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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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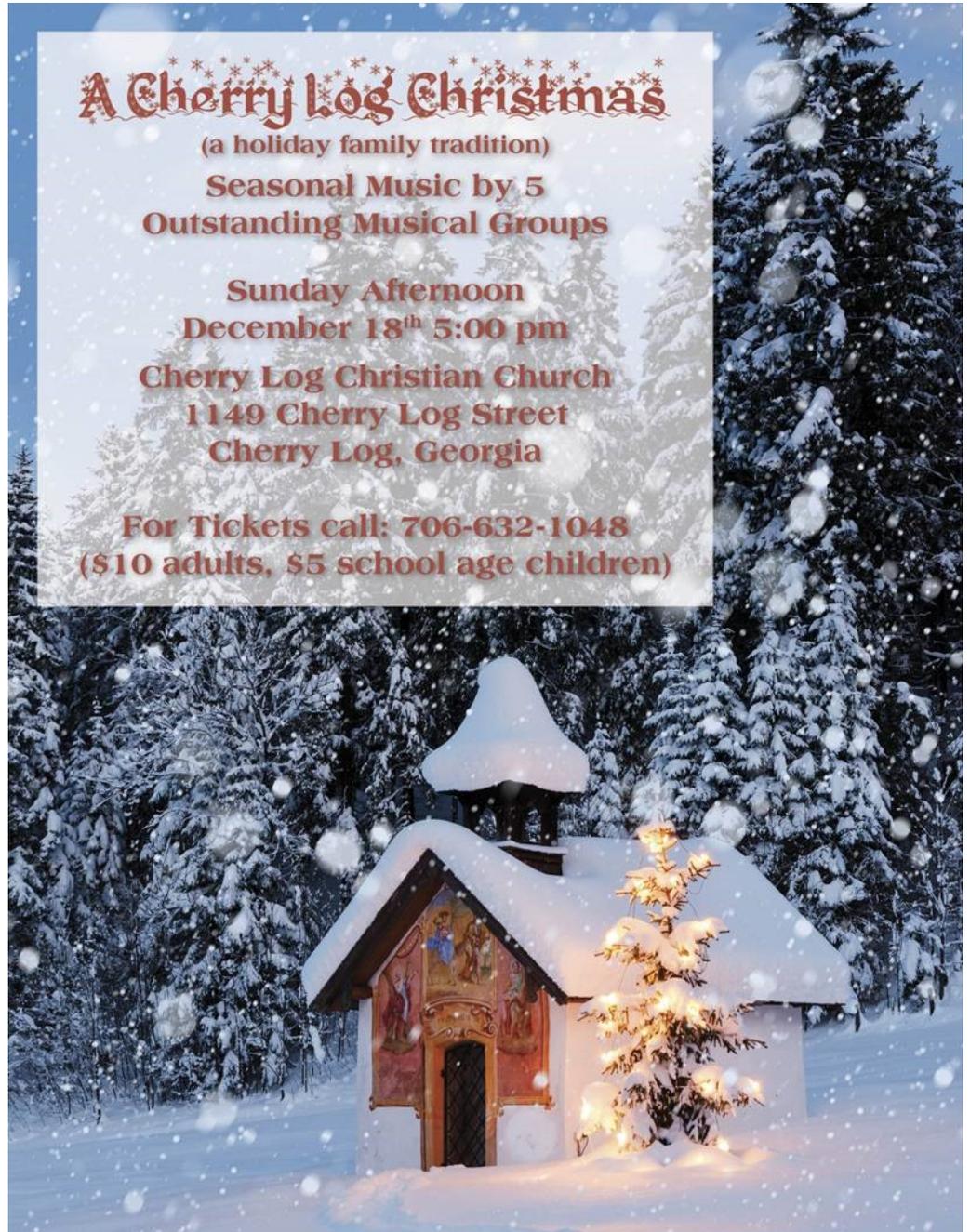
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# CHERRYLOGUE

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## From Pastor Paul

December! Where did the year go? It seems like only yesterday that I came to Cherry Log, but that was three months ago. Now we are in the season of Advent; the time when we as a church prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Decorations adorn the building. Christmas hymns are being sung and there is a festive mood growing in the congregation. It won't be long before Christmas is here.

Christmas at Cherry Log has a special ring to it, don't you think? I know I'm looking forward to celebrating the holidays with you as together we worship and praise our God for the salvation we have in Christ. My prayer for us all is that we might experience the peace on earth and goodwill for all humanity that the season holds out as a promise to us.

As we continue through our time of transition I invite you to keep praying for God to bless our church. The Steering Committee and I are still in the discovery phase as we explore the unique facets of our congregational life together. This kind of introspection is needed to help us discover the path you've already walked in order to help us discern where God might be leading. At some point in the near future we will be asking for input from the entire congregation. Until then if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask me or one of the Steering Committee members.

As we draw closer to Christmas I pray that you and yours have a joyous holiday, and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Paul



## CLCC'S JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

Sunday, November 27 we lit the candle of HOPE. Sunday, December 4 we lit the candle of PEACE. Sunday, December 11 we will light the candle of JOY. Sunday, December 18 we will light the candle of LOVE.

Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 PM, a musical feast, A CHERRY LOG CHRISTMAS.

Saturday, December 24, 6:00 PM, a family Christmas Eve worship service with carols, candle lighting, and communion.

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 joint worship service. Sunday School classes will not meet.

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 10:00 joint worship service. Sunday School classes will not meet.



## Report from the Congregational Meeting

At the Congregational Meeting last month several items were discussed and acted upon:

1. The Board announced the establishment of the Transition Steering Committee. The following members were elected to serve on this important group: Lynn Barrett, Lucie Coffie, Marshall Burke, Caroline Carder, Sharon Meek, and Peggy Cleveland. This committee will advise the Board and Interim Minister when it is time to initiate the Search and Call procedure.
2. The Board also reported on the policy recently proposed by the Finance Committee and adopted by the board to fund a Reserve for the General Fund. In each month when the net total of General Fund revenues minus General Fund expenses is positive ten per cent (10%) of the surplus will be placed in the Reserve for the General Fund by transfer of funds. The reserve has also been previously funded by proceeds from rentals and the sale of the Craddock Center property, after energy improvements have been completed.
3. The Bylaws were amended to clarify the position of Assistant Treasurer to make the bylaws consistent with the Constitution. The Assistant Treasurer will serve on the Board and will fulfill all the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.
4. One section of the bylaws was amended to change "Surety Bond" to "Fidelity Bond". This coverage is included in the church's property and casualty insurance policy and covers more than the named positions in the bylaws.
5. Some legacy language left over from the implementation of the new bylaws in 2012 was deleted. These sentences had to do with the initial rotation of certain officers in the first two years following adoption of the new bylaws.
6. The 2017 Budget was discussed and voted on by ballot.

Thanks to all who attended or voted by absentee ballot a comfortable quorum was reached and all of the proposed items were approved. You can find the 2016 Bylaws with revisions on the church website at <http://clccdoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Bylaws-November-2016.pdf> and the budget at <http://clccdoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2017-Approved-budget.pdf>.

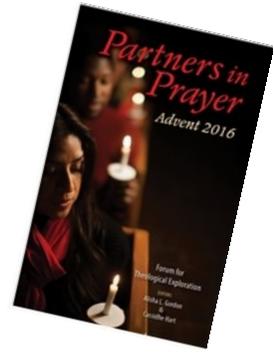


Moderator



## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Advent Season 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.



## Longest Night Service



Cherry Log Christian Church will hold our traditional Longest Night Service on December 21 at 5 PM . The service is designed to help us deal with sources of darkness in our lives. We all have grieves of one kind or another: some of us have lost loved ones this year, some of us have lost friends, some have lost employment, some are facing serious health issues, some of us have family members who have disappointed us. Some of us just find the Christ-mas holiday hard to handle. The list goes on. We will bring all of these to God, open ourselves to God's healing, and face the holidays and the next year knowing that we are not alone. The love of God in Christ Jesus will sustain us. The service this year is under the leadership of Pastor Paul M. Porter and Interim Pastor Dr. Paul Pryor. Come, worship and pray with us.

## CHERRY LOG COOKBOOKS AND STUFF

As you do your Christmas shopping, think of who on your list would enjoy a Cherry Log cookbook. What could be more appropriate to the season than this book with a wonderful painting of the sharing of the Bread of Life on the cover? Only \$10, pay any Disciples Woman on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening.



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

As the year winds down, the Outreach Council wants to thank everyone for their generous donations of time and money to our outreach projects. From the fundraising for Widow's Houses in Kenya to the Garden for Others and all of the other projects the Outreach Council sponsored this year, we are very grateful to you and your support.

The Clothes Closet stays very busy giving away clothing, shoes, accessories and linens. Cards are given out to clients at the Gilmer Food Pantry and we have seen an increase in new clients. Clothing is also taken to the Tower Road community the first Friday of the month. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jane Murray if you are interested in helping out.

The Garden for Others has been put to bed for the winter. The workers from the church and Ernest and Barbara Watkins from Cherry Log worked really hard and produced much food for the food pantries in Fannin and Gilmer. The last of the harvest was the week of Thanksgiving when a wheelbarrow of pumpkins were taken to Gilmer and distributed.

If you are interested in working on the Garden next year, please see Sharon Meek.

The Food Pantries of Fannin and Gilmer are very appreciative of the monetary donations we make every month. They also receive donations of food from our garden. The food collections are an added bonus for them. We began the year with the donations of hundreds of cans of soup. A complete meal in a can! We have followed up with donations for the snack pack program in Gilmer and more donations for Fannin. The latest donations saw each food pantry receive a truck load of food for distribution. Katie Griffin works with the Gilmer Food Pantry and Jane Kimzey and Barbara Ferer work with the Fannin Food Pantry. If you are interested in working with these, please see any of the three ladies mentioned above.

Jill's Quilts and the Prayer Shawl ministries have given quilts, prayer shawls and lap robes to those who are struggling with health issues or personal issues. If you are a quilter, knitter or crocheter, please join us. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10 - 2. You may contact Jane Carwell or Betty Schafer for more information

Our outreach to Kenya's Life for Children's Ministries was very successful. We raised \$10,000 for Widow's Houses. Three have been completed. We raised \$3700 for the water project through the Musicfest. Many people in Kenya are now receiving clean water thanks to our donations.

The Tower Road community was the scene of Vacation Bible School run by Georgia Myers and the youth of Cherry Log. Socks are being gathered now for the Christmas party to be held there in a couple of weeks.

December will be a very busy time for the Outreach Council beginning with the foster children's party on December 2nd. That will be followed by the Tower Road party on December 11. Collections are also being taken for the Toys for Tots program.

Our plans for 2017 include, the new bus for Tower Road projects, a mission trip to Kenya and a new Health Ministries team, in addition to all of our usual projects. The bus will be at the church soon. It has been refurbished and was used for a time by LaGrange College. Since it was no longer being used, they offered to sell it to our Outreach Project. Plans include, teaching beading to the ladies of the Tower Road community, working with the four year olds who cant get to Pre K because of transportation issues and possibly working on literacy projects. If you are interested in the bus project please see Marshall Burke. The mission trip will be in May. We will build a widow's house and part of the team will be busy with medical work. If you are interested in going on the trip please see Russell Gremillion or Jane Carwell. There will be a Musicfest on February 11 to raise money for the trip. The Men's Chorale will sing a selection of "love songs". We are working on other acts. if you are interested in performing please contact Jane Carwell. It will be a fun afternoon of song, food and fabulous desserts, just in time for Valentine's Day. Plans are being made for a new Health Ministries Team. We are changing the format of the committee. We will let you know as we move forward. If you are interested in this, please contact Sharon Meek.

Matthew 25:35-40.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Outreach Council, Jane Carwell

## December Food Drive



### REVERSE ADVENT FOOD BOX

Pick up your box in the fellowship hall and each day you will add an item to the box from the list we have given you. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, bring your 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 HERE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!!

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 Christmas events.

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!!!***



# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



## “Santa” Jack Senterfitt

Born in Lake City, Florida, Jack lived his early years Florida. He has two brothers and his parents instilled in him the importance of equality and justice for all. Jack went to Florida Presbyterian College (now Eckerd College) where he met Trisha. They married after graduating from college and Jack went on to Vanderbilt University to get his law degree. Jack was a civil trial lawyer and retired early in 2001 from a large law firm and ended his legal career working with the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Jack and Trisha came to Cherry Log in 2007 when Trisha became the Executive Director of the Craddock Center. Jack enjoys spending most of his fall sharing Santa with kids all over North Georgia. Trisha and Jack came to CLCC because of Fred Craddock and Charlotte and Floyd Hale. Jack said that they love CLCC because of the shared values and the people.

## Bob Lewis

Born and raised in rural Rochester, NY; university degree from U of OH, Bowling Green; entrepreneur from childhood; married to wife, Leslie, 37 years, father to four, grandfather to two; began professional work in radio in Atlanta, 1978 and added Real Estate to portfolio there; beginning 1992, self-employed: best described at [www.mmelive.com](http://www.mmelive.com) and much more (ask him); lives in Goose Island; passion is music; plays harmonica at clubs across America (and CLCC!); loves to make things with his hands

CLCC: Seeking spiritual renewal and neighbors recommended CLCC; first visit included Charles Walls’ Bible class; encouraged and befriended by David Lakes; “This is it! And it’s a great church for an entrepreneurial spirit.”



## Velda Harrison

Born in Clear Springs, MO; to IL age 14; early impacts on life: family working in sugar beet fields with migrant workers, meeting missionaries in youth camp, attending Campbellsville Baptist College (music/business), guidance to New Orleans Seminary where she met Billy; pastorate with Billy became mission field; professional work included teaching, secretarial, medical assistant; studied signing in Memphis and taught in Indianapolis; retired from Developmental Disability Ministries in Atlanta; 2 sons, 5 grands; enjoys oil painting, fishing, always singing (1<sup>st</sup> solo age 9);

CLCC: attracted by music, inclusiveness, sermons, felt accepted, participation in deaf ministry music and more; involved in Feed Fannin beginnings; board member, family ministries, Habitat for Humanity .



## Zachary Kincer

Born in Marietta, GA, Zachary grew up in Cherokee and Fannin Counties. He graduated from Fannin HS. Zachary has two half-brothers that live in Michigan and elsewhere. He began his college career in nursing but was not able to complete the program because of medical issues. He is currently on full disability. Zachary lives with Marc Crowe (the two met online). They currently live in Canton to be closer to his doctors and to Zachary’s Mom. He found his way to CLCC in 2007 when Birdie Towle and Ben Kimzey told him about Cherry Log. He loves Cherry Log for the love and support they give him and Marc and the wisdom that he learns each time he comes to church. Zachary wishes to thank the whole congregation, who have been so supportive of them over the past few years.





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| Dec 1 Jordan Merideth                  | Dec 19 Jack Senterfitt<br>Lauree Johnson |
| Dec 4 Paul Porter                      |                                          |
| Dec 5 Dorothy Morford<br>Katie Griffin | Dec 25 Beth Roberts<br>Judy Barrett      |
| Dec 7 Joan Pettit                      | Dec 26 Steve Stevens<br>Shirley Brewer   |
| Dec 13 Kay Vanderhooft                 | Dec 28 Caryn Bains<br>Malinda Geers      |
| Dec 14 Ida-Anne Clarke                 |                                          |
| Dec 15 Jim Colwell                     | Dec 30 Parker Peugh                      |
| Dec 17 Becky Walls                     |                                          |



- Dec 8 George and Judy Barrett  
 Dec 11 Betty and Gary Schaefer  
           Nancy and Chuck Zimmerman  
           Jane and Ham Kimzey  
 Dec 26 Tab Bomhard and Tim Anderson



## October Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$36,628.51

Expenses: \$35,704.60

Year to Date Contributions: \$361,177.27

Year to date Expenses: \$374,989.56

## ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Nov 6	42	122
Nov 13	30	137
Nov 20	30	117
Nov 27	26	104

## CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Dot Brunson

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$3,054



**A Cherry Log Christmas**

**December 18, 2016**

**5:00 PM**