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DR. DAVID
GRIFFIN,
MINISTER

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INTERM ASSOC.
MINISTER

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Blanket
Sunday

Nov. 15 & 22

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

Take One Step Up—For Christ And His Church

I plan to TAKE ONE STEP UP in my giving to Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

My desire is to do more than God's minimum of 10%.

STEP UP IN GIVING OF MY TIME AND TALENT
My desire is to give more time to God's work.

TITHING: I will give 10% of my income to God's work.

I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

I promise to give my time & talent in the area of:

MY COMMITMENT IS \$_____ per week

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Apt. No. _____ Phone () _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Please mail this Commitment Card back to the Church by October 25. Or bring it on Generosity Sunday on November 1. Thank You!

Giving Opportunities

As we begin to prepare for the Season of Giving, do consider gift opportunities available through our church. For the family member or friend who has it all, how about a gift "in honor" of that someone - a gift for others. Gifts to local food banks, DFACS children, the Tower Road community, the Brooks Hill community, collections of coats, hats, gloves, socks, and numerous other options are available to you. Think and pray about this, and keep an eye out for more ideas as we approach the "holy days" ahead.

Clothes Closet Notes

This week we had a young mother come in holding a sleeping child. As the volunteers welcomed her she shared her story of how her family had recently lost their home to a fire. She was wanting to look for clothes for her four children, her husband and her self.

Gloria Hitt immediately sat down in our rocking chair and took the sleeping toddler, freeing up the mother to look around. Becky Walls walked around with her helping her find the sizes of clothes she needed. Betty Gardin pulled out a plastic tub of toddler clothes for her to go through. We were also able to give her towels, sheets and blankets.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers these kinds of stories happen every week. Because of your kind and generous donations we are able to help folks like this. Thank you.

Disciples Women

Thanks to all those who participated in our canned food collection for the Gilmer and Fannin food pantries. It was good to see the food piled on the harvest table. Our November service project will be a cash contribution to ForeverFamily. This is an organization that helps the families, especially the children, of people who are incarcerated, and we have given to them for several years. If you would like to join in, please give money in a marked envelope or a check made out to Disciples Women and designated "ForeverFamily." You can give it to Joan Pettit, Nancy Zimmerman, or Nancy Brewer.

Our November meeting will feature our pastor, David, leading us in a Bible study and we really look forward to that. The date is Saturday, November 21, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to come for the Bible study and stay to have lunch with us.



FROM MY HEART.....

TO YOUR HEART

At times I wonder which way I need to be going, what should be done next, and is it of greater importance to enjoy or “to get it together”. Do you, too, find yourself pulled in different directions?

The Autumn weekends are gorgeous – a day on the hiking trail sounds perfect, crunching leaves, being wowed by the landscapes, panting as one struggles uphill, exhilarated that one breathes and lives! Yet winterizing calls, securing firewood, wrapping faucets, cutting back foliage and carrying in plants – one needs to stay ahead of the game and not get caught short.

Books come in the mail – yes another. And there are several waiting on the iPad that have been downloaded. At least four are in stages of being read. A dear friend talks about his re-reading a classic; I need to pull that off of my bookshelf and add it to the toppling stack. Is it better to broaden my view and read nine books at a time or focus on the one while bits of wisdom remain hidden behind closed book covers?

Surely there is a call to security. Take the easier, safer, less risky path, the path that one is able to negotiate and succeed at. But the riskier path makes the heart beat faster, drives one to creativity, and is exhilarating. Take it easy; you are getting older!

Have you noticed that some friends, good friends are predictable? It is cards every Tuesday and Italian dinners on alternating Friday nights, first your place then mine. These are also the friends that know the hurts and can read you better than you can yourself at times. There are those friends that give you freedom, in fact free to the point that you wonder if they are friends – when was the last time we saw each other? Yet these, too, are the friends that know your hurts and can read you better than you can yourself at times. What is friendship?

We try to get it right and make as few mistakes as possible. We want to go up the spiral staircase and rise above youthfulness, whimsical thinking, and actions without regard to self or others. We feel we must get it together.

Is life about getting it together?

We did not come to remain whole.
We came to lose our lives like leaves on a tree,
The trees that are broken
And just start again, drawing up from the great roots.

Robert Bly

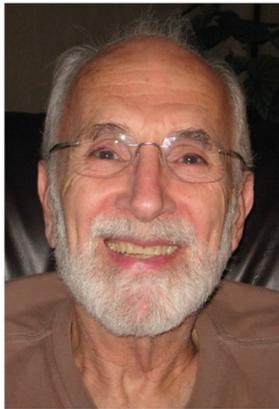


It is called life; it is called living. Let us draw from the roots of our faith and live!

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



Gary Tomblin

Gary Tomblin was raised in the Church of Christ in Columbus, Georgia. He attended Libscomb College.

In 2005, when Gary and Jean moved to the mountains, Hugh and Fran Lake invited them to attend CLCC. Being immediately drawn to the openness and diversity of CLCC, he and Jean soon joined. Gary's 40+ year career revolved around mental health and addiction rehab counseling. He is now retired and very devoted to six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He enjoys hiking, being outdoors, traveling and camping. Gary has just built a studio, where he will resume his love for art and jewelry making when he is not volunteering at The Craddock Center.



Jackie Limpkin

Born and raised in North Fulton, now Buckhead; BA FineArts from Kenesaw U with focus in voice; sang with Capital City Opera and conductor Fletcher Wolf; one son and one grandson also in Atlanta; married Richard, 1989; came to mountains and operated a cabin rental business; entered Real Estate and though shy as a youth, found she loves interacting with people and introducing them to the beauty of the mountains, “I love my job!”

Loves music and enjoys gardening, especially flowers; cares for 6 cats, 2 dogs, all “dumped” animals.

CLCC: “The loving people, and I love the communion”; has served on nominating and worship committees and is currently an elder



Diane Ridgely

Grew up in Hershey, PA and addicted to chocolate at early age. Began piano at age 7 and involved in music since; studied at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, majoring in organ and sacred music; forty one years on organ bench in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Dallas, Hagerstown, Ormond Beach, DC, Shallowford Presbyterian, Atlanta (19 years); has had experience in most denominations.

Interests include classical music, literature, art, cooking, and Pickles, the cat.

Heard of CLCC via Charlotte Hale who encouraged Arden and Clay Miller (daughter and son-in-law) to visit CLCC. All 3 are now members and attend Celebrate Early “where we enjoy adding some contemporary dimensions to our worship experience.

Betty Willis

Born in St Louis, raised in Ferguson, MO; Moved to Jacksonville, graduated from High School then Business School and began work at GMAC. Married to Jim 61 years. Lived in Gadsden, AL then to Stone Mountain. Bought vacation cabin on Walnut Mtn. 20 years ago.

Camping is favorite pastime; reads voraciously; enjoys yard work, knitting, crocheting; has 2 sons, 7 grandchildren, 2 cats, “one a perfect lady and one a reincarnated toddler.”

Active members in Stone Mountain church (secretary 17 years) and charter members of CLCC. Met Dr. Craddock first in Stone Mountains and joined CLCC in the Pavilion. When on Walnut Mtn. they're here “...when Sunday comes, we just need to be in church.”



Musical Offerings for November

November is an important month in the Christian calendar. It begins with All Saints Sunday which is when we remember loved ones who have left this mortal world. The fourth Sunday in November is Christ the King Sunday which is the last Sunday in the Christian year. Finally, we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent which is the first Sunday of the Christian year. Advent is the season that allows us to prepare our minds, bodies, and lives for the birth of Jesus. We have some wonderful musical experiences planned for November and December. I look forward to worshiping with you as we anticipate and prepare for our celebration of the remembrance of Christ's birth. Richard

November 1, 2015 All Saints Sunday

Prelude - Handbells

Hymns - When In Our Music God Is Glorified, Holy Ground, Lead Me, Lord, Come, Share the Lord, For All the Saints, May the Road Rise to Meet You Anthem - Tribute to the Saints with Jere Paige playing flugelhorn.

Music During Communion - "It Is Well With My Soul" Handbells

November 8, 2015

Hymns - If You Will Trust In God to Guide You, There Is A Balm, Lead Me, Lord, We Come As Guests Invited, Be Still, My Soul, May the Road Rise to Meet You Anthem - Come Sing to the Lord by R. Hogan

November 15, 2015

Hymns - Spirit Song, Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, Lead Me, Lord, Bread of the World in Mercy Broken, Here I Am Lord, May the Road Rise to Meet You Anthem - Come Thou Fount by C. Courtney

November 22, 2015 Christ the King Sunday

Hymns - Come, Thou Almighty King, Seed, Scattered and Sown, Lead Me, Lord, A Hymn of Joy We Sing, Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven, May the Road Rise to Meet You Anthem - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" In Memory of Milton Hunt - Men's Chorale Anthem - Awesome God Arr. T. Fettke

November 29, 2015 First Sunday in Advent

Hymns - Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates, One Candle Is Lit, Blessed Be the God of Israel, Take Our Bread, Jesus Shall Reign, Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Anthem - Lo How a Rose M. Praetorius

The Sounds of Celebrate Early

November 1	Cherry Log Drum Circle	
	"Blest Are They"	Celebrate Early Singers
November 15	Flute and Oboe duet	Cheryl and Bill Star
November 22	"Simple Gifts"	Celebrate Early Singers
November 29	"Keep Silence"	Celebrate Early Singers Accompanied by Randy Wilbur on bassoon
	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	Richard Zelly playing recorder

Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart. Pablo Casals



ANGEL OF HOPE

Angel Tree of Hope, Wednesday, December 2, 6 to 7 PM

Mark your Calendars for our Annual Angel Tree Celebration on Wednesday evening, December 2, from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will already have the Angel Tree decorated but will add decorations that will include the hopes of each of us. Join us that evening as we hang our hopes on the tree, sing some Christmas carols, have entertainment by a musical group, and watch a Movie – “**The Gift of the Magi**” based on the classic O. Henry short story.

No need to bring desserts this year as we will have popcorn, Christmas cookies, and warm cider with a stick of peppermint. Just bring yourselves as we share our hopes for our families, our communities, our church and our world. The Angel Tree has long been a tradition of this church and this year we will put a new peppermint twist on the tradition.

See you on Wednesday, December 2 from 6 PM to 7 PM.

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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From the Moderator . . .

You are invited to meet with your fellow CLCC members for the annual fall Congregational Meeting on November 15 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing some significant matters and your presence is important. I want to share with you some of our agenda items:

1. We have finally completed the sale of the former Craddock Center property. The Trustees will be reporting on the results of that sale and what happens now with the funds that have been made available.

2. We have some bylaw amendments left over from last church year. We have been living with our “new” bylaws since 2012 and just last August we began the process of perfecting them. You may remember a change in the notification requirements for amendments. Your Board will be submitting for your consideration a couple of amendments that apply to the composition of the Board. The following is your formal notification of two (2) amendments to Article III of the bylaws that will be offered at the Congregational meeting for you voting:

That Article III, B, Section 3, be amended by deleting the first sentence through “Thereafter,” of the second sentence. The current reading of that section is, “3. *Of the initial four congregational members-at-large, two will be designated to serve terms of two years; two will be designated to serve terms of one year. Thereafter, Members-at-large will be elected for a term of two years. A member-at-large may be re-elected after a one-year absence from the Board.*” This amendment would remove the text in italics.

That Article III, B, Section 4, be amended by deleting the first sentence through “Thereafter,” of the second sentence. The current reading of that section is, “4. *Of the two initial Elders, one will be designated to serve a term of two years; the other will be designated to serve a term of one year. Thereafter, Elders will be designated for a term of two years.*” This amendment would eliminate the portion in italics.

3. We will also introduce seven other amendment proposals for discussion. You will not be asked to vote on these, but your Board would like to have your input. We know you would also like to know what these changes involve. A summary of those proposed amendments is included in this *Cherrylogue* to advise you of the fact that the board will vote on them after the meeting.

4. We will present the 2016 Budget proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board at our most recent meeting. A copy is included in this *Cherrylogue*. This budget will be about the same amount as the current year spending plan. You will have ample opportunity for discussion and then we will take a vote of the congregation on its approval.

5. You will get a more complete report of the results of the recent *Generosity* stewardship campaign and learn more about future plans.

Please plan to join us for this important meeting time between the two worship services on November 15. We need you and you need to be there.



2016 Proposed Budget

Accounts	2015 Budget	2015 Estimate	2016 Proposed Budget
Resource Council			
Finance	1,960	\$ 266	\$ 800
Personnel	217,817	\$ 217,817	\$ 218,338
Property Maintenance	14,785	\$ 14,363	\$ 19,510
Technology	779	\$ 644	\$ 1,009
Total Resource Council	235,341	\$ 233,089	\$ 239,657
Discipling Council			
Education - Children/Youth	910	\$ 367	\$ 1,505
Education - Adult	100	\$ -	\$ 200
Fellowship	1,200	\$ 1,516	\$ 1,500
Membership	100	\$ -	\$ -
Music	1,746	\$ 962	\$ 2,301
Small Group Ministry	70	\$ -	\$ 70
Stewardship	400	\$ -	\$ 2,200
Worship	1,514	\$ 521	\$ 1,558
Legacy Partners	300	\$ -	\$ 1,275
Art Guild	50	\$ -	\$ 50
Labyrinth Keepers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Discipling Council	6,390	\$ 3,366	\$ 10,659
Outreach Council			
Evangelism	2,625	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,020
Health	100	\$ -	\$ 100
Local Mission	16,500	\$ 13,162	\$ 17,000
Stephen Ministers	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Outreach Council	19,225	\$ 14,629	\$ 18,120
Non Council			
Elders			\$ -
Insurance - Property	12,905	\$ 12,687	\$ 9,312
Ministers Expenses	8,200	\$ 6,525	\$ 9,200
Office Expenses	13,682	\$ 12,022	\$ 14,698
Postage	500	\$ 622	\$ 650
Tithe	35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Utilities	39,000	\$ 34,464	\$ 30,876
Total Non Council	109,287	\$ 101,321	\$ 99,736
Building Expense	130,000	\$ 133,766	\$ 130,000
Non Budget Expense		\$ 3,458	
Total Expenses	\$ 500,243	\$ 489,629	\$ 498,172
2015 Estimate=Year-to-date September actual annualized			

Prayer Labyrinth Walk on November 7

The site of the CLCC Prayer Labyrinth now contains several new features: a sign that welcomes all; additional benches; and a kiosk that provides information about labyrinths, guides for walking the labyrinth and a Book of Reflections journal in which people may share their experiences.

Soon there will be other opportunities for prayer at the labyrinth. These include a "Prayer Tree," a common feature in the British Isles, where people hang strips of cloth or ribbons on a tree to represent their prayers. It is very beautiful and moving to see these colorful strips blowing in the breeze! Also, the stones on the rock at the center of the labyrinth will be prayerfully removed to form the foundation for a "Cairn of Compassion," to which people may add stones that symbolize their burdens and griefs.

On Saturday Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. there will be a labyrinth walk to introduce these new features. Please join us for this "Walk of Compassion" as we include these practices in our prayer walk. Cloth strips for the Prayer Tree and stones for the Cairn of Compassion will be provided, but you may want to bring your own.

Bring a bag lunch and folding chair if you wish to picnic on the grounds after the walk!



Blanket Sunday

When you learn of disasters and emergencies here in our country and around the world, do you ask yourself, "What can I do to help?" Cherry Log members find a partial answer to that question each year when we respond to Blanket Sunday. Sponsored by Disciples Women, Blanket Sunday gifts go to Church World Service to send blankets...bright orange light weight ones for warm climates, heavy gray ones for protection from the cold. Last year they went to 15 states; already this year to 12. We have sent for refugees 50,000 pieces to Syria, 7,500 to Jordan, 15,000 to Lebanon, and 30,000 to Sierra Leone, as well as to natural disasters in other countries. It is good to know that Church World Service is there, with delivery systems in place, and blankets ready. **WHEN WE GIVE!**



On November 15 and November 22, there will be envelopes and information available for your gift. Many of us give blankets "in thanksgiving," "in honor of," or "in memory of" some special friend or family member. We suggest at least \$5 for each blanket given.

Disciples Women/Cherry Log Global Ministries



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|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| Nov. 01 | Patty Crowl | Nov. 16 | Maureen Hicks |
| Nov. 03 | Dee Craddock | | Phillip Miller |
| Nov. 04 | Sarah Cox | | Bill Thompson |
| Nov. 05 | Ted Murphy | Nov. 17 | Ed Grant |
| | John Pettit | Nov. 19 | Roberta Bondi |
| Nov. 06 | Jane Carwell | | Birdie Towle |
| | John Murray | Nov. 21 | Lynn Starr |
| | Ruth West | Nov. 22 | Caroline Carder |
| Nov. 8 | Tim Anderson | | Jim Willis |
| | Barbara Wilson | Nov. 23 | Bruce Granger |
| Nov. 09 | Kathy Knox | Nov. 26 | Richard Bondi |
| Nov. 11 | Ellen Grant | | Noah Madrid |
| Nov. 13 | Marsha Kipling | Nov. 30 | ReLeah Lent |
| Nov. 14 | Jane Kimzey | | Eileen McRoberts |
| Nov. 15 | Murray Wood | | |



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| November 01 | Gary Tomblin & Jean Rose | (18) |
| November 10 | John & Jane Murray | (26) |
| November 25 | Doyle & Caroline Carder | (34) |
| November 28 | Dell & Sally Pamplin | |
| November 30 | Richard & Yvonne McNelley | (42) |

Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers for me. GOD answered because there was no surgery required. I am grateful for the lovely colorful fall flowers from my church. Bless each one who called, sent lovely cards & visited me in Blairsville.

Sincerely in Love,

Frabia Smith

I Thessalonians 5: 16-19



September Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$38,921.00

Expenses: \$35,885.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$353,213.00

Year to date Expenses: \$360,709.00

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Oct. 4	46	123
Oct. 11	46	94
Oct. 18	49	109
Oct. 25	49	114

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in October:

In Memory of:

Charles Tidd

In Honor of:

Michael Brunson & Jack Horton

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$200.00

Proposed Bylaw Changes 2015

Pursuant to bylaw Article VIII, the following changes are proposed to the Bylaws of Cherry Log Christian Church as amended in 2015:

Section Topic	Location of change	Action	Current Wording	Recommended wording change
Deacon Responsibilities	Article II, B	adding bullet 8.	None	8. Perform other duties as assigned.
Deacon Chair Responsibilities	Article II, C	adding bullet 8. and 9.	None	8. Oversees counting the collection(s); 9. Schedules the Deacon of the Month and Counter (Teller).
Officer Responsibilities - Treasurer	Article IV, B, 4.	replace wording in bullet E:	e: Works with Administrative Assistant to prepare and distribute to members periodic statements of contributions. All records and reports of contributions will be strictly confidential and only the Treasurer and Administrative Assistant will have access to this information.	e: Works with the Church Administrator to prepare and distribute to members periodic statements of contributions. All records and reports of contributions will be strictly confidential and only the Treasurer and Church Administrator will have access to this information (Church Deacons do see giving of individual members as they are the counters on Sunday morning. The deacons are required to keep this information confidential); However, the church Treasurer and Church Administrator are allowed to share concerns with church officers and leadership (church moderator; chair of finance, stewardship chair, Legacy Chair, and ministers) regarding trends, changes in giving patterns that may impact the church cash flow and the ability to meet the church budget, or alert possible pastoral or spiritual concerns related to a change in giving with a particular church giver (such as personal family changes or medical needs).
Nominating/ Leadership Committee	Article VI, B, paragraph 2.	delete part of sentence and add additional sentence	Three at-large members from the Congregation, one of whom will be designated as Chair	The church vice moderator will be designated as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
Property Committee	Article VI, B, section 5: a.	delete and add	a. Overseeing, caring for, and maintaining all buildings, property, and equipment. Church members, church staff, and outside contractors may be involved in this process.	Overseeing, caring for, and maintaining all buildings, property, and equipment in cooperation with Church Administrator.
Property Committee	Article VI, B, section 5: b. c. d.	delete and add	b. Overseeing and supervising any outside contractors who may be hired by the Church for any property maintenance or	b. Perform maintenance inside church building in cooperation with Church Administrator. c. Perform maintenance on other church property in

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			<p>construction work.</p> <p>c. Making recommendations to the Personnel concerning the hiring of custodial or maintenance employees;</p> <p>d. Preparing and publishing guidelines for use of Church building and property, including policies for use by individuals or groups outside the Church membership. Such policies will require Resource Council review and approval.</p>	<p>cooperation with Church Administrator.</p> <p>d. Work with Church Administrator in preparing and publishing guidelines for use of church buildings and property. Such policies will require Resource Council review and approval.</p>
Trustees	Article VI, C, section 7	delete	The first Trustees will draw for one, two or three year terms. All may be re-elected for one full term at the discretion of the Congregation	
Membership Committee	Article VI, C, section 6:	add	Membership Committee	Membership/Evangelism Committee
Membership Committee	Article VI, C, section 6:	add to b:	b. Help new members become familiar with and become involved in programs, ministries, and activities of the Church;	(for example: new member dinners, partnering with other members).
Membership Committee	Article VI, C, section 6:	Add g:		g: Work to bring regular visitors to membership within the church (example: provide events to share what membership means, encourage partnerships with active members, work with pastor).
Membership Committee	Article VI, C, section 6:	Add h:		h: Maintain the pictorial church directory so that members can familiarize themselves with other members and regular visitors.
Evangelism/Communication Committee	Article VI, D, section 2	remove	Evangelism” from the title, and each instance in the body of the section	Communication Committee
Evangelism/Communication Committee	Article VI, D, section 2	delete	delete “with Church hospitality,” and “, and visitor assimilation” from the first sentence. The Committee will focus on work which deals with Church hospitality, Church marketing, and visitor assimilation.	The Committee will focus on work which deals with Church marketing.