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MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

October 23rd  
GIVING SUNDAY

Labyrinth Walk  
November 1

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# CHERRYLOGUE

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## Spiritual Disciplines: GIVING

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GIVING... "FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT  
WE RECEIVE"

### Spiritual Disciplines

We are embarked on an emphasis on Spiritual Disciplines, learning about the blessings these disciplines bestow when practiced. Sharing our CLCC stories is a key to this emphasis. We started in September with PRAYER and will continue in October with GIVING and follow through for eight more months of Spiritual Discipline emphasis. Over time we hope to engage our entire CLCC Community to post and read and actively participate in our learning and appreciation of how these disciplines can help enrich our spiritual lives and maturity as Christians. We urge every member and guest to participate through sharing your stories.

### Giving

As we embrace the discipline of 'GIVING' this month, be open to asking what this discipline means to you. How do I feel about my giving? Does my giving actually do any good? Does my giving help me feel closer to God? As we go through the month PRAY that we, individually and collectively, can listen, learn and share so that all may discern God's spirit through GIVING.

**October 23 will be GIVING Sunday. Our promise cards for 2017 will be collected on that day followed by a GIVING Celebration Pot Luck Lunch. Please use the month of GIVING emphasis to share your stories, listen to other voices, be in prayer about how God can use Cherry Log Christian Church, through us, to do His work in the community and world.**



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## From Pastor Paul

Most of us are familiar with the song “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” Whenever we sing this in worship I notice that everyone joins in with great exuberance. We like singing these songs that we learned as children. We find comfort and joy in them. Plus, they have a great message.

Everyone wants Jesus as their friend, and what a friend he is. The song reminds us that we’re not alone in this world. We have a friend who is concerned for our welfare; a friend who wants to help us, comfort us, and give us peace.

Over and over the song reminds us that we need not struggle with life’s problems on our own. Instead we are to “take it to the Lord in prayer.” The apostle Paul in writing to the Philippians put it this way: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6 NRSV). Pretty good advice! Yet, how many times do we forget to do this?

We need to remember that prayer is how we tap into the power of God. Prayer brings us closer to God. It is our spirit reaching out to God’s Spirit. It is in prayer that we hear that small inner voice of God speaking to us. It is through prayer that God works to bring about his will in our lives.

Let me encourage you to pray, and while you are praying, say a prayer for our church. Pray that God will speak to us, guide us, and give us a new vision for a new day.

Pastor Paul



## Spiritual Disciplines: GIVING

### One Story:

Several months ago David’s offertory statement started by explaining that his parents were regular givers, highly committed to tithing. David said, “But I don’t give because of my parent’s example”. That resonated with me as my parents set that same example, but that is not why I give. David went on to say, “I know what the church’s budget needs are, but I don’t give because of the church’s needs”. I also resonated with this. I don’t give just because the budget is over, under or on track. David then went on to explain why he gave. This offertory statement hooked me; it forced me to ask why do I give. The answer for me is somewhat different from David’s. For me, giving to the church has indeed become a Spiritual Discipline. Giving greatly strengthens the connection I feel, not just to the church, but to the work of God in the world. Prayer about giving decisions has taught me a great deal about how God’s spirit communicates with me. Giving is not at all about doing my part to help the budget, but is all about how the resources God has entrusted to me should be used for the glory of the Kingdom. I give because it makes me feel a part of the whole. (Bill Groce )

We urge every member and guest to participate through sharing your stories. **Start the Conversation** by sharing your story and reading the stories of others at [www.DisciplesLoving.org/stories](http://www.DisciplesLoving.org/stories)



**3rd  
Annual  
CLCC  
Yard Sale  
HUGE  
Success!  
Over  
\$4000  
Raised  
And still  
Have  
some  
furniture  
and items  
to sell.**



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### Cherry Log helps assure \$50,000 water project in Kenya

The Music Fest raised \$3,700 to help provide water for villages in the Wachara/Houma Bay area. Originally the thought was that this money would go toward drilling an additional well in the area. On August 25 Michael Agwanda met with representatives of the Outreach Committee. He proposed, and received approval for an even more effective use of the funds.



The Rotary Club of Aiken, SC has applied for a Rotary International Global Grant that will provide \$50,000 for a water distribution system to serve three villages in the Wachara/Houma Bay area of Kenya. The Rotary International Grant will provide \$25,000 if other partners can provide \$25,000 in matching funds. The Rotary Club of Aiken initiated the Grant process and approved \$12,500 in matching funds. Michael explained that Life for Children Ministry had \$2,000 to apply to this and if Cherrylog agreed to apply our \$3,700 toward the match he felt he could raise an additional \$6,300 before he returned to Kenya at the end of the month. The Outreach Committee readily agreed. Michael later reported that St. John's UMC in Aiken, SC will commit to providing the needed \$6,300. Collectively \$25,000 is now available from partners and approval of the matching \$25,000 by Rotary International is expected.

In 2014 Life for Children Ministry obtained a professional engineering study to determine the feasibility and cost of a water distribution system to provide water to the outlying areas of Wachara village and the villages of Rayudhi, Ngere and Kanyidoto. The current well in Wachara serves about 1,000 villagers. The outlying villages have a population of about 3600 who rely on drain pools and rain catchment cisterns or traveling long distances to haul water from the Wachara well. The current well has sufficient flow to meet the needs of the entire area. The engineering study proposed a water tower with a gravity flow system of pipes to distribute the water to the outlying villages. Kiosks in each village will meter and dispense the water. The cost of this distribution system is \$50,000 which will be provided by the Rotary Global Grant. The money raised by our Music Fest provided a critical missing piece to make this project possible.

## DISCILES WOMEN UPDATES

We had a great time at our retreat!



### Marshall Burke to speak to Disciples Women

Sometimes the Disciples Women group looks at issues specifically affecting women. At our October meeting, we'll be privileged to have CLCC's own Marshall Burke speak to us. He'll tell stories from his experience working with CARE, of women whose lives and struggles he has witnessed. You won't want to miss it!

ALL women are invited--you do not have to be an active participant in Disciples Women to attend this or any other of our programs you find interesting. We meet at 10:30 on October 15, and Marshall's presentation will come before our business meeting. If you would like to stay for lunch, we invite you to bring a sandwich and share in the salad and dessert provided by our hostesses. Hope to see some of you then!



## BeNuts

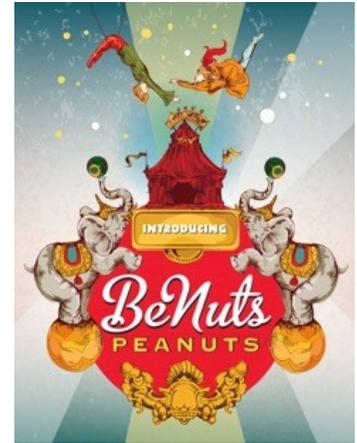
Nutty volunteers needed to sell BeNuts at the Apple Festival.

If you would BeInterested in selling, we would BeGrateful.

Contact Julie Pugh at 706-636-9990

if you have a few extra hours to help us out. We are well on the way to our goal of \$10,000 by the end of the year but we still need all your support.

***Remember - BeGiving and we will BeGrateful!!!***



## Labyrinth Walk on November 1



Join us at the Prayer Labyrinth on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. to celebrate “All Souls’ Day,” known as the “Day of the Dead” to our Mexican neighbors.

We will walk the labyrinth to honor our dear ones who have departed this earthly life. Following the labyrinth walk we will continue our celebration of their lives with fellowship around the bonfire.

Bring a chair for seating.

### GRIEF RECOVERY RETREAT

#### Moving Beyond Loss

Led by Dr. Trisha Senterfitt

Retreat Schedule:

Friday, November 4, 2016, 5-8 pm

Saturday, November 5, 9-3 pm

Sunday, November 6, 1-4 pm

Registration can be made by emailing [tsenterfitt@gmail.com](mailto:tsenterfitt@gmail.com) or calling Trisha at 404-643-0623



# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Our Family is a circle of strength; founded on Faith, Joined in Love Kept by God, Together forever.

- unknown



## Phil Miller

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Attended TCU and SMU and has a Doctor of Ministry degree. From early 70s, served pastoral ministry in Texas and Kentucky and was Senior Minister in three congregations. In 1985, became a chaplain in the Air Force Reserve and in 2002 went on to work full time at the Pentagon and the Chief of Chaplains office, overseeing Air Force chaplain recruitment, training, and professional development. Retired from AF Reserve as a Colonel. Met Paula at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. As soon as Phil and Paula became full-time residents of Fannin County in 2013, they got involved with Cherry Log Christian. Phil enjoys writing and photography. His third book, *Benjamin Amid the Wildflowers*, was just published. Phil is involved with writers in the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association's group and his other interest is music. He sings in the Men's Chorale and Chancel Choir as well as plays mountain dulcimers with a group in Morganton. Phil feels especially grateful for the church's openness to all. He says, "What a pleasure to take part in a lively, dynamic church!"

## Julie Pugh

Born in Rockford Illinois and lived there until 2004! Married Steve 26 years ago; was in an orthodontic practice in 3 offices for 25 years; after retirement, as caregiver to father, moved to Ft. Meyers, FL (4 ½ yrs) to fulfill his dream; moved to mountains 2009; she and Steve share 2 children

Hobbies: loves beading with Ronald Midkiff; enjoys gardening and yard work; unintentional cat owner

CLCC: Michael Brunson invited them; "the people...instantly filled a void that had been missing for us"; spearheads BeNut sales for church mortgage, including buying, packaging, selling at church and throughout the community; committed to Garden for Others work



## Becky Walls

Born, raised, educated Jacksonville, FL; BA Language Arts, Stetson U; MA Special ED, Vanderbilt; worked for TN State; married, taught public schools Special Ed 25 years in Savannah and Hepzibah; during those years fostered Special Ed children, adopted 2; 4 children; married Charles 1995, retired 2004 and moved to mountains.

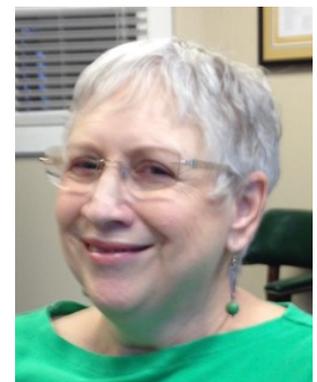
Hobbies: Jack-of-all-handcrafts, master of none; avid reader; retirement arrangement – does laundry and Charles cooks; share 7 children, 10 grands (who visit 2 weeks each summer)

CLCC: searched for a Methodist church but found CLCC; "hooked" by greeters (Hugh and Fran Lake) and the inclusiveness..."amazed that ALL could worship together"; defining moment, Christmas Eve service.



## Diane Coleman

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Met Rusty while trick or treating and have been together ever since. Married 53 years. They have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Went to UGA and GA State with degree in early childhood. Moved around with Rusty as part of IBM, but after coming back to Atlanta, worked with Estee Lauder Cosmetics overseeing the southeast, south central US and Puerto Rico. Once retired, wanted to have a cabin and Rusty found Ellijay while participating in half marathon. Built cabin in Coosawattee. Diane loves gardening, entertaining, and water sports. But her passion is volunteering and watching children turn around their lives when given help. Charlie and Sandy shared Cherry Log with the Colemans and once they attended, loved the church. Diane loves the people at Cherry Log and also the "teachings", especially from other members, where she has learned so much.





Oct 2	Molly Johnson	Oct 14	Barbara Ferer
Oct 4	Steve Martin	Oct 15	Rusty Coleman
Oct 7	John Dickinson	Oct 16	Tony DeGregorio
Oct 10	Jim Johnson	Oct 19	Pat Reagan
Oct 12	Ronald Midkiff	Oct 22	Dave Cherry
	Don Midkiff	Oct 24	David Griffin



Oct 12	Charlie and Sandy McCann
Oct 15	Jennifer Mills and Susan Pleasant



### August Treasurer's Report

**General Operating:**

Contributions: \$31,005.18

Expenses: \$32,633.49

Year to Date Contributions: \$291,169.79

Year to date Expenses: \$304,820.26

### ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Sep 4		154
Sep 11	43	127
Sep 18	33	92
Sep 25	32	112

### CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Mary Hunt

Martha Smith

Bob Matthews

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$2,350.00



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