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YOUR
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Generosity
Sunday
November
1st

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**Let's Gather
Around The Table
On Generosity Sunday:
November 1!**

Looking Ahead.....

Where has 2015 gone? Its October and before we know we will be welcoming 2016. Below is a list of important dates that are coming up in the life of our church.

October 18	Stewardship Kick-Off
October 31	Board Meeting
November 1	All Saint's Day
November 1	Generosity Sunday & Congregational Potluck Dinner
November 15	Congregational Meeting
November 15 & 22	Blanket Sunday's
November 28	Decorate for Advent
November 29	Advent Begins
December 4	DFACS Christmas Party
December 11 & 12	Renaissance Dinner
December 20	Choir Cantata

Disciples Women

Nine women from the Cherry Log Disciples Women group attended the statewide women's retreat in Toccoa Falls this past weekend, a wonderful representation from our church. It's always a special event, and we look forward to hearing from them about their time there. Our own Lynn Chapman, a statewide officer, was one of the organizers.

Our next meeting is on Saturday October 17, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. From Nancy Brewer, our program chairman: "Food is so often in our thoughts and our conversation! The October program will be 'Food for Thought,' with a devotional and practical look at the needs for food and responses in our lives and here in our mountains." Our service project is food contributions for the Gilmer and Fannin food pantries; we will concentrate on boxed spaghetti dinners and canned tomato products. The congregation is welcome to contribute; there will be a place in the Fellowship Hall to bring items all this month.

FROM MY HEART.....

TO YOUR HEART

What would you do if you really lived your life? This question is not opening the door to irresponsibility; in fact, the question may deepen the quest for responsibility. It is not a question of doing what you want to do because you “gotta be me”. Rather it is a question of what is deep within you that you have not given expression or acknowledged.

Elizabeth Gilbert (of the *Eat, Pray, Love* fame) tells the story of Susan who was not living her life. Now, this is not a story where Susan gave up her job, left her family, and moved to New Zealand to join a social-ist community. It is a story of a lady in her forties who took up ice-skating, actually returned to skating. As a young girl Susan had been a rising star in figure skating. However she quit figure skating in the teen years when it became apparent that she did not have the talent to be a champion. So for twenty-five years Susan starred in receiving an education, raising a family, as well as working in her career.

But something was missing. Some might call it beauty or transcendence. So at age forty Susan rose early to be at the ice skating rink by 5:30 with figure skaters. The other skaters were the hopeful stars, those nine to nineteen, with their slim figures and agile bodies. Among these skaters was one forty year-old who remembered how to skate but whose body was not as limber as it used to be. But three days a week Susan returned to the ice rink to find a part of life that she loved, to find a part of herself that found expression in living.

Elizabeth Gilbert calls this creative living. It is living without fear of falling, without fear of not getting it right, without fear of feeling foolish, without fear of judgmental looks of twelve year-olds and judgmental comments of her friends. For Susan this was not something that she wanted to do, that might be fun to do, or a whim to return to an earlier life. Figure skating became an expression of a need to live.



There is a real difference just doing something because it is fun and expressing your inner creative, living spirit. Of course from outward appearance the two may look the same. But inwardly it is a difference between living a life and existing a life.

This is also true in a family’s life and a church’s life. Who are we as a family? Do we gather to form an orderly community, to eat together, to provide for a place of rituals of birth, marriage and resurrection?

Or is there something more to church that gives church life? The question is an on-going question for the church as well as for us individually. What would you be doing if you really were living your life?

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



Teresa Snow

Native Georgian, born in Villa Rica, lives in Dallas; BSc Health & Phys. Ed., Kennesaw State; MSc Exercise Physiology, PhD Research Measurement, Georgia State; 1990 joined Georgia Tech: coordinates health requirements for Institute; teaches Applied Physiology; advises MSc and PhD students. Ask about teaching in Australia & New Zealand!

Loves thrill-seeking activities, i.e., hang gliding; parachuting; scuba diving (Great Barrier Reef in Hawaii, refresher course in Fiji); enjoys running, photography, writing (met Sci-Fi author Ray Bradbury), loves animals, especially Sam, Rocky & Piglet

Friends brought to CLCC; “felt so right, like coming home, and I thought ‘THAT church is doing the right things.’” Past Deacon, currently Chair of Property Committee.



Charles Walls

Born in Barwick, raised in Atlanta; BA English, Duke U; 3 years missionary Panang, Malaysia (paradise!)—life-changing; MA, PhD Yale Divinity School; pastored full-time (Methodist) while teaching part-time (Emory) for 37 years – a blessed blended career; following loss of wife, Jeanie, married Becky 1995; share 5 children.

“Music is love of my life”; sings in 4 choral groups including Mountain Community Chorus, Gilmer Fin Arts Group; enjoys 9 grandchildren, and “playing in the dirt”

Attended CLCC on Christmas Eve “and knew this was where I needed to be at this time of life... wonderful people; a place for anyone/everyone; Chancel Choir; Men’s Chorale; pastoring Brook Hill apartments; adult SS teacherdgmh2@bellsouth.net



Trisha Senterfitt

The daughter of a Presbyterian Minister, Trisha Senterfitt grew up in Kingsport, TN. She attended Eckard College, where she met her husband, Jack. They have three grown children. In 1990, Trisha attended Columbia Seminary and became the Care Minister at First Presbyterian of Atlanta.

In 2007, Trisha was contacted by Dr. Fred Craddock and asked to become the director of The Craddock Center, to which she agreed. Trisha then found CLCC just as loving, open and welcoming to all as she would have expected.

She has been involved in grief workshops and is currently wrapping up an RV tour of the US and Canada, and plans to continue with the workshops when she returns to CLCC.

Connie Hogle

Connie Hogle is from Potsdam, NY, which is 35 miles from Canada. She was raised in the Methodist Church and had two uncles who were ministers. After high school, Connie took off for Florida where she graduated from UCF.

She became a technical writer and worked for a period of time for the CDC in the infectious disease division. In 2001 Connie left Florida for the mountains and found CLCC, where, through its beautiful location, the members and the pastor, she felt the presence of God for the first time in over 20 years, and joined.

Connie is retired and enjoys traveling, reading, gardening and music.



Musical Offerings for October

The month of October begins with World Communion Sunday on the 4th. We will join with Christians around the world as we celebrate communion. During the month we will welcome Cheryl and Bill Star and Grace Pleasant as featured musicians. We will also learn two new songs. A new prayer hymn, "Fill the World With Love" and a new benediction response, "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" will be used for the entire month. There's still time to join the choir as we make preparations for our Advent and Christmas music. It's fun and a great way to offer your talents!

October 4 World Communion

Hymns - I Come With Joy, Live in Charity, Fill the World With Love, Come, Share the Lord, Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Anthem - In Remembrance of Me by B. Red

Cheryl Star - Flute

Music During Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together, Cheryl Star - Flute Bill Star - Oboe

October 11

Hymns - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Fill the World With Love, Live in Charity, Loving Lord, As Now We Gather, I've Got Peace Like a River, Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Anthem - The Gift of Love by H. Hopson

October 18

Hymns - Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service, Fill the World With Love, Live in Charity, Lord of Our Highest Love, We Are One In the Spirit, Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Anthem - Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Grace Pleasant - Violin

October 25

Hymns - Christians, We Have Met to Worship,

Anthem - Carried by Love

Fill the World With Love, Live in Charity, O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near, Pass It On, Peace, Salaam, Shalom

The Sounds of Celebrate Early

October 4 Cherry Log Drum Circle will gather us in "Love Never Fails" Robin Norsworthy

October 11 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Celebrate Early Singers
Musical offering by Bill and Cheryl Star playing oboe and flute

October 18 Prayer Service with Richard Bondi playing his Mediterranean instruments

October 25 "Love Never Fails" Randy Wilbur

Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Community Outreach

Clothes Closet Notes:

Thanks to all who responded to the request for linens. This is an ongoing need so please remember us when you have towels, sheets or blankets you don't use any more.

As it becomes time to switch out those summer clothes for winter clothes, remember us if you come across some clothes you didn't wear this summer.

We appreciate all your donations. We have had nine new families just within the last two weeks. Almost 500 items went out last week alone. Very exciting.

Regional Assembly



166th Regional Assembly
of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia

November 13th - 14th, 2015

First Christian Church of Atlanta
(4532 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084, MAP)

Join with Georgia Disciples of every age, ethnicity, background, experience – as we unite through Christ into one body of faith at the 166th Regional Assembly – November 13-14, 2015.

Key Note Speaker

For many years, Thomas has also taught preaching to Doctoral and Masters level students at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, and at Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc., which formerly published The African American Pulpit. Thomas was inducted into the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College in April 2003. Thomas also serves as a member of the International Board of Societas Homiletica, an international society of teachers of preaching.



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-Disciples of Christ identity statement

Summary

Often we Disciples tend to describe ourselves in the negative, by what we are not: we're not hierarchical, we don't baptize infants, we don't require acceptance of any formal creed for membership in the church and so on. The following material is an effort, in positive statements, to focus on who we are and on ways to convey that to those inside and outside our church.

Our identity statement

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What does that mean?

- We practice unity and inclusion at the Lord's Table for the sake of mission and for the sake of the world as the one family of God. Most congregations do this by celebrating communion every Sunday. That's why we use a chalice as our logo.
- We practice believer baptism – that a person makes the choice to follow God's call rather than the choice being made for them as an infant. Baptism is the basis of membership in the Church and also a mark that every person is called to serve God – the idea of the “priesthood of all believers.”
- We honor our heritage as a movement for Christian unity by cooperating and partnering with other faith communities to work for bringing about wholeness – healing and justice – in the world. This is what it means to be “ecumenical.” One example is our cooperative work with the United Church of Christ in Global Ministries for the past 25 years and our newer effort to share staff in the area of family ministries.
- We are called to study and read scripture for ourselves. Rather than having tests of faith and creedal statements, we critically and thoughtfully study scripture, taking into account the history and background – the context – in which it was written.
- We also honor the heritage of Christian unity by staying together in covenant as a witness to the world that even when we disagree we can still make room, welcoming all to the table as Christ has welcomed us. Our spiritual ancestors were fond of saying, “unity, not uniformity.”
- We move to answer God's call for justice particularly in the areas of care for the earth, the challenges for women and children, poverty and hunger and immigration. We seek to do this work in cooperation with other people of faith. Some say we “get dirty for Jesus” as a way of conveying the hands-on mission orientation of many of our faith communities.
- These traits were summed up by former General Minister and President Dick Hamm when he identified the marks of a faithful church as true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

We're a movement whose time has come!

Got A Round Tuit?

“What did _____ leave?”

*“Everything! And, to make matters worse: No will...
_____ just ‘never-got-around-to-it.’*

Well, I’ve heard it said, “Over half the population does not have a will.”

“Many folks don’t know ‘If a person is a resident of Georgia at the time of their death, or owning property in Georgia and does not have a will at the time of their death, the State of Georgia directs by statute who inherits all property.’”

(per Lynn Doss, Blue Ridge Attorney and CLCC member)

“Yeah, _____ probably had been meaning to, but just ‘never-got-around-to-it.’ Having a will is really a thoughtful piece of personal business; saves your loved ones a lot of hassle and heartache.”

“I was surprised and pleased at the sense of relief, satisfaction and peace I felt, once my will was done.” I want to have a say about what happens to my stuff; who gets what.”

“It’s especially important if you have had any life changes. I review my will every 2 to 5 years, just to be sure things work out according to my wishes. Besides including loved ones and causes dear to my heart, I have made sure to remember Cherry Log Christian Church in my will. Cherry Log means so much to me, my family and friends, AND the community! I’m now a Legacy Partner!”

“I like the statement on our website: ‘A Legacy Partner is one who loves Christ and chooses, through end of life planned giving, to build a bridge between today and tomorrow for Cherry Log Christian Church ministries. Such giving provides a living legacy, supporting the mission of the church beyond the giver’s lifetime as the church follows the calling of Christ.’”

And so the Legacy Partner conversation continues.

Qualified, private, confidential, no charge consultation is available from
Randy Johnson, Christian Church Foundation.

1-317-713-2437, 1-800-668-8016 or rjohnson@ccf.disciples.org

Talk to one of your Legacy Partners Foundation resources: Marshall Burke, Ida-Anne Clarke, Rusty Coleman, Robin Norsworthy and Betsy Sheppard, or one of your friends wearing a Legacy Partners Foundation gold lapel pin.



Oct. 01	Joelle Kennedy	Oct. 19	Pat Reagan
Oct. 02	Helen Lewis		Betty Willis
	Molly Johnson	Oct. 21	C.W. Conner
Oct. 04	Steve Martin	Oct. 22	Dave Cherry
Oct. 07	John Dickinson		Lois Grice
Oct. 10	Jim Johnson	Oct. 24	David Griffin
Oct. 12	Don Midkiff		Bill Harrison
	Ronald Midkiff	Oct. 26	Jennie Perryman
Oct. 14	Barbara Ferer		Larry Weas
	Zoe Montes	Oct. 28	Jackie Lumpkin
Oct. 15	Rusty Coleman	Oct. 30	Frank Grice
Oct. 16	Tony DeGregorio		



October 01	John & Catherine Sugg	
October 10	Hugh & Fran Lake	(63)
October 12	Charlie & Sandy McCann	(36)
October 14	James & Victoria Bailey	(37)
October 15	Susan Pleasant & Jennifer Mills	(29)
October 17	John & Dee Craddock	(34)

Church Yard Sale

Wow.... What a wonderful day. Did you enjoy the pancake breakfast or chili dog lunch? Purchase a purse, jewelry, some tools or find a new treasure? Many of us and our neighbors did.

We are so thrilled to say that our 2nd Annual Yard Sale grossed over \$3,600.00.

Wonder what is instore for next year? Mark your calendar now, CLCC Annual Yard Sale will be October 1, 2016.



August Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$40,673.00

Expenses: \$37,237.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$314,192.00

Year to date Expenses: \$324,824.00

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Sept 6	47	133
Sept 13	58	123
Sept 20	47	108
Sept 27	41	95

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in September:

In Memory of:

Roxanne Neal

John Morford

Hoyal West

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$175.00