

CHERRYLOGUE

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Mark Your
Calendar!
Church Picnic
August 23rd
ETC Pavilion

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Christian Church hosted a wonderful Vacation Bible School last month with nearly 30 children attending the four day event. Several children from the community saw our publicity and joined us as first time visitors. During the week, we celebrated God's welcoming love for everyone through *Everywhere Fun Fair*. We explored the everyday life of neighbors from around the world: Korea, Guatemala, Mali, and USA. Through our daily Bible lessons we learned how Jesus answered the question, "who is my neighbor?" We also grew in our understanding of how we as Christian neighbors should act toward others. Neighbors are: welcoming, friendly, forgiving, caring, giving and more! Our scripture focus for the week was from Luke 10:27, "Love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as you love yourself." It was so fun to sing, dance, play games, and realize that through God's love...the world can come together. Many thanks to the congregation for supporting this ministry through your tithes and offerings. A big thank you goes out to all who prayed, worked behind the scenes, and participated during the week decorating, teaching, guiding children, serving meals and more. Thanks to the children and the congregation, we put together 46 hygiene bags that will be sent to Church World Services (CWS) for disaster victims in the United States and around the world. We had so much left over that we gave a bag to Feed Fannin and clothing items to our own Clothes Closet. As you can imagine we had fun learning to be a neighbor to friends near at home and far away. May the seeds that were planted find rich soil and take root in the lives of these children so that they grow more in their love for God and continue to be a ful neighbors to the



FROM MY HEART...

TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

I am so looking forward to re-connecting with you! Someone asked me what I missed the most and I easily responded, “The relationships with this community.”

Jane and I visited several churches – Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ. The UCC church had a lay minister who worked full-time forty miles from the church. That church had thirty at most in worship. The two Methodist churches had three services. We attended the eleven o’clock serves. The Presbyterian Church was formal to some extent, yet friendly.

The sermons were different. Most sermons were read. One minister mentally tossed her sermon aside and actually gave her testimony of faith and unfaith. Now I could talk about the details of the service – one community passing of the peace was eight minutes. We did not see technology as good as our technology (Thank you, Sharon!). We missed having communion – only once in nine weeks. Services were helped and hindered by tradition.

BUT, the element that we observed in all of the churches was their sense of community – from their greetings, to pew discussions about where to eat lunch, to care for one another in the difficulties of life.

We did not visit one church where attendance was not an issue. Maybe it was because of having three services. Maybe it was the summer and people were north. Maybe it was none of the above. All denominations are concerned about church attendance.

In *The Christian Century* (June 11, 2014), an editorial was headlined with this title: “Fibbing About Church”. The editorial cited several surveys, telephone and online, where respondents were asked about how many times a month/year they attended church. One conclusion is that those who responded online were more honest than those who were surveyed by telephone.

The article went to posit that maybe some want to be in church but just did not make that a priority. Ah, now there is something we can talk about: how to make church a priority. I do not think guilt and sin will make church a priority. I do not think programming will be a long-term answer.

What I experienced in these churches with folk I did not know as well as for myself was relationship made church a priority. What will cause people to prioritize church are the relationships that are formed in church. It is learning the give and take of relationships. It is remembering that relationships are more important than personal whims. Sitting in the pews I heard the brokenness of people, people just like us! I know that some times we hurt others with our sharp, jagged edges. Yet if we are careful with others and with ourselves, those sharp edges can be softened, mended and healed.

I missed our community!

Continued....

I could not have been away for two months on sabbatical without community, people who helped one another with responsibilities and with support.

I am grateful:

For those who preached: Bryan Hatcher, Duane Cummins, Phil Miller, Karen Frank-Plumlee, and Robin Norsworthy.

For the chaplains: Hal Doster, Bill Harrison, Hugh Lake, Mac McRoberts, Phil Miller, Robin Norsworthy, and Bill Thompson.

For the staff, Malinda Geers, Tammy Davidson, Richard Lumpkin, Jennifer St. Clair, Birdie Towle, Lois Grice, and Betty Stewart.

For Sharon Meek, Jerry Johnson, and Caroline Carder who are the officers of the church who are up front and take the heat.

For Julie and Kristi Johnson who with the help of a few others witnessed to children through Vacation Bible School.

For committees that continued their work.

For the congregation who sustained the church through worship, sacrifice, service, prayer, communion and fellowship.

The Point: Church Community is a group of people who love each other in their presence and in their absence, in their best and worst of times, who listen to one another, who believe that grace and forgiveness are operative words, and who make you feel at home.

To our church members and our visitors, we offer this community. I am both proud and humbled to be a part of Cherry Log Christian Church!

And thank you for this time of sabbatical. I feel renewed and looked forward to our continued ministry together.



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



O'Neal Andrews

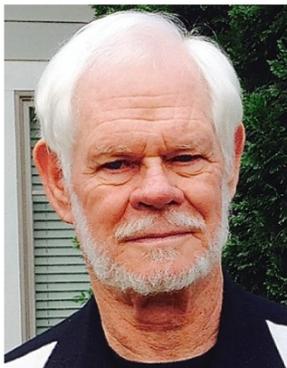
Matriarch of CLCC – born February 10, 1919 in Charlotte, NC; Married Pete in SC.

Lived in West Palm Beach 25 years, (Pete was ATT plant manager); worked for Belks in early years; long career as Pink Lady in FL and GA.

Retired to East Point, GA; followed daughter to mountains; spotted house from 18th hole of golf course;

One son, one daughter; 2 grandchildren, one great, one great great grand.

Though lifetime Baptists, CLCC was recommended. Police directed them to it; liked everything about it, “what’s not to like?”; CLCC shared their 70th anniversary celebration; reason for long marriage, “we had no boss.”



Tom Mitchell

Texas born, raised, educated: BA history; MA Criminal Justice: 30+ years include 911 dispatcher; city police; prison admin.; Fed. Sky Marshall; US Customs; Secret Service; Fed. Law Enforcement Training Center; undercover narcotics; married Jan 23 years ago.

Hobbies: Sailed across Atlantic with celestial navigation; built and flew 2 planes; Benton MacKaye Trail Association; BR Com. Theater (sets and acting); wood work; reads biography/history.

CLCC: “Sailed to mountains” (ask Tom); no church experience so clean slate; found us via Barbara and Dell and movie group; “saw building on the hill and was compelled to go in;” Seekers class ‘wrote on clean slate’; enjoys volunteer work projects.

John Dickinson

Born Biddiford, MN into military family; educated TX, CA, FL, GA (UGA); BA, MA, EdD; Curriculum Director Gwinnett Co, schools (14 years); challenge waned; began import/export marketing, Broyhill furniture, traveling the globe which fed passion for people.

Enjoys woodwork and “rearranging the woods”; 2 sons/wives and 5 grands.

Retired in mountains; in Europe when Joan (married 56 years) bought land; eventually built home (Midkiff connection); reside in BR and FL.

CLCC: Outreach ministries strong attraction; formed close friends on mission to Haiti; “people make you feel at home; find spiritual comfort; no criteria to meet; participation in community; ‘Get it done’ spirit.”



Caroline Carder

Origins: Hahira, Athens, studied early childhood education, Columbus College; Married Doyle, 2 years in Atlanta; spent most summers with family in Blue Ridge; joined family business here (Sissons) in 1986. Known as parents’ “wild child”!

Career: Family business, Motherhood (5 and 8 grands); built nursery in office building.

Hobbies: Motorcycle riding (10-15,000 miles/year); family; writing!

CLCC: Father was Craddock’s realtor; provided pavilion for church beginnings; gave land for Church on the Hill; took her to church (first church as an adult); baptized by Dr. Craddock and been involved since; currently treasurer; “This church fits ANYONE. We love each other right through everything”.

CHURCH PICNIC

Tim Anderson

Cherry Log Church Picnic along the beautiful Coosawattee River at the ETC Pavilion.

August 23, 2014
9:00—3:00

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Let us know the number in your family so we know how many to plan for.

Looking forward to sharing with our Cherry Log family!

Youth News

Georgia Meyers

Youth are concentrating on Community this summer. Local Mission at Tower Road playing games (disc golf) with the kids during their Seamless Summer lunch time. YAC (Youth Across the Community) is being established - A group consisting of other churches and friends of the youth to participate in Mission and Summer fun (now on Facebook). Youth are volunteering for Vacation Bible School...Sharing their gifts of outreach! If you would like to know more about youth activities or join in any of the summer fun....Call Georgia 407-948-3025 or email georgia1267@hotmail.com. Grandkids welcome!



Faith in Fiction

Myra Kibler

In July the Faith in Fiction Book Group will discuss Khaled Hosseini's **And the Mountains Echoed**. This is Hosseini's third novel about Afghanistan after **The Kite Runner** and **A Thousand Splendid Suns**. The group meets at 11 am on the second Friday of each month. Anyone who has read the book is invited to attend.

The August book is **The Story of Edgar Sawtelle**, by David Wroblewski, and in September we'll discuss **The Bone People** by Kerry 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/ and call Georgia Meyers (Georgia1267@hotmail.com) at 407-948-3025 or Maureen Hicks at (706) 276-4727.



- July 01 Cheer & Mary Beth Shepard (36)
- July 01 Gil & Sandie Reed (54)
- July 06 Mike & Cathy Smith (46)
- July 08 Charles & Becky Walls (189)
- July 08 Dale & Ashley Weaver (14)
- July 10 Bill & Patty Crawl (49)
- July 19 Ed & Ellen Grant (17)
- July 19 Ed Boye & Julia Purcell (29)
- July 25 Milton & Mary Hunt (60)
- July 28 Julie Johnson & Kristi Mulchahey (19)
- July 28 Tony & Susan Carruth (35)

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
June 1	30	140
June 8	40	124
June 15	45	117
June 22	50	174
June 29	45	127

CELEBRATION FUND

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

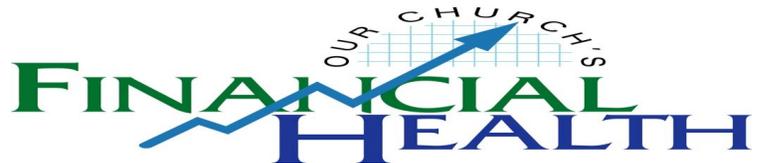
In Memory of:
Dorothy Ehik
Don Baker

In Celebration of:
Jim & Judy Weiland's 50th Wedding Anniversary

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
\$140.00

Happy Birthday

- July 02 Ashley Weaver
- July 03 Janet Elder
- July 03 Mike Kennedy
- July 04 Jane Murray
- July 04 Michael Brunson
- July 04 Russell Gremillion
- July 04 Glenda McCumbee
- July 04 Tommy Munday
- July 06 Tab Bomhard
- July 06 Betsy Shepard
- July 11 Ray Moore
- July 12 Robin Norsworthy
- July 13 Wendy Cox
- Amado Grabiell
- Bert Lant
- July 17 Micah Slemmons
- July 20 Jean Rose
- July 24 George Barrett
- July 25 Tom Mitchell
- Lindsey Norsworthy
- July 29 Nancy Midkiff



May Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$39,832.00

Expenses: \$43,038.00

Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$206,845.00

Year to date Expenses: \$229,781.00

