2014.asp>

First Christian Church, Sandersville

(Sandersville 204 S. Smith St. Sandersville, GA 31082, [MAP](#))

Co-Hosted by

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Sandersville. and

Bethesda Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) , Tennille

We will gather to hear the Rev. Dr. Mary Donovan Turner, an ordained Disciples minister and the Carl Patton Professor of Preaching at Pacific School of Religion, Berkley. Mary will lead our hearts and minds into an imaginative dialogue with scripture that challenges us as a Community of faith and inspires us, as listeners to actions of love and service in the world.

We will celebrate the Installation of GA's new Regional Minister as the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Disciples General Minister and President, preaches and encourages us at this beginning of a new journey of faith and church in the Region of Georgia.

CLCC Outreach Projects

Karen Kennedy

Thank you all so much for what you have done to allow CLCC to be a giving and sharing church. The desserts we made for the Good Samaritans helped them to have a very successful fund raiser.

As you know we are having the yard sale October 4th. We are going to have a table selling baked goods. The money earned from the bake sale is going to be split between the Church and outreach. If you can bake a pie, homemade bread, make a cake, a batch of cookies or brownies, sign up on the signup sheet in fellowship hall. Please bring it to the church kitchen by Friday October 3rd.

October – Is Socktober month. It's going to be getting cold outside and we have many kids that need socks. If you can buy socks of all sizes we can make sure kids in Fannin and Gilmer counties will have warm toes this winter. There will be a box in fellowship hall to put your socks.



November is going to be Thanksgiving for Others. As you do your grocery shopping buy some extras for the Thanksgiving Baskets. More information on this to come next month.

FROM MY HEART...

TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

I am grateful for eye surgeons and the people who make glasses. I am able to see in the distance, to look at the horizon, to gaze at the stars, and to look down the highway, accessing hazards and curves.

Yet this future looking can also be a problem. As I walk the trail and look ahead, I do not see the tree root, the rocks, and the hole in the ground. By not looking in the present I am putting myself at risk for a broken bone or a sprained ankle. I am one who falls hard.

I know that I need to look in the future and the present. If I do not look ahead I will not see the bear lying in the path or the birthing of a fawn. So looking only at what is near has its downfalls also. So I am choosing to glance into the future but pay more attention to what is at hand. Thomas Carlyle wrote:

“Our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.”

Think of the time we waste wishing and dreaming, hoping for something to take place, for our ship to come in, for people around us to change. We seek to live in the future, sometimes disregarding the opportunities of the present. Do you remember the book, Acres of Diamonds? Over a century ago, Russell Conwell was famous for his traveling encouraged listeners to find the “acres of diamonds” in their own backyards.

Let me tell you about the diamonds I have found. The people who serve each other, who care for each other, who need of applause, who respect dignity, who grumble and contemplate and form their lives. The diamonds cannot be bought or enjoyed and lead to transformation of our own lives.



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We, as a church, can dream about the future. We can wish away our present concerns with hopes of the ideal church. But the “diamonds” are here, scattered in mountain villages and back roads to come together to worship at 1149 Cherry Log Street. There is no magic here - except the magic of love, no Aladdin’s lamp, but there is a Table where we gather to experience the hidden and present God

Instead of waiting for my dreams to come true, the issue for me is how to be present to the needs and cares of people in the present. Yes, dreaming is good to a limited extent, but the more excellent way is to love in the present.

To you, what is the main thing for our church?

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”

~Douglas Pagels

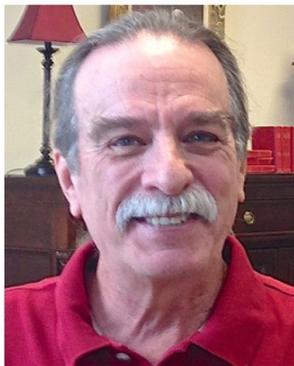


Bobbie Cherry

Born Weslaco, TX; bred Independence, MO; BSc speech and hearing, U of Central Missouri where she met/married Dave 1972; 10 years Ft. Wayne Indianapolis as clinical speech/hearing specialist, adopted 3 children; licensed by Ind. State to work with autistic children; Atlanta 1982; Kennestone Hospice 8 years; Counselor Cobb County Pregnancy Center 8 years; became Stephen Minister 1992, Stephen Ministry Leadership 1993; nest emptied and moved to mountains permanently 2008; currently sub teaching grades K-4.

Hobbies: travel (vacation in Vietnam Nam); reading; beach—especially St. George Island.

CLCC: Influenced by Sullivans, Katie Griffin, Gil Reed; “I love the church, pastor and people.” Found a place for ministry (especially children.)



Ted Murphy

Tarheel (Hickory) born and bred; BA Political Science; MBA Bus.Ad., UNC; Marketing, R & D across eight states (corp. war period); after 25 years decided to make less \$\$, smile more – opened successful restaurant Isle of Palms, SC

Hobbies: retired at 57, trained in on-line banking then hired by Motley Fools (google) since 2006; into big-time hiking; sailing; family camping; supports Leslie’s gardening;

CLCC: Lutheran background; nature became spiritual source for 40 years; met David and others at Faith Hope and Charity and invited to church, “felt at home from day one,” and “found a spiritual home.” Enthusiastically applying talents to church finance.

Kerry Gilbert

Born and bred in SC; Hilton Head to The Savannah College of Arts and Design (summa cum laude); Atlanta 24 yrs., business & free lance; painter/illustrator, artistic approach in design and marketing; joined Betsy in 1999, Gilbert & Shepard Group (google it); escaped city to mtns. 2002.

Hobbies: painting & drawing (outed as artist at CLCC by Ruth West); “earthing around” in nature (2 creeks + pond); loves music (ask about jazz & concert bands, Cabaret); travel; 4 siblings, 12 nieces/nephews; 14 grands (another soon); god-daughter

CLCC: Judy Hardy brought them: “never been where there’s such unconditional acceptance of everyone who comes through the door.”



Mike Kennedy

Born OH (13 yrs); Houston TX 3 yrs; CA; 35 year career in Financial Services; came to family wedding in Marietta and bought house in Cherry Log; multiple physical conditions (Kennedy Syndrome) precipitated retirement.

Hobbies: photography; wood crafts – burning and carving; He and Karen have made extensive trips in RV for 3 years – national parks, family reunions; 2 children, 5 grands

CLCC: Searched area, tried CLCC and stayed; “[the church] reaches out, friendly, always there, no pressures”; heads up Sam Starr ministry; involved in Brooks Hill outreach; tries to keep up with Karen who oversees Outreach.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Georgia Meyers

ALL CHILDREN are welcomed with delight at CLCC. Just as Jesus welcomed each child, we seek to minister to our children and their families. This welcome begins at birth and continues throughout childhood, with careful attention to the developmental tasks of each age group and the individual needs of each child and family.

5 yrs-5th Grade Multi-Age Classroom

The Seasons of the Spirit Multiage Sunday School classroom is uniquely designed to meet the needs of ages 5 years through 5th grade. The Multiage Lectionary-based lessons offer different age appropriate options for engaging with the biblical stories and includes “activity zones” that address different ages, interests, learning styles, and abilities. This group will experience storytelling scripts, self-directed learning, and relationships with children of different ages as they create community, sharing time, and space each week.

Children’s Worship offered through 2nd grade.

FYSH – 6th -12 Grade Classroom

RFour Curriculum is a scripture-centered curriculum supported by media clips provided with the appropriate lessons. Sunday School involves both teaching and instilling the disciplines of Christianity (worship, prayer, studying scripture). The class encourages discussion and community and would invite the students on a constant basis to give of themselves in service.

To be “Disciples of Christ”.

CLCC Labyrinth

Cindy Avens

Would you like to learn more about the labyrinth?

Look in the church library for the notebooks on “Church Labyrinths” and “The Labyrinth: Benefits for Body, Mind and Spirit” that contains articles about the use of labyrinths in various settings including churches, hospitals, cancer centers and Alzheimer’s care. Also check out the book *Walking a Sacred Path* by Lauren Artress.

Come to the labyrinth on Sat. Oct. 11 between 10 a.m. and noon (weather permitting) if you would like to talk with someone about walking the labyrinth. Several Labyrinth Keepers will be available to answer your questions and help you get started on a labyrinth walk.

Contact Richard Zelle (706-258-7969 or avenzell@gmail.com) if your small group or committee would like to have a presentation and/or a guided group walk. Walking the labyrinth together provides the group with a unique experience of community as each person walks alone, but in unity with all others on the path. As Robert Ferre writes in “12 Reasons to Have a Church Labyrinth”: “There is only one problem in the world, expressed in many variations: separation – from God and each other. The only solution is to join together, to move from one to One. The labyrinth challenges the image of life as a lonely, hazardous journey through a maze. It is much more enjoyable and fruitful to pursue this journey with others rather than in isolation.”



Worship is . . .

The Worship Committee has been exploring together the past couple of months what worship is as part of our purpose to help David and Richard plan and implement meaningful worship experiences in the life of our congregation.

“More than all else, congregations are communities of worship. They gather . . . to celebrate the good news and to glorify God through adoration and praise. The moment of worship touches the core of our being where all issues are joined. . . It is a moment that expands our souls.” A Handbook for Today’s Disciples, p. 41

Which aspects of worship are most meaningful to you? Does the music of worship have a real impact on you? Do you have preferences? Do prayers, scripture, sermons, communion, and/or silence have special importance for you? We are a varied and unique congregation. Our religious backgrounds and the expressions of our beliefs are manifold; but as God’s people we unite at the Table in Christian worship. We have two organized worship services: the early, 8:25, service and the 10:55 service. There are numerous other opportunities for worship experiences: prayer warriors on Fridays, centering prayer on Wednesdays, the prayer labyrinth, Bible study groups, and special, seasonal services. Are we missing anything in these offerings? Please give us your input; we need to hear from you. We have committed to carefully and prayerfully consider what you have to say. Comments are welcome to any member of the committee, preferably in writing, so they can be shared accurately with the whole committee and with David and Richard.

As we look forward, put these special services for 2014 on your calendars now!

World Communion Sunday	October 5
All Saints Sunday	November 2
First Sunday of Advent	November 30
Second Sunday of Advent	December 7
Third Sunday of Advent	December 14
Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 21
Lessons in Carols	December 21
Longest Night Service	December 21
Christmas Eve Services	December 24



See you in church! Peace. Worship Committee: Nettie Craddock, Ann Doster, Kathie Grubb, Myra Kibler, Jackie Lumpkin, Jane Murray, Paul Porter, and Becky Walls, chair.

Church Picture Directory

Sharon Meek



Want to know who a person is that you see at church? Check out the Church Picture Directory on the church website. It is being updated regularly and includes pictures of both members and regular visitors. Go to <http://clccdoc.org> and click on the Members Area Tab in the menubar. The dropdown menu will appear and you will see the link to the “Church Picture Directory.”

The directory is a PDF and can be printed from the website. If you have questions or need help, please call Sharon at 404-217-2029.

Worship Music

Richard Lumpkin and Jennie St Clair

8:25 Celebrate Early Service

Celebrate Early celebrated its 2 year anniversary in September. The service is blended with favorite hymns, praise songs, instruments..... Including native American drums and flute, guitar, recorders, audiharp, flute and obo, keyboard, and of course, our own Celebrate Singers. It is a joyful time of celebrating God's love shown in Jesus Christ..... Name above all names.

October 5, the Celebrate Early singers will offer Kum Bah Ya with drum accompaniment.

10:55 Worship Service

"Musical Offerings for October"



October 5 - World Communion Sunday is the day congregations around the world celebrate Holy Communion.

Chancel Choir - "In Remembrance of Me"

Solo - Soprano Dixie Fitzgerald will sing "Come To The Waters" by G. F. Handel.

October 12 - The handbells will be ringing

Prelude - "Meditation for Bells"

During Communion - "Two 16th Century Hymn Dance Tunes"

Chancel Choir - "As the Deer"



October 19

Chancel Choir - "In the Morning, Joy"



October 26

Men's Chorale - "I Love You Lord"



Singers and Ringers Wanted

Richard Lumpkin

Bob and I are looking for singers and ringers who are interested in singing or ringing for the holiday season. We are just beginning rehearsals for Advent and Christmas. These can be some of the most beautiful and meaningful services of the year. I know there are some more music people out there.

Contact Richard or Bob if you are interested in joining one of our groups.

No experience, don't worry we train.



Faith in Fiction

Myra Kibler

Faith in Fiction book group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 11 am. to discuss a work of literary fiction. We choose books that have something significant to say about the human condition and that enlarge our view of the world. We welcome newcomers and choose titles for several months ahead, hoping to attract new readers and new voices.

Upcoming titles are:

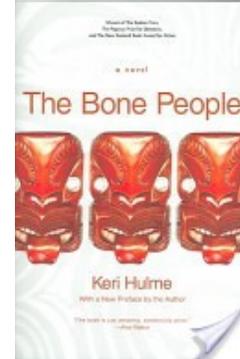
For October--**The Bone People**, Kerri Hulme

For November--**The Elegance of a Hedgehog**, Muriel Barbery

For December--**The Alchemist**, Paul Coelho

For January--**Valley of the Bones**, Michael Gruber

For further information, contact myra_kibler@yahoo.com.



Yoga Classes

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30AM

Yoga Basics-This class covers basic poses of hatha yoga for a well-rounded practice. Expect a full spectrum class that touches all major areas of the body and maybe some minor ones too.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM

Gentle Yoga- A class for the true beginner, for those who want or need to move at a slower pace than a regular yoga class, have balance challenges, are recovering from injury, or anyone who just wants to slow down for an hour and tune in to their body.

Members: \$12 drop in or \$40 month

Non Members: \$15 drop in or \$45 month

For more information contact Heather Huck at heather@wildbranchesyoga.com

Disciples Women Series Continues

Nancy Zimmerman

We continue the series “Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice” with Julie Johnson speaking to us on October 18 about Jephtha’s daughter. We really enjoyed Victoria Bailey’s thought-provoking presentation on Sarah and Hagar.

We meet at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and all women are welcome. Please bring a sandwich to share; salad and dessert are provided.

Our service outreach project for October is hygiene kits for the women and children in the Tower Road community of Gilmer County. We invite the congregation to join with us in this project; we would like to get as many kits together as we can. A list of items to include can be found on the Disciples Women bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall, across from the kitchen.

Disciples Women will have a table at the October 4 yard sale with our cookbooks. In addition to delicious recipes, the cookbook features art by members of CLCC, and you know we have some outstanding artists! If you are new and haven’t had a chance to buy a cookbook yet, this is a good time. They are \$15 each and also make a nice gift.



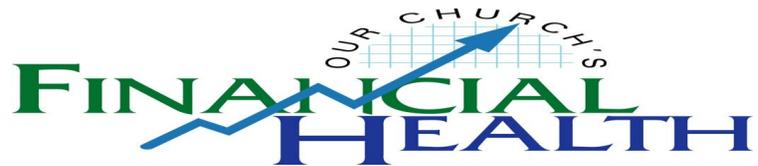
October 01 John & Catherine Sugg
 October 10 Hugh & Fran Lake (62)
 October 12 Charlie & Sandy McCann (35)
 October 14 James & Victoria Bailey (36)
 October 15 Susan Pleasant & Jennifer Mills (28)
 October 17 John & Dee Craddock (33)



Oct. 02 Helen Lewis	Oct. 21 C.W. Conner
Molly Johnson	Oct. 22 Dave Cherry
Oct. 04 Steve Martin	Lois Grice
Oct. 07 John Dickinson	Oct. 24 David Griffin
Oct. 10 Jim Johnson	Bill Harrison
Oct. 12 Don Midkiff	Oct. 26 Jennie Perryman
Ronald Midkiff	Larry Weas
Oct. 14 Barbara Ferer	Oct. 28 Jackie Lumpkin
Jackie Granger	Oct. 29 Dee Tingle
Zoe Montes	Oct. 30 Frank Grice
Oct. 15 Rusty Coleman	
Oct. 19 Pat Reagan	
Betty Willis	

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
Sept. 7	47	121
Sept. 14	54	125
Sept. 21	61	106
Sept. 28	33	131



August Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$58,926.00
 Expenses: \$43,440.00



Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$354,360.00
 Year to date Expenses: \$369,183.00

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in
September:

In Memory of:
 Don Baker
 Frank Osborne

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
 \$100.00

CHURCH FLOORING Malinda Geers

We are so pleased that the flooring in the fellowship hall and the hallway are now completed. The past 5 years were ups and downs with the flooring. As I walk around CLCC it is such a wonderful feeling to see all the floors completed.

Thanks to the settlement, the flooring was finally finished.



Welcome New Members:

Dot Collins and Crystal Sousa
 Son: Conner Rye
 6045 Murphy Highway
 Mineral Bluff, GA 30559
 404-673-0502

