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INTERIM SENIOR
MINISTER

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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

**A Cherry Log
Christmas**

December 18

5:00 PM

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Blanket Sunday

November 13th and 20th.

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.

On November 13 and November 20, 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



CWS Blankets

Heart warming. Life changing.

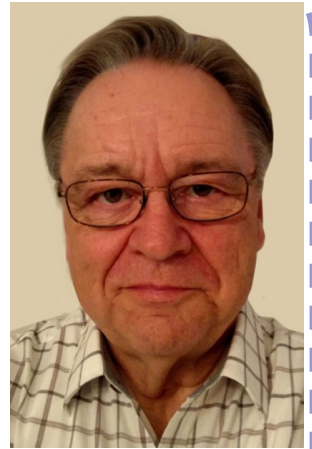
From Pastor Paul

It's hard to believe that I've been here at Cherry Log for two months already. On the other hand, it feels like a lot longer. That's because you all are so welcoming. Cherry Log is truly a friendly church. Now I've heard that said about a lot of churches, but it is really true here. People here genuinely care for one another and that care extends well beyond just a casual inquiry. I've watched as people rally to come alongside those in need. It is one of the things that make Cherry Log Christian Church so special.

Another unique aspect of the church is its commitment to outreach. There is the clothes closet at the little white house, the Tower Road project, the food pantry, the Brook Hills ministry, the Garden for Others, the partnership with the Craddock Center, and more that I have yet to become fully acquainted with such as the BeNuts Peanuts which not only raises money for the church but is also a great evangelistic tool. My point is that this is a very active and generous congregation. All of this activity speaks highly of the level of commitment the congregation has to living out its faith in practical ways.

As the interim minister I make these observations as a way of focusing our attention on the vision for the future of the congregation. On the one hand, the number and diversity of ministries in the church is wonderful. On the other hand, it can sometimes seem to be pulling in different directions. With so many options it's hard for people to decide where to participate, and it can lead to feelings of being overwhelmed. One way to deal with this is to have one unifying vision that pulls everything together. That is what we are going to be working on in the upcoming months. I invite you to join me in praying for God to give us clarity in our vision of where God is calling us as together we continue to serve our community, our congregation and our God.

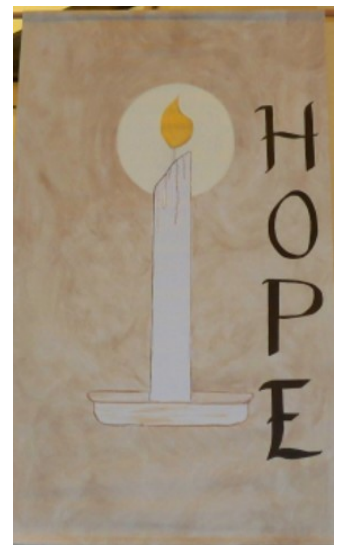
Pastor Paul



Advent is....

The season of Advent begins Sunday November 27th, as we begin preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The candle of Hope will be lit, reminding us that Christ' coming is the "HOPE" of the world.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Advent Season begins Sunday, November 27. Devotional booklets will be available in the Narthex soon. Included are scriptures and thoughts to ponder that will enhance your journey as you prepare your heart for celebrate the birth of Christ.



DECK THE HALLS...NOVEMBER 26

Decoration Day is coming Saturday, November 26 at 9 AM. Time to hang the greens, trim the trees and begin our preparation to celebrate the season of Christ's birth. Folks needed to decorate 3 Christmas trees, hang wreaths, a few to climb ladders, with coffee and doughnuts provided to fuel your energy. A fun way to spend Saturday morning!

A Cherry Log Christmas

Mark your Christmas calendar for **Sunday, December 18, 5:00 pm!** Preparations are underway for a musical feast that will move from Silver Bells to the Bethlehem stable celebrating the birth of our Lord!

S.O.N.G, an ensemble of musical performers from across North Georgia. Misty Mountain Woodwinds, the Recorder Consort, our handbells and our own Chancel Choir comprise this Christmas celebration!

Tickets will soon be available, \$10 for adults, \$5 for school-age children, and a nursery will be available.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

CHERRY LOG COOKBOOKS AND STUFF

Cherry Log cookbooks on sale! Find them in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. The price is only \$10, and the sale of these cookbooks helps fund the many outreach and inreach projects of the Disciples Women. This group sponsors at least nine projects each year of reaching out to help others as Jesus instructed us to do. Your cookbook is filled with recipes contributed by our congregation as well as artwork by members. The cover picture by C.W. Connor, alone, is worth your money--pick up a book and examine it carefully! You may pay any Disciples Woman for your cookbook.

Marshall Burke gave a fascinating and moving presentation at our October meeting, and we are glad that some came to hear him who are not active members of Disciples Women. Our next meeting is on Saturday November 19 at 10:30, and as usual, all are welcome.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

MISSION TRIP

Thank you for your generous donations to the Life for Children's Ministries. We have given enough money to build ten Widow's Houses and help build access to water. Our next plan for the mission work in Kenya is to plan a mission trip. I have talked with the director and with Michael about the time of the trip. They suggest that we plan for May, 2017. In order to get things together for this trip, we must begin meeting and getting air plane tickets, money, shots and passports in order. We will help build one the the Widow's Houses that we sponsored. We will also have medical mission work too.

I would like to meet with those who are interested at 9:30 on November 13. We will have copies of the manual and directions for the leader of the group. We will also have a breakdown of the costs.

In order to help with this trip, we will have two fund raisers at the beginning of 2017. The first one will be a Music fest on February 11. The money raised from this music fest will go toward the costs of the mission trip. Another fund raiser will be held in April. We will also ask that those who want to contribute to the costs to do so through the church office.

As the plans come together for the trip, we will let you know what they are. Thank you for your support of this mission.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

As the Holidays approach, many of you want to know what we at Cherry Log Christian Church are doing. Thank you for your generous hearts. You will touch so many people this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

November

Thanksgiving for Others

In the past we have gathered food to put in boxes for people who have need of help with Thanksgiving dinner. This year we will concentrate on those who are part of our church and need some help and on the local food pantries. We will collect donations of money for those in our church who need help during this time. There will be a basket in the fellowship hall beginning November 13 through November 20. Several of the members of the Outreach Committee will use the donations to buy food cards from local grocery stores and will deliver them. The local food pantries need as much as you can give. if you want to give more than we do as a church every month, please make your check out to either Gilmer Food Pantry or Fannin Food Bank and we will be sure they get the donation.

Thanksgiving at Brooks Hill

Charlie and Sandy McCann are organizing Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Brooks Hill. Please contact them if you want to help.

December

Foster Childrens' Party

The party for foster children will be held on December 2 at six o'clock in the fellowship hall. We will meet with the DFACS people and let you know what is needed.

Toys for Tots

The collection of toys and donations of money for the Toys for Tots campaign will be held from November 13 to December 11. A box for the toys will be in the fellowship hall. Donations are also accepted.

Tower Road Christmas Party

The Tower Road Christmas Party will be December 11 at 2:30. This year we would like to give socks to the children who attend. We will need sizes from infant to adult. There will be a box for socks beginning this Sunday, November 6 in the fellowship hall. We also need adults who can help with giving out the socks and serving the food. Santa Jack will be there and the children of our church will help him. The Story express will also be there. If you want to help, please see Jane Carwell.

Christmas at Brooks Hill

Charlie and Sandy are also organizing a Christmas Party at Brooks Hill. Please contact them if you want to help.

Thank for helping others during this very special time of year.

Outreach Committee

Jane Carwell

November Food Drive



Fill the Snack Bag with:

1. Beanee Weenee or Vienna Sausage
2. Fruit cup or Jello cup
3. Granola bar
4. Cracker packs

Pick up extra lunch bags in Narthex or in fellowship hall.

December Food Drive



REVERSE ADVENT FOOD BOX

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you bring the box with the donated contents to the church and we will give the food to both the Fannin and Gilmer Food Banks.

THE BeNUTS ARE COMING - THE BeNUTS ARE COMING!!!

And just in time for the Holidays! We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of one of our largest orders yet. The BeNut packaging team will be very busy within the next week getting the almost 400 pounds, yes that's right **400 pounds**, of peanuts ready for our upcoming events and most importantly for YOU, our membership!

Starting this week and through the holidays, we will be selling and filling orders every Sunday. This week we will have a display of our BeNut gift bag/gift box options and can start taking orders for anything you choose. I also purchased some very cute fall baskets at our yard sale which would be the perfect hostess gift for Thanksgiving.

We are getting closer each week to our \$10,000 goal for the year so stuff those stockings with BeNuts, give BeNuts to friends and family, the postman would love BeNuts as would your hairdresser! OK, you get it, I am nuts about our BeNuts and I thank you for all of your support!!!

Julie Pugh and the entire CLCC BeNut team

Remember - BeGiving and we will BeGrateful!!!



Wednesday Night Dinner



Wednesday night program continues in November with "The Divine Dance" an exploration of the Trinity based on Richard Rohr's new book. The format will be video/presentations and table discussions, as survey preferences indicate.

Dinner will mostly be "Green Bag" but a possible variation will be a catered dinner on the last day of the program.

Sally Pamplin, Beth Roberts, Tibby Parker, and Roberta Bondi will be leading the programs with a surprise speaker on the last day, December 7. We will not have a program November 23.

Education Survey Results Are In

Thank you for your response to the survey about Wednesday Night Dinner/Programs! This summary includes the responses from 106 our congregation of a population of 176, very good response rate over 60%. At least 75% of responses were interested or very interested in every one of the topics. Even the lowest response was 72% favorable. Between 44% and 52% were very interested in "Spirituality", "Social Justice" and "Christianity and the Environment." The preference for format is one with discussion/participation, though overall the selection was for all types. Green (brown) bag tied with catering, and the committee will be taking the possibility of catering into consideration. The one question we did it ask, but have been approached about is the possibility and/or preference for a daytime lunch/program as winter approaches and many are reluctant to drive at night. We will survey this possibility in the December Cherrylogue.

Thank you! Sally



167th Regional Assembly
of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia
November 11th - 12th, 2016

First Christian Church of Valdosta
(1905 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA 31602, MAP)

Join with Georgia Disciples of every age, ethnicity, background, experience – as we unite through Christ into one body of faith at the 167th Regional Assembly.

Key Note Speakers:

Daisy L. Machado serves as Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary. Her scholarship focuses specifically on United States Christianities. She holds a B.A., Brooklyn College; an M.S.W., Hunter College School of Social Work; a Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary, New York; and a Ph.D., University of Chicago. She was ordained in 1981, as the first U.S. Latina in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She has served inner city congregations in Brooklyn, Houston, and Fort Worth.



Dr. William “Bill” Wilson founded The Center for Healthy Churches in January of 2014. This followed his service as President of the Center for Congregational



Health at Wake Forest Baptist Health since 2009. Previously he was Pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalton, Georgia, where he served since 2003. He brings over 33 years of local church ministry experience to CHC, having served as pastor in two churches in Virginia (Farmville BC and FBC Waynesboro) and on a church staff in South Carolina. Bill has led each of the churches he has served into a time of significant growth and expansion of ministry.

Cherry Log may have 6-8 voting delegates, and all are welcome. The unusual theme is "The Basics through the Eyes of a 21st Century Jesus: Discipleship, Evangelism, and Worship." Online registration at www.gadisciples.org. Please let Pastor Paul or Don or Nancy Brewer know if you'd like to attend and represent Cherry Log!

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The Fall Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 9:30am. This is the regular Christian Education hour. We have scheduled at this time so that members who attend either Celebrate Early or Morning Worship can conveniently attend. No adult classes will meet that Sunday. The Proposed Budget for 2017 will be discussed and voted on at the meeting. Additionally the following bylaw amendments will be considered.

Proposed bylaw changes:

1. Article III, Sections A and B1, add "Assistant Treasurer" as a Board member and perfect the grammar.

Amendment: Bylaw Article III, Section A, paragraph 4 be amended by adding the words, "and Assistant Treasurer" following the word, "Treasurer". Section B, paragraph 1 be amended with the same addition.

As amended Article III, Section A would read:

Membership of the Board includes:

1. Moderator
2. Vice Moderator
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer *and Assistant Treasurer*
5. Chair of Elders
6. Two Elders
7. Chair of Deacons
8. Chair of Trustees
9. Chairs of Ministry Councils
10. Four members-at-large from Congregation
11. Senior Minister, ex officio, without vote

As amended Article III, Section B1 would read:

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer *and Assistant Treasurer* will serve on the Board for the terms of their respective offices.

2. In Article III, B, Section 3a, delete the first sentence through "Thereafter," of the second sentence; Section 4, delete the first sentence through "Thereafter," of the second sentence. As amended this would read:

A. 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.

3. Article IV, Section 4B, 5, add a new paragraph d. *"Maintains signature authority on church bank accounts."*
Renumber the current paragraph d to e.

4. Sections IV, 4H and 5D, and section VI B1F *change "Surety Bond" to "Fidelity Bond"*

Background- The appropriate term is fidelity bond and such bond coverage is included in the church's property and casualty insurance policy and covers more than the named positions.

Absentee Ballots

Ballots will be available in the Church office for advance or absentee voting. They can be obtained during office hours or on Sunday, November 13, during the Sunday School hour.

2017 Proposed Budget

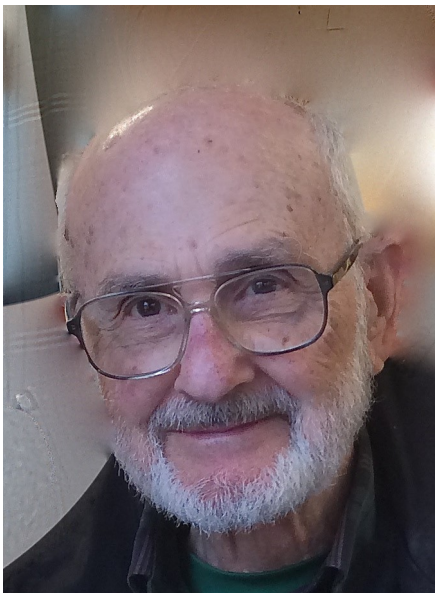
Accounts	2016 Budget	Budget Changes	2017 Proposed Budget	
Resource Council				
Finance	\$ 800	\$ 2,160	\$ 2,960	
Pastoral Relations	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Personnel	\$ 218,338	\$ (2,595)	\$ 215,743	
Property Maintenance	\$ 19,510	\$ (860)	\$ 18,650	
Technology	\$ 1,009	\$ (100)	\$ 909	
Total Resource Council	\$ 239,657		\$ 239,262	
Discipling Council				
Education - Children/Youth	\$ 1,505	\$ (75)	\$ 1,430	*
Education - Adult	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 400	
Fellowship	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	
Membership	\$ -		\$ -	
Music	\$ 2,301	\$ (1,013)	\$ 1,288	*
Small Group Ministry	\$ 70		\$ 70	
Stewardship	\$ 2,200	\$ (1,200)	\$ 1,000	
Worship	\$ 1,558		\$ 1,558	
Legacy Partners	\$ 1,275	\$ (900)	\$ 375	
Art Guild	\$ 50	\$ (50)	\$ -	
Labyrinth Keepers	\$ -		\$ -	
Total Discipling Council	\$ 10,659		\$ 8,121	
Outreach Council				
Communication	\$ 1,020		\$ 1,020	
Health	\$ 100	\$ (99)	\$ 1	
Local Mission	\$ 17,000	\$ (250)	\$ 16,750	
Stephen Ministers	\$ -		\$ -	
Total Outreach Council	\$ 18,120		\$ 17,771	
Non Council				
Elders	\$ -		\$ -	
Insurance - Property	\$ 9,312	\$ 463	\$ 9,775	
Ministers Expenses	\$ 9,200		\$ 9,200	
Office Expenses	\$ 14,698		\$ 14,698	
Postage	\$ 650	\$ (50)	\$ 600	
Tithe	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000	
Utilities	\$ 30,876	\$ -	\$ 30,876	
Total Non Council	\$ 99,736		\$ 100,149	
Building Expense	\$ 130,000		\$ 130,000	
Non Budget Expense				
Total Expenses	\$ 498,172	\$ (2,869)	\$ 495,303	

*Budgeted line items reduced, designated funds to be used.

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



Don Brewer

Born and raised in South Georgia and the Disciples church, which was the “most formative factor in my life”; learned of TCU at Orange Bowl game with UGA and went to Texas for college and seminary, “2nd most formative factor “because I met and married Nancy there”; 47-year active pastoral ministry in GA, TN, NC, then interim after retirement);

Inherited Hiawassee land 1968, settled there after retirement; enjoyed motorcycle (until 3 years ago) as well as building computers including writing programs; three children, 4 grandchildren

CLCC: “Most ecumenical church I’ve ever attended and it was founded that way,” and “so many meaningful contacts, though distance is a barrier to developing these.” Ask Don about afternoon with Martin Luther King

Donna Desenfans

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. Went to college at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Degree in Environmental Health. Worked 25 years as Environmental Health and Housing inspector for Hoffman Estates outside of Chicago. Inspected restaurants, daycares, and pools. Met husband Ray, a police officer in Court. He finally convinced her to go to lunch and the rest is history. Married 30 years. Came to Georgia and bought land on whim in Tranquility Estates. Built in 2010 and retired and moved down here in 2011. Had wonderful neighbors (Maureen and Dan Hicks). Invited them to CLCC. CLCC has a sense of service and purpose and most of all LOVE. Love the community.



Arden Miller

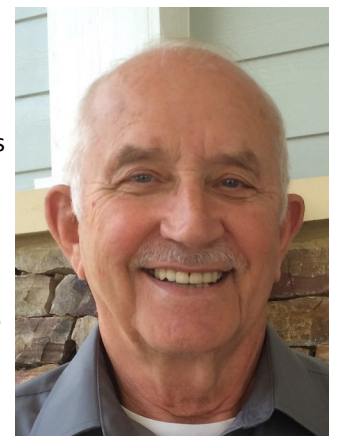
Born in Atlanta and raised in Atlanta and Daytona Beach. Ended up in Technical field working with software since 2001, using software to create custom planning, forecasting, and report apps for customers around the world. Met Clay when both working at UPS and ended up getting married in 1997. Found CLCC at church on the hill. Regular visitors until David cornered us at the 2015 yard sale and we became members. Love to camp, fly fish, hike, and spend time with our dogs. Love Montana for outdoors. About CLCC: Accepting of everyone. Love Early service for more casual service.



Mac (Marvin) McRoberts

Born, raised, educated (college and seminary) and married Eileen in Ohio; raised in United Brethren (now Methodist) church that influenced 4 brothers to become ministers and 2 sisters to marry ministers; early pastorates then 27 years as Army Chaplain; ministry included Family Life Center, Meinheim; Staff Army Medical Center, Fort Ord; Methodist Health Care, San Antonio (after retirement)

Army life allowed them to fall in love with Europe and see much of the world, creating a “leaky” bucket list, currently planning visits to Indonesia and India; retired to mountains, “sorta done with ministry”, but greeters and sermons drew them to CLCC (2003) and now chair of music committee, choir, Chaplains Corp, nominating committee, Resource and Discipling councils...and grateful for all





Nov 4 Sarah Cox	Nov 16 Maureen Hicks
Nov 5 Ted Murphy	Phil Miller
John Pettit	Bill Thompson
Nov 6 John Murray	Nov 17 Ed Grant
Ruth Wes	Nov 19 Roberta Bondi
Jane Carwell	Nov 21 Lynn Starr
Nov 8 Barbara Wilson	Nov 22 Caroline Carder
Tim Anderson	Nov 26 Richard Bondi
Nov 9 Kathy Knox	Noah Madrid
Nov 11 Ellen Grant	Nov 30 ReLeah Lent
Nov 13 Marsha Kipling	
Nov 14 Jane Kimzey	
Nov 15 Murray Wood	



Nov 1 Gary Tomblin and Jean Rose
 Nov 10 John and Jane Murray
 Nov 25 Caroline and Doyle Carder
 Nov 25 Sally and Dell Pamplin



September Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$33,378.96

Expenses: \$34,464.70

Year to Date Contributions: \$324,548.75

Year to date Expenses: \$339,284.96

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Oct 2	44	98
Oct 9	36	109
Oct 16	30	121
Oct 23	39	108
Oct 30	44	104

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Bob Matthews

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$4,586



A Cherry Log Christmas

December 18, 2016

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