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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

Cherry Log Church Picnic at beautiful Coosawattee River Resort



September 22, 2012

Time 12:00 P.M.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the serving window. Write your name and the number of guests you will be bringing. This is just to give us an idea of about how many to plan for.

Looking forward to sharing with our
Cherry Log family.

Hamburgers and hot dogs provided

Bring your lawn chair and a covered dish

Direction to Fishtrap Park:

Enter from the Ellington Road Gate (Off Old Hwy. 5 at Georgia Forestry Sign.) At the gate tell them you are attending Cherry Log Church Picnic. Enter the gate and at the stop sign go straight across to Riverview Drive, turn right onto Zenith Trail then left onto Zeblin Road to the park. There are also signs directing you to Fishtrap Park.

Financial Moment

Rusty Coleman

Last fall we had a capital campaign for the debt reduction of our facilities. The theme for that was "The Fruit of the Spirit". The spirit of that campaign is still with us. You can feel it and even see it on many of the communications within the church. We would like to continue that theme for this year's annual stewardship drive. Now you may ask, why do we even have a stewardship drive? As the chair of this committee, I can say it would be easier on us if we did not have on. If we had unlimited resources, we could do many things. However, we need to manage all of the resources of this church, both the income and outflow of our money. We know there are limitations. All of our facilities exist so that we can fulfill our mission as a church; not only to come together to worship, but also to go forth and bring the message of God to others. We have a budget process that allows us to project and track expenses for the various activities within our church. In order to support that group of expenditures, we have a stewardship drive that gives each of you an opportunity to project how much you will contribute for those efforts. All pledges made in this campaign are to support the ongoing operations and activities of the church.

During the next weeks, you will be seeing and hearing about many activities from this church and how they have impacted a variety of people. As you do this, think about what else we could do. What opportunities to serve God and spread his message are we missing? What group of people in our community are we not reaching?

A lot of changes have taken place at Cherry Log Christian Church. Over time, more will take place as we continue to reach out to spread the word. The first Sunday in October will be a special service with a time for each of us to make our commitment for the coming year. Before that date, we hope each of you will think, discuss, and pray within your family unit about how much you can give for these efforts. I will offer a further challenge. After you have completed your pledge card, make a second pledge, not for more money, but to get involved with a new area of ministry this year. You will experience a reward that will better explain stewardship than anything we can write and try to explain.

Faith in Fiction Book Discussion

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction book discussion group will meet monthly in October, November and December to discuss three novels set south of the border. In Mexico, where the dead are always present and where orthodox religion blends with indigenous ritual, we have a rich source of literature in which to explore religious ideas through a cultural filter.

The group meets at 10 am. on the first Friday of each month at Cherry Log Christian, starting in October. All who enjoy reading and discussing books and ideas are welcome.

Book 1 on October 5, [The Hummingbird's Daughter \(2006\)](#), Luis Alberto Urrea

This book is a delightful and highly readable saga that runs over 500 pages. Earthy and spiritual at once, it's a great one to start discussion.

Book 2 on November 2, [The Power and the Glory](#), Graham Greene, story of the whiskey priest.

Book 3 on December 7, [The Plumed Serpent](#), D. H. Lawrence, involves a fabricated religion.

Book choices after the first meeting will be subject to the will of the group and may change. A new topic will be chosen for the January/February/March books. Please join us to enjoy lively discussion and friendship of fellow book-lovers. Please email myra_kibler@yahoo.com if you want to participate so that we will have your contact information for announcements and for preliminary questions to ponder about The Hummingbird's Daughter.

CALLING ALL LADIES

Ladies, September 5 is the deadline for registering for the great Women's Retreat in Toccoa, featuring a dynamic duo, Amy Gopp (Week of Compassion) and Andra Moran (Christian songwriter/performer from Nashville.) We were heard, and the Region is bringing a retreat up here near us! Retreat is the last weekend in September.

All the info and registration forms can be found at www.gadisciples.org. or from Carolyn McGinness at CLCC.

FROM MY HEARTTO YOUR HEART

“What we need around here are some truly creative people.” I heard that response in a small group discussion in the parking lot. The comment was sincere. “That may be true,” was my response, “but do we truly want to embrace creativity?”

To be creative, one departs from the status quo. Many people are uncomfortable with that departure. They like tradition and predictability.

In 1913 in Paris, Igor Stravinsky performed perhaps his greatest work, *The Rite of Spring* ballet. Most ballets were graceful and elegant, full of traditional music. *The Rite of Spring* was non-traditional. Stravinsky had written non-harmonic notes.

Within minutes of the show's beginning, the audience began to hiss the performers. Supporters rallied against the rude audience, and the show quickly degenerated into an all-out riot. Before the first intermission arrived, police had to intervene to calm the raging crowd. During the second half of the performance, riots broke out again. Surprised by the reaction, Stravinsky fled the theater before the show even ended.

History vindicated Stravinsky. *The Rite of Spring* is now regarded as a creative milestone in the history of ballet and musical composition.

We like to see ourselves as open-minded people. Yet when confronted by creativity, we usually do not like the newness of creativity.

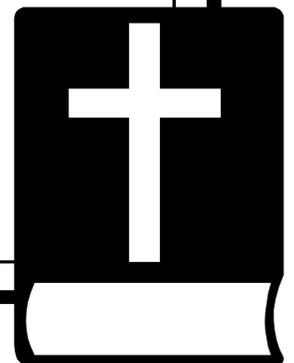
Obviously the prophets were seen as creative, even maybe abnormally creative. Jesus departed from the status quo. Historically the church has departed from the status quo. Think of the change from no church buildings to the buildings that we call church today. We have gone from tossing in coins to building budgets. What is safe and comfortable today was once creative and uncomfortable.

The focus does not need to be on what is changing, but the focus needs to be on ministry. Maybe the greatest call for creativity is on our ministry focus: breaking bread, serving children, welcoming the outsiders, vulnerable to the powerful and powerful to weak. For all that seems uncomfortable and changing, we are still here for ministry.

The focus is to live the words of Jesus in our flesh. All else will follow. That is almost scriptural!

Peace,

David



Line Dance – Monday's 7:00 pm
Beginning September 10th
CLCC Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$1.00 per person
Invite your friends!

Want to have fun while reaping so many health benefits. Line Dancing, not only helps you mentally and physically it also has so many more benefits. Below are just some of the benefits of dancing.

1. Forever Young. Dancing is tremendously beneficial in keeping us young. It retards the aging process immensely. It benefits our heart, cardiovascular system and increases our lung capacity.

2. Strong Bones, Lubricated Joints. Dance aids in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, which is a major concern for woman. Dance also keeps joints lubricated, which helps prevent arthritis.

3. Better Blood. Dancing aids in lipid control, which raises our HDL (good cholesterol), and lowers our LDL (bad cholesterol). Dancing is also great for diabetics because it aids in blood sugar control.

4. Mental Mastery. Dance improves our memory by making us recall steps, routines and dance patterns making it a great mental exercise for our brains. The big benefit is that increasing mental exercise keeps your mind young, quick, alert and open.

5. It's All About Balance. Dancing strengthens our stabilizer muscles, while protecting our core and keeping us less prone to injury in our daily lives. Dancing also aids in co-ordination and helps strengthen our reflexes. It is a great way to keep our Central Nervous System and Peripheral Nervous System in tip-top shape by improving the connection of our bodies to our mind.

6. A Happy Self. Dance elevates our mood by raising our endorphin levels. This is what allows us to heal stress and depression - two of our immune system's biggest enemies! It helps us establish our self-



ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE:

We will begin a new Sunday School class on September 9th in which the focus will be *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass. This book takes a look at several mainline churches - specific churches, but not the denominations - that are growing and thriving in today's world.

Diana Butler Bass is a historian who focuses on the History of Christianity and the author of six books on American religion, three of which have won research or writing awards. She earned a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Duke University in 1991, with an emphasis on American Church History. From 1995–2000, she wrote a weekly column on Religion and Culture for the New York Times Syndicate that appeared in more than 70 newspapers nationwide. Let's see what these churches are doing to "get it right." We will meet in the library/conference room. If you plan to attend, please let us know so we can order the right number of books. To reserve your copy, please email the church office at clcc@tds.net or call the church at 706-632-1048. We hope to see you there.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT UPDATE:

Our Wednesday night dinners are to resume Wednesday, September 12 at 5:30. At the first dinner we want everyone to bring a "pot luck" dish and we will have no formal program. We will have trivia contests about the church and our history. There will be NO prizes but we expect a fun time. On the 19th, we will begin our program with a new series on "How Religious Freedom has shaped our Country." This is a PBS series that we think you will find interesting. It will take us from understanding how the concept of religious freedom was developed by our founding fathers to understanding religious freedom's development from an historical perspective. Please note that this is not a continuation of the Current Events small group ministry. It is a continuation of our Wednesday night dinner program that is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. We hope to see you then.

We get to choose.

Change and transition can bring discomfort and trepidation; they can also bring energy and enthusiasm.

We get to choose. But really, haven't we already chosen?

On Sunday, July 22, we overwhelmingly endorsed a new constitution and by-laws designed

to bring to fruition the congregational desires derived from the visioning process of a more flexible and permission-giving organizational structure;

to initiate a congregational world view focused on a mission-based approach to our local community and beyond;

to position ourselves, truly, to represent the life of Jesus in our world, near and far.

So how's that going? Well. And that's an adverb... not an interjection! It's going well.

The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee is busily about the business of lining up leadership for the Board, for the Councils, for the Committees. They may well call...you; when they do, be ready with prayerful commitment for the task and the journey ahead. Remember: The new organizational structure calls for the active engagement of many more folks than have heretofore been involved; it's your turn!

Once the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee has secured commitments for at-large Board members, Council Chairs and Co-chairs we will call a meeting of the new Board to convene with the members of the Constitution/By-laws Committee for a thorough briefing on roles and responsibilities of those who have accepted the leadership challenge. I would envision this gathering to take place in late August or early September.

Concurrent with this activity, the Stewardship and Finance is laying plans for the fall stewardship drive and the newly-elected trustees are gearing up for the Legacy Fund campaign.

In short, it's an exciting time at Cherry Log Christian Church. The mission is calling; the need is great. Our world, near and far, is hurting and in need of the ministry we can provide.

Step up. Step out. After all, we've already chosen.
Ham Kimzey, Moderator

BE a RINGER and/or SINGER for our LORD and KING - KICK OFF DAY IS THURSDAY, Sept. 6th

HANDBELLS Opportunity!!! We have three positions open. Practice is Thursdays at 5:00 to 5:55 P.M. in the sanctuary. You must be able to read music, be at every rehearsal, and have patience with yourself. We will teach you how to ring. You'll be glad you did. We ring on the third Sunday each month through June. RINGERS needed NOW!!! Pattie Williams will be leading a short course on handbell techniques in my absence. (I'll be back for rehearsals on the 20th.) Please try to be there.

MEN, DO YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE SHOWER?!!! Our Men's Chorale's first rehearsal is **Thurs Sept. 20th** at 5:55 to 6:25 P.M. in the choir room. There are no try outs, just come and sing with us. We sing in church, at nursing homes, and the Blue Ridge Train depot one morning or afternoon during the Christmas season. Come and bring your friends for fellowship and the joy of singing together. See you there.

YOU and YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS are NEEDED!!! Call **Bob Clarke (706.632.0113)** to be part of the bell choir or Men's Chorale. Or just show up at our first rehearsal to share the joy of either or both, musical expressions.

Welcome Back!

We are so excited that on September 23, our next Youth Sunday, Julie Richardson Brown will preach during the 10:55am service. Many of you will recall that Julie served Cherry Log as an intern in 1999. Now, she serves on the Leadership Team for the Disciples Youth Ministry Network, and she recently co-edited a collection of essays written by young adults entitled *It's Not All About You*, published by Chalice Press. In addition to preaching, Julie will be talking with FYSH about her book, which speaks to living a life seeking social justice, and will counsel FYSH, parents, and our Youth Christian Education Committee on building our youth group and youth education programs. What a blessing we all will receive!

Spiritual Practices for Today's Disciples

With this newsletter, we begin a new monthly column on Christian spiritual disciplines. Each month an ancient or contemporary Christian spiritual practice will be introduced to you by various friends in the congregation.

Just like athletes spend hours working on drills and practicing for the “big event,” so too Christian disciples regularly engage in practices – spiritual practices or spiritual disciplines for the “big event” of life; a life full of challenges, decisions, crises, celebrations, and blessings. Since everyone is created unique and gifted by God, people will find different spiritual disciplines helpful. You might try the featured monthly spiritual practice and see if it's one in which you would like to add to your spiritual routine.

This Fall, we will begin with the simple activity of walking. Have you ever considered walking to be a spiritual discipline? Have you ever had an “ah ha” moment on a morning walk or felt the awe and wonder of God during an evening hike? Then, you know that walking is one way you might seek to cultivate a deeper life with God. It all begins with intention.

If you are already a walker or hiker, simply begin your walk with a short prayer asking God to be with you and open your eyes and your heart. This would be a simple prayer of intention. Then go for your walk. (This also works for those of you who are runners.) From time to time *pay attention* to the world around you: what do you see, smell, hear? Simply be aware of what you notice. Next *pay attention* to your body and your breathing. Wonder as you walk...what's going on inside of me? Do I feel joyful, or stressed out, or angry? Is a new thought or feeling coming to me? Again, simply be aware of what you notice. When a “noticing” occurs, some people offer a brief prayer, while others jot a note on a tablet of paper they carry; still others gently hold the insight keeping it alive as they continue their walk. At the end of your walk (or run), you might offer a quick prayer or go inside and write down what occurred.

Congratulations...you have just completed an ancient spiritual discipline found in many faith traditions. Just think of how many times people walked in the Bible...from the Israelites in the desert to Jesus walking on the road with his disciples. Think of the many different settings where you can practice walking prayer: on a trail, at the gym, in a meadow, at the park or walking around your neighborhood.

Why not try this intentional spiritual discipline of *walking prayer* on your next stroll? Check it out and see how it works for you during the month of September. You might even share it with a friend or your walking buddy. Happy trails.

-Julie A. Johnson

New Poetry Interest Group

A new small group is forming for anyone, member and non-member, who has an interest in poetry. This group welcomes poets and writers but is intended to embrace a wider community of anyone who has an interest in poetry, learning about poetry, learning why anyone would be interested in poetry and sharing thoughts with the group. This is not a critique group, but a community that will invite participants to share poems they have written or share their favorite poems. The group might also listen to recordings of noted poets. Questions that inquire about the appreciation of poetry, how to begin writing and similar exploratory discussion questions will be welcome.

Initially Barbara Groce will chair the group with Barbara Ferer assisting. Initial meetings will be the third Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 at the home of Barbara Groce, 85 Squirrel Chase Road, Morganton. As the group forms participants will develop meeting procedure and time and location may change.

Anyone interested should contact Barbara Groce, 678-521-7977, billg5@tds.net. Directions will be provided.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 01 Sheryl Holstein	Sept. 17 Vivian Wood
Sept. 04 Darlene Fike	Sept. 19 David Abercrombie
Betty Gardin	Sept. 20 Cathy Smith
Sept. 05 Sidney Goss	Gary Tomblin
Neva Helms	Sept. 21 Marshall Burke
Sept. 06 Fran Lake	Sept. 22 Dan Pile
Bob Wilson	Sept. 23 Cathy Johnson
Sept. 07 Mac McRoberts	Regina Joiner
Sept. 08 Ed Boye	Sept. 25 Gail Dennis
Sept. 09 Deborah Lewis	Sharon Meek
Wilma Rowe	Sept. 26 Janet Tripp
Sept. 10 Carla Self	Sept. 28 Richard Zelle
Sept. 12 Bobbie Cherry	Sept. 29 Ronald Jensen
Sept. 13 Frazier Coffie	Sept. 30 Bill Hild
Sept. 15 Linda Jarrard	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 01	John & John Pettit	(55)
September 02	Alan & Teri Slemmons	(17)
September 04	Hoyal & Ruth West	(54)
September 09	Richard & Jackie Lumpkin	(23)
September 10	Mark & Cindy West	(29)
September 11	Jim & Carla Self	(36)
September 12	Bill & Gwen Henry	(14)
September 13	John & Joan Dickinson	(54)
September 13	James & Janice Harris	(43)
September 14	Charles & Shirley Brewer	(38)
September 14	Bill & Wendy Cox	(26)
September 17	Ralph & Linda Davis	
September 22	David & Jane Griffin	(5)

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.

ATTENDANCE

Worship

August 6	165
August 12	149
August 19	150
August 26	301

CELEBRATION FUND

The following made donations in **August**:

In Memory of:

Ray Pruitt by Julie, Kristie & Molly Johnson

Robert Meek by Ronald & Nancy Midkiff, Julie, Kristie & Molly Johnson, Jill Wolleat & Pam Young

Jeanette Baysinger by Lynn Starr

James Pile by Hugh & Fran Lake, Ronald & Nancy Midkiff

Robert Hunt by Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke

In Honor of:

Charlie McCann by Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke

Kenny Neal by Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke

Bob Clarke by Ida-Anne Clarke

Debt Reduction Contributions:

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$390.00

July Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$28,236.00

Expenses: \$21,778.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$195,994.00

Year to date Expenses: \$195,087.00

Building Fund:

Contributions: \$14,046.00

Expenses: \$12,936.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$109,150.00

Year to date Expenses: \$113,049.00

*August not reported because September Cherylogue 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.

Celebrate Early Service Begins September 9



The need for an alternative worship service was studied for two years by the Strategic Planning Committee because of a recommendation by the Vision Team that used Triads to ascertain the needs of the congregation. As a result the Board, at their June 30, 2012 meeting, approved the recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee that a sub-committee center on the implementation of an alternative worship service with a target date for it to begin on September 9, 2012.

The Alternative Worship Task Force is happy to announce that the service, now called Celebrate Early, is ready to begin on the target date.

This new service that is casual, comfortable & focused on contemporary issues of faith is an effort to attract those who are looking for a “fit” for their lives. It is looking for those who need and/or would like to worship in a more relaxed atmosphere and/or are unable to worship at 10:55 am on Sundays.

New signs will soon be in place. A wonderful brochure describing who we are is now available. Bookmarks and posters are being distributed around town. There will be advertisements and an article in the newspapers. All of this is an effort to reach out to the community so that they may also know the joy and the love of God that we feel weekly at CLCC. All of this brings attention not only to the 8:25 am Celebrate Early service but also to the 10:55 am traditional service and can only help both services to grow.

Your help and prayers are solicited. Please join in our excitement. “Together we can make a real difference in our community – and teach each other in the process.” (This is a quote from the brochure available in the narthex titled: *Give yourself more.*)

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