

# CHERRYLOGUE

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Mark Your  
Calendar!

Church Picnic  
August 23rd  
ETC Pavilion



## CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH TURNS 17 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

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Cherry Log will celebrate its 17<sup>th</sup> birthday as a church on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Like any 17 year old, our church is sometime rebellious, sometimes exuberant. The church has the passion of youth and the wonderment and excitement of what lies ahead. But our church is also beginning to learn what is required of a responsible adult in our community. Come help us celebrate this important birthday in the life of our church.

Homecoming will be after the 10:55 AM service in the fellowship hall. Bring your best dish and join us for this celebration. We will have a slide show of activities of the church over the past year and we will take this opportunity to tour the new pavilion and park, labyrinth, and Garden for Others. Also, Georgia Meyers, Chair of Children and Youth Education, will have a Disc Golf Demonstration for all who wish to participate. See you there.

The History Committee

## A Message from David

Beloved Church of Cherry Log,

As Sharon, Jerry and I discussed my sabbatical, we very early came to the conclusion that there was no "best" time for the sabbatical. I surely did not want to be away during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. This is part of the reason I split my sabbatical into two sections: February and May/June. Yet even in these months, I am missing Vacation Bible School, the honoring of Sarah's and Justin's graduations, as well as homecoming.

I celebrated homecoming with churches in different ways. Some had a history of 135 years, and others a brief history. I remember at my mother's childhood church there was a meeting right after church on homecoming Sundays, and yes before dinner on the grounds. The meeting started with a roll call of the charter members. We all knew who was there - mostly family - and why did we have to have a roll call when we were starving! AND the minister had a longer sermon because it was homecoming.

Homecoming at Cherry Log is special and different to each of us. Of course we give honor to our charter members and those who joined soon after the charter was closed. These people had a vision of church. In all probability, the details of their original vision is not who we are today. But the vision has not changed at its core - to be the church of Jesus' radical vision of following God in sacrificial love.

Another reason we celebrate homecoming is to give honor to those who have since become members, who have become part of our loving community, who have showed us different visions of light, and who have carried us forward through their leadership.

I compare homecoming to going to my grandmother's home for those special occasions of holidays, her birthday, Mother's Day and so forth. Though Mama's home furnishings rarely ever changed, the family changed. There were births and deaths, marriages and divorces, successes and failures, those who moved away rarely to return and those who returned and needed to move out of the home place. We tried to love those with mental illness and those addicted to drugs without changing the core of family, while seeking to support and nurture them to health when they allowed us.

You see, we come home and realize that the family has changed and is changing. The change is not the issue as is coming home to renew our connection to family and to confess that we do need family, even though family connections are not always easy. It does take radical love and commitment to be family.

Yes, I do miss being with you today. I can see the white tablecloths, the gray and white churches on the tables, the savory smells of food, real and authentic laughter, hugs, and tears. I, too, miss those who are no longer with us. And I miss you.

I am feeling renewal. I am grateful for time away. This past week the phrase that continues to play in my heart and head is from the 23rd Psalm, "He restores my soul." This is my prayer for us as a church also - the soul of our church family will continued to be restored.

Peace and Love to each of you,

David



# Church World Services

This year's VBS mission project is to assemble CWS Kits. We have chosen to put together two different types of kits since there is a shortage because of recent natural disasters. We need your help. Would you be willing to donate a few of the supplies for these kits or a few dollars to help mail the kits? Look for a big a donation box in the fellowship hall. Thanks for helping!

## Assembling a Hygiene Kit:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28"
- (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a **one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.**

*Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit.*

Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

**Hygiene Kit value: \$10**

**Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit**

## Assembling a Baby Care Kit

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt (Can be handknitted or crocheted)

**Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)**

**Items must be new and under 12 months in size.**

Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

**Baby Care Kit value: \$39**

**Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit**

# 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**

**Meet four more CLCC friends here.**



**Feenie Midkiff**

Born and raised in north FL near GA bend. Graduated (BSc. Home Ec.) Berry College and married Don 1958.

35-year teaching career in GA, Ind., VA, FL, 16 years in primary grades followed by 19+ years teaching Braille in GA Academy of the Blind, the most fulfilling teaching of all.

Hobbies: Gardening (passion); bridge; reading; family includes son, daughter and spouses; each have a son and daughter.

CLCC: Charter member, “when we found this church, I knew I could live in the mountains”; The inclusiveness, ‘We accept all who Christ accepts’”, was the outstanding feature.



**Larry Weis**

Origins Western KY; Korean war as electronic spy in Asmara, Eritrea—life impacted by this experience (ask Larry). Business degree from U of IN in Louisville; married love of his life (38 years); Later, MA counseling and psychiatry.

48-year career in Human Resources beginning (railroad) in Atlanta. Significant national influence implementing the Civil Rights Act in employment.

Retirement: Earned MTh, Candler, preparing for Hospice Chaplaincy in 2006. Helped establish camp for abused and neglected children and recently, Career for Teens program.

CLCC: Good alternative to Unity Church (google it). Remembers Dr. Craddock’s first sermon in pavilion (ask him).

Close companion wolf dog, Wa’yah.

**Roxanne Neal**

Born Maysville, KY; raised and educated in FL; retail sales many years; accountant, business responsibilities in cabin rental enterprise. Physical illness and near death experience changed life.

Vacationed in mountains with increasing frequency and eventually made it permanent home.

Enjoys reading, especially biographies; most fulfilling activity is serving others (proven by her service in CLCC).

She and Darlene wanted a house convenient for Aunt Jessie and Mom, Wanda; now have that home.

A fourth generation Disciple (born near Caine Ridge) wanted a DOC church and found CLCC. “Love the family atmosphere and acceptance of all who Christ accepts.”



**Tab Bomhard**

Born in Piqua, OH, 1st atomic city in US. BA Education and Sociology, MS Learning Disabilities, Bowling Green State U.

Career(s): 7 years psychotherapy and counseling, psychiatric hospital; 20 years in nursing administration (instrumental writing Patients Bill of Rights); 10 years probation officer as mediator with parents and 1st time juvenile offenders; “One permanent thing in my life was/is working with people.”

Enjoys gardening; music; photography; stained glass; dogs.

Retired; He and Tim found home in mountains. Real Estate agent recommended CLCC where they found acceptance. Presbyterian background; Unity Chaplain; “God has played an important role in my life.”

## Summer Adult Ed – *Discernment*

Julie Johnson

The Seekers' Class will be studying Christian Discernment this summer in an 8 week class taught by Julie Johnson. There are so many models of decision making, didn't God give us something uniquely ours? The little known answer is "yes!" Christian discernment is a biblical and spiritual practice that can be used by individuals and communities in listening to God's intention or longing for them for a particular decision. Join us beginning Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Topics will include: *What Discernment is NOT, Getting to know God through the Practice Examane, The time tested Discernment model of a Quaker Clearness Committee, Discovering your own Personal tool box for engaging in Discernment.* For more information, contact Don Midkiff

## It's Not Too Late

Julie Johnson

Vacation Bible School will be held at the end of this month, June 23-27<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of several people to volunteer to help: make the t-shirts, set up the mission station for Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, be on a country team, call:

Korea- Teri Slemmons  
Guatemala- Bobbie Cherry  
Africa- Marshal Burke

We also need a few people to come in on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 and help clean up and reset the rooms. This is an important job since the VBS crew is very tired by then. If you can help in any way, please call Julie at 404.217.8191



## Faith in Fiction

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction Book Group meets on the second Friday of each month at 11am. to discuss a book chosen by the group. The list of books, read and upcoming, constitute a list of some of the best fiction available in English. Books are chosen for literary quality and potential to expand our perspective of the human condition. The group brings diverse points of view to each discussion. Anyone who wishes to join us for a single meeting or more and has read the book for discussion is welcome. Contact [myra\\_kibler@yahoo.com](mailto:myra_kibler@yahoo.com) for further information.

The upcoming books are:

- June: The Book Thief, Marcus Zusak
- July: And the Mountains Echoed, Khaled Hosseini
- August: The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, David Wroblewski
- September: The Bone People, Keri Hulme

## Wanted & Needed!

Georgia Meyers

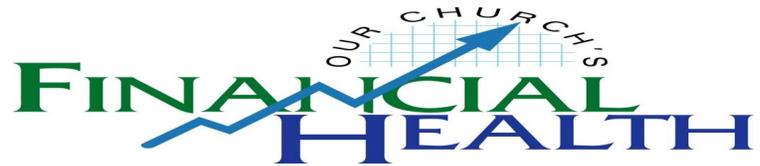
Adults to teach Sunday School for children ages 5-12. We want to build up a pool of teachers so that we can teach on a rotational basis. We all know that the kids at CLCC are curious and fun to be around. We will be starting a new curriculum, "Seasons of the Spirit," which includes a complete weekly teacher's guide and we hope to put materials packets together for easy use. If interested, check [www.seasonsoline.ca/](http://www.seasonsoline.ca/) and call Georgia Meyers ([Georgia1267@hotmail.com](mailto:Georgia1267@hotmail.com)) at 407-948-3025 or Maureen Hicks at (706) 276-4727.



- June 01 David & Carolyn Lakes (46)
- June 04 Bill & Cheri Thompson (47)
- June 09 Fred & Nettie Craddock (63)
- June 09 Mac & Eileen McRoberts (57)
- June 09 Byron & Judy Wyndham (33)
- June 12 Larry & Lynn Chapman (43)
- June 14 Barry & Cathy Vincent (43)
- June 18 Paul & Nancy Porter (2)
- June 19 Frazier & Lucie Coffie (26)
- June 20 Carl Hendrickson & Peggy Cleveland (26)
- June 20 Jim & Judy Weiland (49)
- June 21 Amado Grabiell & Steve Martin (19)
- June 22 Rusty & Diane Coleman (50)
- June 22 Harry & Lynn Doss (28)
- June 24 Dave & Bobbie Cherry (41)
- June 28 John Baird & Russell Gremillion (2)
- June 28 Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke (45)

# Happy Birthday

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| June 04 Jennifer Adams   | June 21 Frances Carson   |
| June 04 Nicole Honeycutt | Bill Cox                 |
| June 06 Gil Reed         | June 22 Anne Williamson  |
| June 09 Phillip Slemmons | June 24 Karen Martin     |
| June 12 Byron Wyndham    | Grace Pleasant           |
| June 13 Barry Vincent    | June 25 Joyce Dakis      |
| June 13 Milton Hunt      | June 27 Kathie Grubb     |
| Wanda Hitt               | June 29 Lisa Weir        |
| June 18 Myra Gaban       | Melanie Dyer             |
| Jim Weiland              | June 30 Kristi Mulchahey |
| June 20 Fonzie Sisson    |                          |
| Miles Slemmons           |                          |



## April Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$40,210.00

Expenses: \$44,594.00

Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$167,013.00

Year to date Expenses: \$186,743.00

## CELEBRATION FUND

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

In Memory of:  
Lois Sugg

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund  
\$10.00

## ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate	Worship
May 4	36	131
May 11	30	140
May 18	40	135
May 25	39	129

