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# CHERRYLOGUE

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*News from Cherry Log Christian Church*

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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

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We're planning a new worship service.  
It will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:25 AM.  
The service will be casual and relaxed.  
We take our worshipping and loving seriously, however.  
We are sincere and genuine;  
and we will sing and laugh.

Enjoy a light breakfast of bagels, muffins,  
Yogurt, juices and coffee.

Education Classes and Small Groups will convene at 9:30 AM.

The breakfast bar will be open at 8:15 AM. There will be music in background. Gracious and hospitable people who believe in following the example of Jesus will welcome you. We will be seated informally where we can talk and visit and see eyes and smiles instead of the back of heads. The Table will be draped in scarves and will host homemade bread.

The music will be non-traditional yet will contain the message of the faith. The genre of music will be varied, but will be songs that feed our souls.

We will pray together, sing, wonder together, and we will support together. The worship will end at the Table, breaking the bread that forms community and compassion.

**Come and Celebrate Early**

## Financial Moment

Rusty Coleman

On behalf of the Finance/Stewardship committee, thank you for your complete support for the recently announced Legacy Gift Policy. This idea had been identified years ago as a need; finally, thanks to the leadership of Bill Groce and many others, we now have a working policy for the congregation.

Now, the question has been asked, exactly what is this policy all about? One easy way to think of it is like an endowment fund say, at a college. Many people make gifts to their college or university into an endowment fund that is combined with other such gifts and can grow into the millions. This fund is then used by the university for a variety of activities the school supports.

The policy we have just established sets the rules for how these gifts may be received, invested and spent by Cherry Log Christian Church. Some people may want to make a contribution to this fund now, during their lifetime, while most will leave a gift as part of their estate in their will. What a wonderful way to support the work of the church with a legacy gift that will continue your work for years.

To help explain all of the details of how this policy will work, we will elect four administrators from the congregation, who working with the Stewardship Chair, will be the contact point for the rest of the congregation. They will set up and host regularly scheduled meetings, using professional staff, to explain not only this fund, but also to provide assistance with other questions about estate planning, tax implications of various ways to support the efforts of the church in future years, and other financial questions. You will be able to designate specific uses of your gifts or allow them to be used according to our new guidelines.

The nominating committee would like to suggest people who have a strong interest in providing this guidance. If you would like to work on this very exciting new stewardship project, please contact the chair of finance, Rusty Coleman, at [rusty-diane@ellijay.com](mailto:rusty-diane@ellijay.com). I can answer many of your questions and pass your name to the nominating committee.

## The Hymnal and the Hymns

On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a 4-week series on “The Hymnal and the Hymns: How Much Do You Know?” Many of us pick up a hymnal every Sunday and sing along with all our fellow worshippers. But do we know anything about how a particular hymn came to be written? Do we know how it became popular and came to be placed in the hymnal? Do we know how the hymnal is assembled? Is there a pattern or reason to the order of hymns? What do the numbers at the bottom of each page mean? What is a “Hymn Tune”? What are those sections at the back of the hymnal?

Join us next Sunday during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall when all of these mysteries will be explained. Judy and Byron Wyndham will lead you through the *Chalice Hymnal*, look at some hymns and their composers, and may even sing a few hymns. Join us next Sunday!

## Sam Starr Ministries Active This Summer

Helping those in our area who have difficulty helping themselves is a ministry the Outreach committee is undertaking in several ways. The Seamless summer feeding program is one way. Another way is responding to disasters through repair ministries in Murphy.

Still another way is through repair projects for those who are struggling. We have an upcoming project in the McCaysville area that involves repairing or replacing a portion of the roof over a small room addition to a single-wide mobile home and doing some sheetrock repairs that resulted from a roof leak. The homeowner is a single mother. Team leaders for this project are Pattie Williams and Roxanne Neal. They need a few more semi-skilled hands to complete the project which is scheduled for August 9-11. If you can help, please let Bill or Cheri Thompson know.

## FROM MY HEART ....TO YOUR HEART

I smiled as my car turned over one hundred thousand miles last month. "It is just getting broken in," I thought to myself. In my mind I ran through a partial list of vehicles I have owned in my life, a list, which I will admit, is too long. But I ended up with my first car – a 1955 Chevy. It had a 155,000 miles on it when I took ownership. The hood and engine cavity was huge. The straight six cylinder looked so small. The car had no radio, no AC, no outside temperature and without making a detail accounting, I am sure you can get the gist of the difference of the cars from fifty-one years ago.

But there are many similarities. Both cars have bodies, tires, steering wheels, wipers, engines and most of all transport me from one place to another. The purpose of the car has not changed.

In thinking about changes in cars, advancement of technology, and how life is lived differently today, I started thinking about church. I know that for some it feels like the church is going through a lot of change. Church looks different than it did fifty-one years ago.

But the mission of the church has not changed: to witness to a way of love that is healing and everlasting. That does not and is not changing.

I received a post from the Alban Institute this morning regarding how to make healthy and successful changes in the church. Here are a few details:

Our changes do have a theological base. We are looking for the presence of God in our midst and for the Spirit of God to lead us.

In the changes of the constitution and by-laws, Celebrate Early, and the legacy giving program, we have had dialogues, meetings, open-ended questions and answers.

We are learning together. The "we" is all of us, which includes laity and clergy. It is a learning and re-learning process for me also. We need each other for our church to move forward in mission.

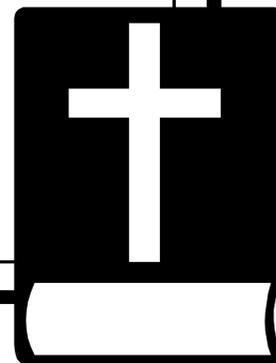
In the changes we are experiencing we still are noting the rites of passage. We lament the Beardens leaving this area; we celebrated our high school graduates; we pray daily and weekly for the sick; and we celebrate the healings! All of these rites are in the midst of our daily living, people coming and going, demands on our lives and the church's life. We are still doing what we need to be doing.

The Alban Institute post noted that changes need to come slowly. I imagine that is relative for each of us. The changes that we are now experiencing were talked about and prayed for in the triads almost three years ago, showed up in the Vision of CLCC and in the Strategic Plan. I know the fruition seems quickly, but these are things for which we have been planning.

I do not want to reclaim my '55 Chevy. I like the comfort and gadgets of what I drive now. I am still being transported from point A to point B. The church we have now is still the church of Saint Paul. Yes, radically different and yet the same. I, too, celebrate the core of who we are as Cherry Log.

Peace,

*David*



## Missionaries to Speak at Combined Sunday School Class

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Jack and Midge Barnes will share with a combined adult Sunday School class their recent experiences as short-term volunteer missionaries to Zimbabwe. The Barnes are members of Palm Lake Christian Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. Jack has experience as a pastor and a professor of religion at Culver-Stockton College (Mo.). Midge's experience includes teaching kindergarten and first grade and working with older adults. They will share their experiences with us and then lead in a stewardship meditation at worship. Come to the fellowship hall at 9:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and welcome the Barnes to Cherry Log Christian Church.

## This Will Go Fast – Volunteer Today

As school begins, the Gilmer Sack Pack program, a ministry of the Gilmer Food Pantry, will again provide food for 215 children weekly. These are students whom their teachers feel are in the greatest need of food beyond school lunches. **There is a need for a team of two volunteers to pick up the sacks at 10:00 am one Monday per month (starting when school begins) at the Gilmer Food Pantry and take them to the designated schools where teachers will distribute them.** That way, if one needs to be absent, the other team member can do the pickup and delivery. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile project, please contact Bill Thompson or Katie Griffin.

## Vacation Schedule

Just to let you know, David will be on vacation August 20 - September 3. During his absence, Dr. Fred Craddock will preach on August 26th and Dr. Jerry Johnson will preach on September 2nd. The Chaplain Corps will be alerted and can be contacted through Malinda.

## Library Receives New Craddock Book

Our church library has received two copies of Dr. Fred Craddock's latest book, *Speaking of Dying*, published by Brazos Press. Written in collaboration with member Dr. Joy Goldsmith of Young Harris College, and her father, Dr. Dale Goldsmith, the book is a reflection on the death of Joy's sister, Janet, in 2002. The subtitle of the book, 'recovering the church's voice in the face of death,' indicates its focus – how the church deals with end of life decisions, especially when it comes to a clergyperson in its leadership, as was Rev. Janet Goldsmith. The Goldsmiths and Dr. Craddock emphasize that the narrative of faith embraces dying, and they present scriptural and Christological resources that can lead toward a 'good dying.' One copy of the book has been placed in the Dr. Fred Craddock section of the library, which cannot be checked out. The other book will be placed in the science/health/self-help section of the library and can be checked out.

## Help Wanted at Clothes Closet

This work is part-time, has great benefits, and the long-term rewards are out of this world! Duties include, but are not limited to, a few hours a month. The job includes seeing smiles on children's faces and relief and peace on parent's faces. Business involves the collection, sorting and display of clothing. We are pleased to announce that we will be expanding this fall into blankets, linens, hats, gloves, and socks. Some contact to increase donor base optional, particularly in children's shoes. Applicants' creative talents may be tapped to identify and help meet customer needs. Apply to Roxanne Neal or Darlene Fike at the CLCC Clothes Closet for details. Phone 706-633-9476 or 706-633-8893.

## Fellowship Committee

Tim Anderson

With the acceptance of the new constitution and by-laws, the Membership Committee is now split in to two committees—Membership and Fellowship. The newly formed Fellowship Committee will promote a spirit of fellowship and hospitality through CLCC functions. The Committee enlists interested member to serve on short or long term tasks/interest groups to carry out fellowship responsibilities such as Bereavement meals, receptions, after worship fellowship, fellowship meals, holiday gatherings, ect.

As a new formed committee so is the chairman. I am a new member of Cherry Log Christian I am Tim Anderson, chairman and Tab Bomhard is co-chairman. We are looking forward to assisting CLCC by supporting and growing together with our church family.

There are many volunteer opportunities and we are looking to help you fulfill your gift of time and talent to our church. Use the volunteer sign up board by the window in the fellowship hall or talk with me to help communicate your interest. I also plan on meeting with interested members in the library after worship on August 5th. This will be as short as possible.

### Celebrate Early

There is much excitement for our new worship service that will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:25am. During the month of August we will continue to prepare for the beginning of Celebrate Early. **There will be a Breakfast meeting August 19 at 8:00am for those interested.** Please come and learn more about what is planned. All of us need to be in prayer as this new ministry is launched. There will be a prayer vigil the 24 hours prior to the first service. Janet Tripp will be asking you to join with others by participating in this important time. Our mission calls us to reach out to others and share the love of God. This new ministry came out of our Church's mission and vision.

## About The Disciples

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*

• Disciples of Christ Statement Of Identity

**The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, while founded on American soil in the early 1800s, is uniquely equipped to live up to its identity that it is a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." The denomination was born in the 1800s, and continues to be influenced by its founding ideals of our unity in Christ with openness and diversity in practice and belief.

### The Vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"  
*Micah 6:8*

### The Mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth."  
*- Acts 1:8*

## New Small Group

The **Current Events and Social Issues** study group will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The first meeting will be on August 15. The discussions will include -- from the perspective of people of faith -- politics, social issues, the economy, race, conflicts and any other topical items the group wants to discuss. The group facilitator will email suggested topics and suggest news articles on Tuesday. Please send your email address to the group facilitator, John Sugg, at [johnfsugg@gmail.com](mailto:johnfsugg@gmail.com).

## CLCC Property Committee Needs Your Help!

Ongoing work need to be done and specific projects:

### CLCC:

1. Weekly; mow, weed eat, pull weeds, spray round -up. Mower and Weed eater available
2. Installation of drains around the back and sides of building
3. Rear walkway; Mountain Laurel on banisters need staining and sealing, hand rails need to be finished
4. Mulch needs to be placed around the building

### Little White House:

1. Weekly; mow, weed eat, pull weeds, spray round -up. Mower and Weed eater available
2. Walkway and steps need to be built between CLCC and LWH
3. Closet needs to be completed
4. Duct work needs to be sealed
5. Ceiling wall in hallway needs masonite installed
6. Floor in big classroom need to be replaced AFTER walls completed
7. Floor needs to be built for storage room upstairs
8. Interior work (painting and flooring)

### Craddock Center:

1. Weekly; mow, weed eat, pull weeds, spray round -up. Mower and Weed eater available
2. Pour concrete deck out back to change direction of water drainage
3. Dig trenches along building
4. Seal walls in closet to prevent moisture
5. Dry lock needs to be installed
6. Pressure wash

### Church on the Hill:

1. Weekly; mow, weed eat, pull weeds, spray round -up. Mower and Weed eater available
2. Repair doors in annex
3. Repair steps into annex
4. Repair steps in front of church

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please get in touch with Charlie McCann (706-972-0042), or Kenny Neal (706-633-7017).

## FEED FANNIN

Family Connections in Fannin County is the umbrella organization for the food pantry, homeless shelter and the collaborative of all organizations that work with families and children in the area. They are currently expanding their board and reviewing their goals. There is an opportunity for real service on any of several committees. New talent will be welcome. If you are interested in contributing in the area of awareness, branding, organization, finances, or volunteering in the food pantry, please contact Jane Kimzey at [janekimzey@gmail.com](mailto:janekimzey@gmail.com) or 706-964-6600 or cell 706-851-5028.

You will feel rewarded by any time you spend with this worthwhile endeavor.

## Cherry Log Church Picnic at beautiful Coosawattee River Resort



**September 22, 2012**

Time 12:00 P.M.

Volunteers needed  
for

Set up, clean up, cooks etc.

E Mail: [tabomhard@att.net](mailto:tabomhard@att.net)  
to volunteer

## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are looking for a few individuals who enjoy working with nursery age children to assist with child care. This need is for special activities during the week. If you are interested please contact Malinda in the church office for more details.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 02 Belle Doss	Aug. 16 Mary Beth Shepard
Aug. 04 Donna Foley	Aug. 21 Bob Sherrod
Aug. 06 Karen Price	Aug. 22 Kenneth Farmer
Aug. 09 Barbara Hansen	Aug. 25 Jane Griffin
Emilyn Slemmons	Aug. 27 Daniel Parrish
Aug. 10 Barbara Groce	Beverly Williams
Aug. 12 Don Brewer	Aug. 28 Lucie Coffie
Marsha Gregorich	Aug. 29 Kerri Gilbert
Mike Smith	Sue Green
Aug. 15 Judy Farmer	Aug. 30 Nancy Porter
Meg Wilson	Hugh Mullin

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 01	Bill & Velda Harrison	(48)
August 03	Jack & Trisha Senterfitt	(44)
August 06	Pat & Alice Reagan	(25)
August 06	Kathy Knox & Teresa Snow	(9)
August 08	Richard Zelle & Cindy Avens	(25)
August 14	Jim & Frances Carson	(47)
August 18	Bob & Emily Matthews	(44)
August 22	Ronald & Bette Jensen	(53)
August 28	John & Katie Griffin	(59)
August 28	Steve & Judy Ivey	(36)
August 29	Dan & Donna Lehr	(32)
August 29	Dan & Carolyn McGinness	(31)
August 31	Mike & Connie Arnold	(31)
August 31	Sidney Goss & Daniel Parrish	(32)

## June Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$26,896.00

Expenses: \$24,810.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$167,758.00

Year to date Expenses: \$173,309.00

### Building Fund:

Contributions: \$16,473.00

Expenses: \$12,936.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$95,104.00

Year to date Expenses: \$100,113.00

\*July not reported because August Cherrylogue is printed prior to the end of the month. A full detail of the church's finances are located on the members page of our website.

## ATTENDANCE

Worship

July 1	184
July 8	161
July 15	195
July 22	179

## CELEBRATION FUND

The following made donations in July:

In Memory of:

**Ray Pruitt** by Hugh & Fran Lake, Ham & Jane Kimzey, Frank & Lois Grice

**Robert Meek** by John & Joan Dickinson, Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke, Gil & Sandie Reed, Lynn Starr, George & Lillian Rothkopf, Bill & Velda Harrison, Hugh & Fran Lake, George & Judy Barrett, Ham & Jane Kimzey, John & Katie Griffin, Gary & Jane Kipling, Jennifer Mills & Susan Pleasant, John Garceau & Kay Vanderhooft, Richard Zelle & Cindy Avens, Bill & Cheri Thompson, Bill & Patty Crawl, Lynette Nelson, Lynn Barrett, Bill & Barbara Groce

**Walter Seegmiller** by Ham & Jane Kimzey

In Honor of:

**David Griffin** by Jennifer Mills & Susan Pleasant

**Sharon Meek & Marsha Kipling** by Bill & Patty Crawl

### Debt Reduction Contributions:

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$855.00

## Did you know.....

Did you know that turning the fan to **ON** on the thermostats can and will burn the motors up?

Did you know that adjusting the thermostats in the sanctuary must be done in a certain order or they do not work properly?

Again, we ask that you do not touch the thermostats. If you feel that you really need to adjust them, please come by so that you can be trained on how to properly do so.

Lets work together so that next months Did you know..... will not be the cost of repairs or show the increase in power usage.

Lets be GOOD STEWARDS together.

### Another Successful Seamless Summer

Many, many thanks go out to the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to serve lunch at Tower Rd. Seamless Summer Nutrition Program. Approximately 5,760 lunches were served at this site alone to Gilmer Co. children who might have otherwise gone hungry. Thanks to Tim Anderson, Charlie Argo, Tab Bomhard, Karen Boyer, Bobbie and Dave Cherry, Diane and Rusty Coleman, Kerrie Gilbert, Jackie Granger, Jane Griffin, Maureen Hicks, Myra Kibler, Melissa Montes, John Pettit, Betsy Sheppard, Cheer and Mary Beth Sheppard, and Ruth West.



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Malinda Geers, Admin. Assistant  
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