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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

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Calendar!



November, 3rd



Blanket Sunday
November, 24th

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JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

Nov. 10, 2013



John Dominic Crossan will teach and preach at Cherry Log Christian Church on November 10, 2013. At 9:30 a.m. Dr. Crossan will be in dialogue with church members and guests in fellowship hall. Following the Q & A, he will be preaching at the eleven o'clock service.

Dr. Crossan was a member of a thirteenth-century Roman Catholic religious order, the Servites (*Ordo Servorum Mariae*), from 1950 to 1969 and an ordained priest from 1957 to 1969. He joined DePaul University, Chicago, in 1969 and remained there until 1995. He is now a Professor Emeritus in its Department of Religious Studies.

In the last forty years he has written twenty-seven books on the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul, and earliest Christianity. Five of them have been national religious bestsellers for a combined total of twenty-four months. The scholarly core of his work is the trilogy from *The Historical Jesus: The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant* (1991) through *The Birth of Christianity: Discovering What Happened in the Years Immediately After the Execution of Jesus* (1998), to *In Search of Paul: How Jesus's Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom*, co-authored with the archaeologist Jonathan L. Reed (2004). His work has also been translated into thirteen foreign languages, including Polish, Hungarian, Russian, as well as Korean, Chinese, and Japanese.

His most recent books are *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer* followed by *The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus became Fiction about Jesus*. He was elected Vice President of the Society of Biblical Literature for 2010-2011 and President for 2011-2012.

Legacy Partner Foundation - One Way to Give

Ida-Anne Clarke



Perhaps the best known vehicle for philanthropy is the *Bequest*. A bequest, provided for in your Last Will and Testament, makes it possible for you to make your wishes known today without relinquishing needed assets during your lifetime. Bequests can transfer a specific asset. You can also give a percent of the estate, such as a tithe or a "child's share." Naming Cherry Log Christian Church in your will makes a strong statement about your faith and the importance of Christ in your life. your bequest can be outright, or contingent upon the death of another family member. More information next month.... For more information, contact Ida-Anne Clarke, 706-632-0113 or idaanneclarke5@gmail.com.

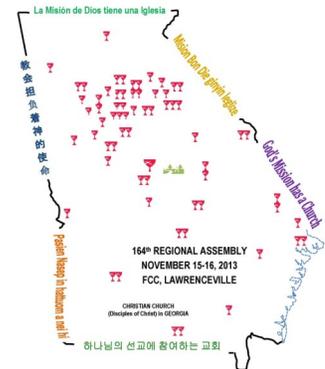
What: 164th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (D of C) in Georgia

When: Nov. 15-16, 2013

Where: Lawrenceville First Christian Church

Needed: 5 voting and 5 alternate delegates

SEE: Cheri Thompson, Denominational Representative if interested!



“Those who have never been
told of God shall see,
and those who have never
heard of God shall understand.” **Romans 15:21**



Dr. Richard Morse currently serves as a Vice President at Church Extension, a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Rick has been in contextual ministry for more than 30 years. As a young Disciples pastor, he redeveloped a congregation in North Idaho more than doubling its attendance in less than 5 years. For the past 25 years he has been engaged in church planting, first as a planter in the Seattle area, and now currently as the leader of the Disciples new church movement. This movement has celebrated more than 600 new church plants with an amazing 80% sustainability rate.

Dr. Stanley Saunders, a Disciples minister, is Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. His research interests include ‘eschatology’ in early Christian understandings of “the last days”, the nature of the Church, spirituality, and ecclesial self-definition with a special interest in the Gospel according to Matthew. Stan has a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary, a MDiv from Emmanuel School of Religion and a BA from San Jose Bible College.



For more info go to: <http://www.gadisciples.org/news/RegAssm/RegAssm.htm>

FROM MY HEART...

TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

I played the game more as a child. The game is “Treasure Hunt”. Remember at birthday parties when you played this game. The hostess would gather the children, pass our sheets of paper to each child, and they were given a bag or basket to put their treasures in. I remember as a Cub Scout we had a list that included such things as a snakeskin, mistletoe, bird’s nest (one that had fallen from a tree), acorn, arrowhead, a blue feather and bones from an animal skeleton. We had a wild time on this treasure adventure!

The process of building church community is like a treasure hunt. Becoming a church community is discovering the treasures within each other. Children on a treasure hunt may have difficulties. It may be night or in the woods or told stay within a one-block area. Adults have difficulty finding treasures also. We might not get out in the cold of winter and may be away from community more in the summer months. Health issues and family issues take us away from community sometimes. Internal squabbles misdirect us; looking out for ourselves blocks community.



To build community we must increase our awareness of each other. We have to hunt for each other and listen to each other. Do you remember the song, “Getting to know you, getting to know all about you”? That is what community is – getting to know each other.

Paul was correct in 1 Corinthians 13: “Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we shall see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully know.” Fully known!

Know each other and knowing ourselves does not come automatically. It does take courage to know another and self. It means that we become intentional, wanting to take the time to sit down and ask questions and be open to listening. We are asking of others as well as ourselves to unwrap our hearts and reveal the intimacies of our lives.

We may think that our personal relationships with partners, spouses, and friends are the most intimate secrets we have to share. But I think our relationship with God is even more intimate than these relationships.

So will you share with one another your journey with God? Think about how you would respond to the following.

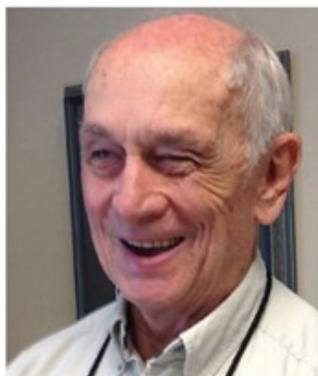
When did God become more than a word for you? When have you felt a sense of wonder? Tell of a time you felt you were interacting with God.

Now before you go off and sit down with someone and ask others these questions, answer them for yourself and be willing to share your experience with God first and then ask them to share with you.

Together is the only way we build community. Obvious? Is it?

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

**We're Living the Spirit:
We're Disciples Loving, Caring &
Sharing. Each month our CLCC
family ties grow stronger.**



John Garceau

Origins: born, raised and educated in Waterbury, Connecticut;

Career(s): Air Force; Space Program (16 years) as Data Processing Engineer; self-employed then Capitol Radio (DeVry Institute). Met Kay when installing her computer in 1978.

Bought cabin in 1989. Then retired and moved to mountains in 1999.

Hobbies: Enjoys photography, wood-working, reads [technology books], Georgia Bulldog fan

Passion: working with computers, electronics.

CLCC: A sign at Sisson's Pavilion read: Fred Craddock Preaching, so decided to attend to find out who that was. The rest is history. John made a "deal with God": "I will take care of CLCC and the congregation's IT (Information Technology) needs as long as You let my brain do it." [printed with John's permission]

[writer's note] Thank God for John



Beth Lipscomb

Origins: Born in Louisville, Mississippi; RN education at Mississippi State College for Women.

Career: Nursing in Jackson, MS, primarily Home and Community Health Services; former patients still call for help (which she gives). Husband Larry retired (OB GYN practice); moved to Carter's Lake 2008.

Fun things: loves music (goes to Elvis Week); faux finishing; chalk painting; interior design almost a vocation; Boston Terrier and cat; granddaughters Lily and Ava are their passion.

Why CLCC? Kindness of David, "If you need anything we're here for you"; Malinda makes me feel at home; saw compassion here; Julie and Kristi make it wonderful place for Ava and Lily; "the whole experience of being at CLCC makes it a perfect fit."



Susan Pleasant

Beginnings: Ashboro, N.C., S.C., Education: Biology, Chemistry, school politics.

Career path: Throughout US as Corporation Executive for Wise products, FritoLay, Life Savers; Currently Partner & Consultant for Lean Learning Center in MI, promoting transformational basics for organizations. Answers emails from ANYWHERE around the globe.

Susan and Jennifer "settled" in the mountains where Susan touches base between consultancies. Eleven-month-old Grace welcomed into the hearts of the family and CLCC in 2002. For fun: painting (pen & ink); photography; artistic gardening; reads life inspiration books, Bible, organizational books; hiking; fitness.

CLCC: Actual church shopping for a welcoming church that would spiritually nourish all three led to CLCC in 2003; quickly became immersed in leadership and service.

Bill Groce

Early: Born, raised Asheville, NC, PK (father and 2 grandfathers); "narrowly escaped that path"; graduate U of NC School of Business. Met Barbara in Charlotte; 3 children.

Career: Bell South, Charlotte, NC; then to Atlanta; as corporate leader loved technology development. Retired 1995; He and Barbara toured all of US; great fun building mountain cabin together; assisted pastor to start external community ministries.

Hobbies: serious bird carving; competition Bullseye, now backyard shooting. Ask Bill.

CLCC: Began "church search circuit" and found it, attracted by the warm friendships and extraordinary music. Joined 2009 and has served in many capacities.



MOMENT with the MODERATOR

Sharon Meek

Creating a Healthier Congregation

Study based on book by Ronald W. Richardson

Facilitators: Sharon Meek and Marsha Kipling

Wednesday evening beginning November 6, 13, 20 Dec 4, 11, and 18

As each of you, church members and leaders, reflect on your own role in the church and how you have dealt with challenges in the church in the past, this study will be about how we deal with challenges in the future. Through this study, we will work together to create a healthier church community that can support growth and healing in each individual member and better accomplish its mission in the world.

This six week study will include conversation with each other and study of how we treat our fellow members to build better relationships.

Session 1: When Bad Things Happen in Good Churches: Sunday Morning in Two Churches

Session 2: No One Is an Island: A New way to think about relationships and what we bring to the situation.

Session 3: Being One among Many: Unity and Differences in the Church

Session 4: The 4 Functional Styles of Congregational Life: Enmeshed, Isolated, Connected, Alone

Session 5: Triangles in the Congregation: Triangles and Leadership in the Church

Session 6: Assessing our Congregation's Emotional System: Becoming a better member and leader. Where do we go from here.

BLANKET SUNDAY, November 24

Disciples Women

First frost! Pull that soft blanket up under the chin! Then remember Cherry Log's Blanket Sunday the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 24.

Once again have the opportunity to express our gratitude for a person or a blessing through the simple gift of \$5.00 Church World Service blankets.



CWS, on our behalf, responds to natural and manmade disasters by distributing blankets around the world. These blankets are often a necessity for survival. They are used for shelters, hammocks, suitcases, and stretchers in addition to being used for warmth. In follow-ups, often seeds and tools are added for self-help programs.



Envelopes and dedication slips will be in the pews on November 17 and 24. Do say "I'm thankful for..." with a blanket gift. (Make checks to Cherry Log, marked Blanket Sunday. We'll list the dedications in early December.) Meanwhile, stay warm!

"Jill's Quilts"

Jane Carwell

Calling all quilters and those who want to learn to quilt, a new small group is forming to make comfort quilts for our church members who are undergoing chemotherapy. The quilts will be called "Jill's Quilts" in memory of our wonderful friend, Jillayn Wolleat. Quilts will also be donated to local chemo patients. You may contact us if know someone in need of a quilt.

Quilts will be made lap or throw size. Fabric will be provided as well as patterns to use. However, please feel free to bring your own fabric and patterns. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, November 12 from 10 until 2. Lunch will be served. Bring your sewing machines and quilting materials. Let us know if you will be attending so we can have enough lunch. Contact Debbie Coburn at 706 374-6562 or Jane Carwell at 706 881-5301.

For those of you who dont want to quilt but would like to be a part of this project, monetary donations will be accepted. Please contact Malinda in the church office. Fabric donations and quilting supplies will also be accepted.

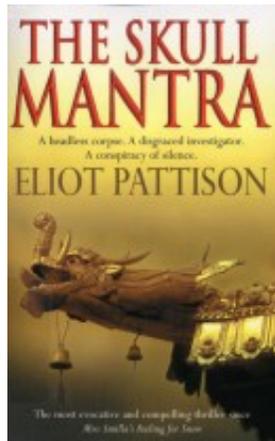
We look forward to seeing you.

Faith in Fiction Book Group

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction Book Group reads and discusses literary fiction from a perspective of faith. In November **The Skull Mantra** by Eliot Pattison continues a series of novels that looks at characters of dual cultures. Pattison uses the detective novel format to look at Chinese treatment of Tibetans. That meeting is Nov. 22 at 11:30.

Our dedicated readers did not want to suspend for the busy month of December--too many good books to skip a month-- and will discuss Abraham Verghese's **Cutting for Stone**. Verghese is a physician and a writer, and the two professions are inextricable in this novel set in India and America. He came to popularity as a writer in his first book, **My Own Country**, about his work in infectious medicine in Johnson City, TN when the AIDS epidemic first broke in this country. In that nonfiction work, which reads like a novel, he tells of AIDS victims who came home to Johnson City to die of this new and horrible disease and of the ostracism of his family for his treating them. **Cutting for Stone** is his first novel, but medicine features prominently in it. "Cutting for stone" is a phrase from the Hippocratic oath.



The first book of 2014 will be our second Toni Morrison novel: **Song of Solomon**. We all loved **Beloved** so much we wanted another Morrison story. After that will come **Half a Yellow Sun** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, followed by **And the Mountains Echoed**, by Khaled Hosseini.

This CLCC small group is open to anyone who reads the books and wants to join the discussion. A lively, free discussion among fully engaged readers always reveals more about a book than an individual reading produces. This shared understanding is only half the joy of the group. The other part is the pleasure of the company of others who love books and the insights that books can bring to our lives.

Meeting dates are announced each month and vary but are usually on a Friday mid-day. For specific dates or other information, contact myra_kibler@yahoo.com. (*Put an underscore between the first and last name*). We welcome newcomers; the more perspectives the better!

Happy Anniversary!

November 01 Gary Tomblin & Jean Rose (16)
 November 09 Danny & Cathy Johnson (10)
 November 10 John & Jane Murray (24)
 November 25 Doyle & Caroline Carder (32)
 November 28 Roy & Marsue Dorn (49)
 November 29 Max & Sheryl Holstein (38)
 November 30 Richard & Yvonne McNelley (40)

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in **October**:

In Memory of:

Roland Craddock
Jimmy D. Smith

In Honor of:

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* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
 \$245.00

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
Oct. 6	54	144
Oct. 13		122
Oct. 20		127
Oct. 27	43	159

Happy Birthday

Nov. 01	Patty Crawl	Nov. 16	Maureen Hicks
Nov. 03	Dee Craddock		Max Holstein
Nov. 04	Sarah Cox		Phillip Miller
Nov. 05	John Pettit		Bill Thompson
Nov. 06	Jane Carwell	Nov. 17	Ed Grant
	John Murray	Nov. 19	Roberta Bondi
	Ruth West		Birdie Towle
Nov. 8	Tim Anderson	Nov. 21	Lynn Starr
Nov. 09	Kathy Knox	Nov. 22	Caroline Carder
Nov. 11	Ellen Grant		Rex Williams
Nov. 12	Terry Healy		Jim Willis
Nov. 13	Marsha Kipling	Nov. 23	Bruce Granger
Nov. 14	Jane Kimzey	Nov. 26	Richard Bondi
	Emily Moreland	Nov. 27	John Griffin
Nov. 15	Murray Wood	Nov. 30	ReLeah Lent
			Eileen McRoberts



September Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$28,683.00

Expenses: \$27,698.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$262,177.00

Year to date Expenses: \$256,886.00

Building Fund:

Contributions: \$8,599.00

Expenses: \$12,936.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$106,310.00

Year to date Expenses: \$132,999.00

Thanks to all for a Successful Consecration Sunday

Rev. Bill Thompson, Chair

While our final numbers are yet to be tallied, I think it can be said that we had a most successful Consecration Sunday stewardship effort at Cherry Log Christian Church this year. We encourage any members who were not able to be in church to return their estimate of giving which they received in the mail this week. Thanks to all who organized our efforts, made phone calls, prepared and served food, and participated through their attendance and spiritual commitment to giving.