

# CHERRYLOGUE

News from Cherry Log Christian Church

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GRIFFIN,  
MINISTER

DR. ROBIN  
NORSWOTHY,  
INTERIM ASSOC.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**June 26th  
Combined  
Worship  
Service  
10:00 AM  
Luncheon to  
follow**

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***Come and Join Us  
As we Celebrate  
DR. DAVID GRIFFIN  
and the gifts he has given us.***

***Sunday, June 26, 2016  
10 AM Combined Worship  
11:15 Luncheon  
Fellowship Hall***

***Let's celebrate David's legacy  
in our church***

***We will wish both David and Jane  
farwell and send them off  
with love and appreciation.***

The Legacy Partners Foundation administrators gratefully appreciate, acknowledge and announce the receipt of a \$10,000.00 gift, thereby bringing our total invested with Christian Church Foundation to \$22,500.00. CLCC will receive annual dividends when our account reaches \$50,000.00 invested



*We are the heart,  
hands and feet of Jesus  
on this earth.*

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FOUNDATION**  
CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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### BeNuts Update!

BeNuts sales are going strong. We are selling nuts by the bag full so get your supply while they are available. BeNuts has revamped its website and added more information. Take a look: <http://benutspeanuts.org>



BeNuts are showing up everywhere including with Jane Griffin's grandson, August, in Arlington, VA. Everytime Jane sends a care package, he gets some Benuts and he loves them!. Great Idea, Jane!

**Thank You!**  
Our sincere thank you to those who have already given an additional 10% in their pledged giving.

**Extra  
10%  
Pledge  
Request**

And a Big Thank You—to those who plan to give an additional 10% in their regular giving to ensure that we sustain all of our great CLCC ministries in 2016.

Cherry Log Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

For those of us who are fortunate enough to have discovered

Cherry Log Christian Church during our Life Journey - it is all very obvious that through faith - we can accomplish so much good. Good that comes to play in so many forms through-out the greater North Georgia mountain communities and beyond.

We are truly a 'Giving Community' that seeks to spread our Christian Faith through some 50 different ministries. As such our 2016 Giving Campaign going forward across 2016 is best captured - as "The Spirit & Grace of Giving" - which exemplifies who we are as a Community and WE DO NEED YOUR HELP.

We have fallen behind in our giving goals and this can eventually require us to reduce some of our Community-based ministries - which is not in keeping with who we are. Needless to say - we thank all of you who are able to help us in this campaign.

### Join us to Celebrate Early in Song During the season of Ordinary Time

- June 5  
Our Cherry Log Drum Circle will call us to gather  
"Sing to the Lord" by Antonio Vivaldi  
Bill Star, oboe, Randy Wilbur, bassoon,  
Robin Norsworthy, piano
  - June 12 "Who at My Door is Standing"  
Celebrate Early Singers  
Emilyn Slemmons, soloist  
Accompanied by Teri Slemmons
  - June 19 "Be Thou Near to Me" by Jim Brickman  
Robin Norsworthy, soloist
  - June 26 "Sing a Simple Alleluia" by Joseph Martin  
10 am Chancel Choir  
Cheryl Star, flute and Randy Wilbur, bassoon  
"We Are Not Alone" by Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir
- How good it is to sing praises to our God  
For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- Psalm 147:1

# FROM MY HEART.....

## TO YOUR HEART

Around our house we are sorting and packing. Do we really need this? Does it bring us joy? Boxes are being assembled and are being packed. So far I have lost three magic markers; I assume I will find them when we unpack. The garage is filling up with boxes labeled and awaiting transfer to Youngsville, NC. Two weeks ago Jane and I did find a lovely home. Actually it was an accidental find driving around a neighborhood where we had an appointment to look at another house. But this last house, when we walked into it the first nine seconds sold us on our new home.

Now you may think that we spend our time just packing, imagining where furniture will be placed, and the details of closing here and in Raleigh on the same day. Yes, that is discussed. But more of what we discuss and are feeling is the community that we are leaving.

Community is and has been very important to us! Let me insert a quote on community from Wendell Berry, that Kentuckian who is farmer, poet, theologian, ecologist, and peacemaker.

Community, I am beginning to understand, is made through a skill I have never learned or valued: the ability to pass time with people you do not and will not know well, talking about nothing in particular, with no end in mind, just to build trust, just to be sure of each other, just to be neighborly. A community is not something that you have, like a camcorder or a breakfast nook. No, it is something you do. And you have to do it all the time.

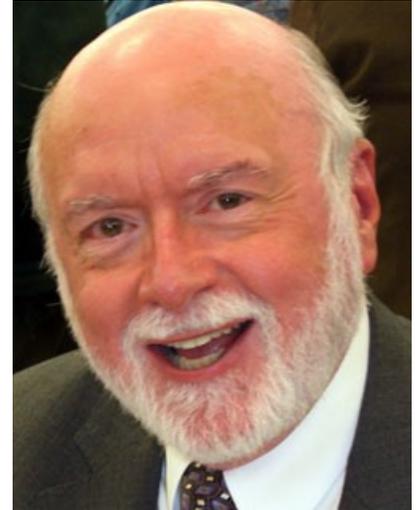
We have encountered and engaged one another for eight years. Some of the encounters have been focused and intentional. At other times we have sat around with no end in mind except to build trust. I think Wendell Berry is right on target here. Community is to build trust. I have seen and felt trust being built as we pull weeds, clean the kitchen, in hospital hallways, in our giving at Tower Road, DFACS, gardening, and the Clothes Closet. I have felt trust being built in choir practice, walking the labyrinth, centering prayer and in educational classes. I do hope you will continue to build trust in fellowship, in service, and in worship.

And this is what we will miss the most. This community can never be replaced. We will find a new community. It will be different; you will not be there. There will be new friends on each of our parts. But we will always hold a special place for you, Cherry Log, for all you have given to us, how you have sustained, and how you have affirmed us.

**We leave indebted to you!**

Peace,

J. David Griffin, D.Min.



# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



## Ida-Anne Clarke

Born Colorado Springs, became ice hockey fan there; Coca Cola transferred family to Atlanta, age 13; studied piano at Peachtree Christian Church; education degree from Colorado College; back to Decatur; met and married Bob, "...he had such cute legs.."; taught elementary children; hospital controller's office, then administration at Coke, 16 years

Music (piano) both hobby and profession; weddings; churches; theater accompaniment; etc.; enjoys gardening; reading; shares 3 children, 5 grandchildren

CLCC: "...cornerstone, life-enhancing, blessing, challenge; I love Cherry Log Christian Church and try to help build up its ministries, challenging as that [sometimes is]. Sort of like a marriage, I'm in it for the long haul as a participant not a bystander."



## Joan Dickinson

Born Ashtabula, OH and lived there 'til 7; raised and educated in Ft. Lauderdale, FL; studied at San Diego State; met and married John; back to FL; transferred to Snellville; finished degree plus dental hygienist credentials; practiced until retirement to mountains in 2000; currently live here from spring to late fall; winter in Ft. Lauderdale condo

Passion is painting (Dad also artist); 2 sons, 5 grandchildren

CLCC: Don and Feenie Midkiff (university friends) invited them; "...loved it..people so friendly and had lunch with group the first Sunday; Ruth West said, 'Joan will be helping me [in the kitchen]'...this place is great..[we] felt at home immediately."

## Frazier Coffie

Born in Chicago, raised with two brothers in Des Moines, Iowa; earned math degree from U. of Iowa; married and 2 sons; taught high school math and coached track, basketball, etc., 4 years; employed (general administration and personnel training) by Federal Government Department of Labor 10-15 yrs., NASA 4-5 yrs., IRS 4-5 yrs; married Lucie 1987; moved from Atlanta to mountains permanently 2004

Hobbies: ALL sports; fishing (regular jaunts to Canada to fish); playing poker; he and Lucie share 3 children and 7 grandchildren (including triplets)

CLCC: "Of all [the churches] I've been in... it's the best. No litmus test to get in and everyone is accepted."



## Kathie Grubb

Born Central Georgia near Perry; raised on a farm; business degree from Middle Georgia College and worked for GTE Sylvania; married John and moved to Atlanta for his law degree; Admin. Asst. in State Attorney Office, 25 yrs. Moved to mountains 1999; John continues law practice from home

Enjoys reading, yard work, yoga, walking, travel (especially river cruises); cat-loving family; 3 "grandboys" in NJ

Came to CLCC to hear Dr. Craddock's SS series and never left; "...love it for what it's NOT" (ask Kathie); "...accepting, loving, SAFE to ask questions and get loving responses then be led by the Spirit to solutions"; involved in numerous ministries.

## Moment with the Moderator

Saying goodbye to anyone is hard to do. That's something that never changes as we move through our lives. It's a bittersweet feeling because on one hand you are going to miss the time and memories shared, but on the other hand you realize that they are moving on to a new and exciting phase in their lives. That's what June is about at CLCC, as David and Jane prepare to leave us.

They already have a contract to sell their home here and have found a new one. They are ready to begin a new phase of life. So we better get ready to do the same.

By the time you read this a "Goodbye" luncheon has probably already been held to express our love and appreciation for Jane. We can all give thanks for the role she has played in the life of CLCC. She will be especially remembered for her leadership in the "BeNuts Peanuts" campaign to help reduce our debt. It has been a joy to have her as part of our family and she will be missed.



At the end of June (the 26<sup>th</sup> to be exact) David will give his final sermon as our Senior Minister and lead us again to consider God's role in our lives and in our church. The Lectionary Old Testament reading for that Sunday is 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 – the story of the prophet Elijah journeying on and passing his mantle to Elisha, the new prophet God had selected. The question is asked in that passage, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" We face the same question. We know and we are saddened by that knowledge. But just as the LORD provided for Israel during that transition, we will also be provided new leadership.

Of course, our transition will not be quite like that one. We don't expect to see any chariots of fire. And David will probably not be translated. And the successor will not be expected to perform miracles. (If you don't get all those references you will have to read the story.) But maybe that day will be a spectacular conclusion to a faithful ministry, just like Elijah's departure was.

There will be a single combined worship service at 10:00 am on June 26. During worship we will recognize family and special guests with us to honor David and Jane. That service will be followed by a "Bon Voyage" farewell dinner in Fellowship Hall. You will want to be part of it. Watch for more details via email later this month.

Meanwhile, we are preparing for the transition. The Board has asked the Church Officers to serve as the Search Committee for an Intentional Interim. We are consulting with our Regional Minister and the General Church. We have already had initial conversations with several candidates who have been recommended to us. The Board is also taking steps to appoint a Search and Call Committee to lead the congregation through the process of finding our "Elisha" who will be the successor.

During the months following June we will be open to God's Spirit and to one another as we follow through on a process to identify who that successor will be. The process should be a matter of prayer, not just for the Search Committee, but for the entire church. Including you.



# Garden for Others

## GROWING SEASON

All of our vegetables have been planted. Drive by and watch as the plants get bigger and bigger. We already have squash, zucchini beginning to grow and the tomatoes are not far behind. We have even harvested a few zucchini and squash as seen in this picture and sent them onto Gilmer Food Pantry. We are planning to put in a water line from the Little White House down to the garden so that we can keep our raised gardens watered. Thanks to all who continue to help in the garden. Remember, if you like to play in the dirt, give Sharon a call and she will put you to work!



## LET'S CAN HUNGER—JOIN OUR SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

The Outreach Ministries of the church is collecting meat in a can such as Chef-Boyardee Ravioli, can spam, can salmon, can tuna, Beanie Weenes, etc. This food drive goes all summer so start collecting your cans and bring them to Church. Let's fill our grocery cart.



## WIDOW’S HOUSE Project

Thank you for your support. We surpassed our goal of collecting money for one Widow’s Houses for Michael’s Ministries in Kenya. We collected \$8,000 to build 8 widows’ houses. THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Now onto building wells, and working on our mission trip. Look for more information later in the summer about the wells.

Jane Carwell, Outreach Council



## Cherry Log Caregivers Closet Ministry

The Cherry Log Caregivers Closet Ministry is to assist individuals in our church and community who have emergency healthcare needs in caring for a family member or someone in the community. This Caregivers Closet can supply a wide variety of healthcare products. We are also partnering with Mountain Caring Closet in McCaysville in assisting them in the same endeavor. This allows us to have access to even more products should we need them. Already members of our church have donated products that they no longer need. If you would like to donate items, please be sure they are clean, in working order, and have all their parts.



For more information about this program, to donate clean working items, or to request items below, contact Malinda in the church office (706-632-1048) or Sharon Meek (404-217-2029) or Barbara Ferer ( [bjferer@gmail.com](mailto:bjferer@gmail.com) ). If you don’t see what you need, contact Mountain Caring Closet at 706-492-4045 and leave a message or call Gina Werrick (706-374-4286). Below is a list of items that Cherry Log currently has.

Item		Item	
1	Hoya Lift	1	Diaper disposal pail with plastic bags
4	Beside commodes	10	Bags of Adults women and men’s diapers (waist 38-50 and waist 46-66)
2	Manual wheelchairs	1	Cane with 4 feet
4	Walkers	2 sets	Aluminum crutches
2	Rollator walkers with seats	1	Sound monitor
4	Shower chairs	3	Bed pads
1	Bed support rail	1	Foam wedge for bed
1	Knee brace	1	Air-pad for hospital bed
1	Bed pan	1	Urinal
1	Plastic container for baby wipes	2	Ambulatory belts
1	Writing/eating tray	1	Large adult bib
1 set	Adult feet/leg cushions to prevent bed sores		Wound care supplies (bandages, tape, gauze, etc.
1	Long arm shoe horn	1	Motion indicator monitor

## The Sam Starr Ministry

This special outreach ministry of the church is named for the late Sam Starr who was a member of CLCC and worked tirelessly to help others who were in need. After his death, a trailer was purchased to house many of his tools as well as others so that there would be resources for local helping efforts among those needing home repairs. We are looking for opportunities to minister to not only church members but also the community. We have partnered with **Habitat for Humanity's Helping Hands project** and Chris Hall who is Director of the Habitat for Humanity of Fannin and Gilmer counties. Volunteers from the community as well as our church will work side-by-side with homeowners that need some support. Not only will this partnership help others in the community, but will also help some of our members who might need home repairs as well. If you would like to be a part of the significant ministry, please contact Jason Casale ([jcmountain@tds.net](mailto:jcmountain@tds.net)). We invite your participation as future opportunities to help one another in this church and in this community occur.



## HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!

YOU ARE INVITED to join us at the MUSIC WORKSHOP at CHRISTMOUNT in BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C.

THE DATES are Thursday afternoon June 16, through Sunday morning worship service at Black Mountain Christian Church June 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll contribute musically before returning home through the beautiful mountains of N. C. William, Kathy and Tim return for their second year of choral directing, accompanying and hand bell directing. There's also free time to hike, shop, sight see, read, rest, etc.

Join those who have signed up from our Cherry Log Chancel Choir: JUDY BARRETT, LYNN BARRETT, BOB and IDA-ANNE CLARKE, SANDY McCANN, JANET TRIPP, and RANDY WILBUR. THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU. CONTACT RANDY WILBUR ([RandyWilbur@bellsouth.net](mailto:RandyWilbur@bellsouth.net)) or BOB CLARKE ([afield@tds.net](mailto:afield@tds.net)) TODAY. It's FUN. You'll MEET NEW FRIENDS and LEARN NEW MUSIC. CAN WE COUNT on YOU???

# Happy Birthday

June 9	Phil Slemons	June 24	Karen Martin
June 18	Jim Weiland Lin Wright		Sherry Brown Grace Pleasant
June 20	Fonzie Sisson	June 27	Kathie Grubb
June 21	Frances Carson Bill Cox	June 29	Jason Casale Lisa Weir
June 22	Ann Williamson	June 30	Kristi Mulchahey



June 1	Carolyn and David Lakes
June 4	Cheri and Bill Thompson
June 7	Maureen and Dan Hicks
June 10	Shirley and Jim Colwell
June 12	Lynn and Larry Chapman
June 17	Linda and John Jarrard
June 18	Nancy and Paul Porter
June 19	Lucie and Frazier Coffie
June 20	Judy and Jim Weiland
June 20	Peggy Cleveland and Carl Hendrickson
June 21	Amado Grabiell and Steve Martin
June 22	Diane and Rusty Coleman
June 22	Lynn and Harry Doss
June 24	Bobbie and Dave Cherry
June 28	Ida-Anne and Bob Clarke
June 28	John Baird and Russell Gremillion

# OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

## April Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$29,361.00  
Expenses: \$37,336.94



Year to Date Contributions: \$138,390.44  
Year to date Expenses: \$150,554.29  
**In the RED: \$12,163,85**

## ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
May 1	42	112
May 8	38	99
May 15	40	117
May 22	39	108
May 29	53	96

## CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Lindsey Norsworthy

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$180.00



**CHURCH PICNIC**  
August 6, 2016  
3rd ANNUAL

**CHURCH YARD SALE**  
October 1, 2016