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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Day of

Service

September 12th

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CHERRYLOGUE

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RALLY DAY at Cherry Log is September 13! This marks the new year for our Sunday School classes. Our classrooms will say "WELCOME!" There will be ice cream for the students in Fellowship Hall, and a great kick-off for what we believe will be a great year.

Do try to be with us on RALLY DAY (and many, many Sundays to follow!) Our enthusiastic and dedicated teachers are excited about sharing with our children, grandchildren, youth as they grow in their walk with Jesus. Happy, creative experiences will be ready for them every week!

This summer has been very special for those young Disciples who have been able to be with us. The teachers of the younger children in the Seasons of the Spirit class thoroughly enjoyed writing their own curriculum on the parables of Jesus...those stories we love, the Good Shepherd, the Sower and the Seed, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the House Built on the Sand, and others. The lessons were delightful!

In the Youth Sunday School class, Julie Johnson shared a four week series on the book of Psalms. The youth learned about Psalms of Praise, Psalms of Lament, Psalms of Complaint, and Psalms of Thanksgiving. They even had the opportunity to paint and write their own Psalm. It seems something interesting is always going on in that class!

We do so hope you will be with us to continue guiding our children and youth in their growth in their Christian faith....guidance that comes from the Church and your family working together.

FYSH EVENT RALLY SUNDAY-September 13th: Youth interested in carpooling to JUMP PARK in Chattanooga, please RSVP Georgia 407-948-3025 or Email georgia1267@hotmail.com. ALL YOUTH NEED TO BRING A LUNCH that Sunday, we will eat in Fellowship Hall, Enjoy our Rally Day Sunday Ice Cream Social following the late Worship Service. Special Jump Park CLCC Cost \$12.00 per youth. IMPORTANT: PARENTS MUST GO ONLINE AND SIGN WAIVERS FOR JUMP PARK <http://thejumppark.com/>.

**There's a
hundred ways
to express your
Love of God!**

**Save the date:
Rally**

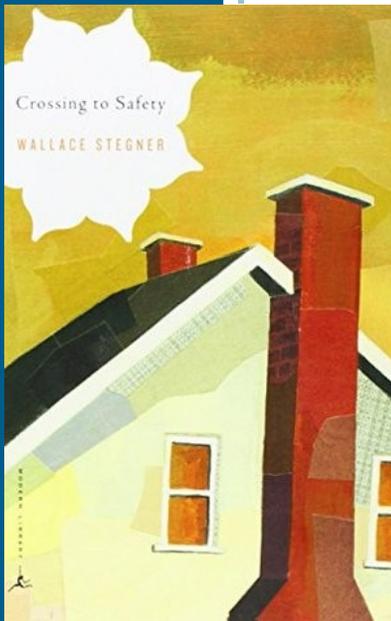


Sunday!

September 13, 2015



Faith in Fiction



The Faith in Fiction book group turns in September to a twentieth century American novel by Wallace Stegner, **Crossing to Safety**. Set in Wisconsin and Vermont, it has been called a work of "deep compassion and powerful insight into the alchemy of friendship and marriage."

Faith in Fiction meets at 11am on the second Friday of each month. On September 11, we also will choose three more books for the future reading list. This proposal of prospective titles is a rich segment in its own right, structured to happen with forethought and pithy reviews. Each person suggests a title and then the group votes, all within thirty minutes.

The group is open and welcoming to newcomers who have read the novel for that meeting. For further information, contact my-ra_kibler@yahoo.com.

Disciples Women

Did you know that if you are a woman and a member of this church, that you are a Disciples Woman? Sounds obvious--but there is a very active small group in our church who, as part of a larger Disciples of Christ group of women, call ourselves that; and we would welcome every woman to join with us every month as we enjoy each other's friendship, find ways to serve our fellow humans both locally and globally, and learn more through thoughtful and interesting programs.

After a two-month summer break, we're gearing up for our new year. On September 19, we're making a "road trip" to the new home of Carolyn McGinness, our former president. If you'd like to go with us, please contact Nancy Zimmerman at 678-907-5707. In October and November, our meetings will be at the church on the third Saturday--more specific information later about them.

Over the last two years, our group (sometimes with the help of the larger congregation) has sent dental supplies to India, school supplies to the Dominican Republic, pillowcases to children with cancer, books to the Craddock Center, food to two food pantries, personal care kits to the Tower Road community, money to ForeverFamily, supplies to the Clothes Closet, supplies to animal shelters and rescue operations, money to Vacation Bible School, and sponsored Blanket Sunday, a church-wide outreach. And we have fun! We hope to see you.

Nancy Zimmerman, President

FROM MY HEART.....

TO YOUR HEART

“I never knew that about you!” Then I mumbled something like, “And I thought we were best of friends.” To Michael it was not a big deal. ***“Not a big deal!”***

It was not a big deal that I did not know that Michael once drove an Army tank. He discarded it by saying it was over forty years ago. I mean, anyone could drive a tank but it did not fit my picture, my profile of Michael. He was the artistic type, a teacher, a person of peace and an active pacifist. I just could not imagine him stuck down in a tank, relying on a navigator, being bucked by torrents of shell reverberations.

But all of that I could eventually handle. What got to me was when he told me that he was almost killed, and by all things, by “friendly” fire. Sadly two others, best of his buddies in the Army, were killed. Piece by piece Michael went through the narration of the mistakes made by two other tanks. He never has had an explanation of why the other two were killed. “And why not me?” He said that had been his nightmare and his guilt.

As you might have guessed, Michael’s life changed in that instant as well as in those ensuing decades. In reflection, I now see another Michael and still the same Michael. Obviously it was Michael’s story to tell when he felt he wanted to tell it.

One reflection I have is that I erroneously thought we knew everything about each other. Well, yes, there are things about me he does not know. You know how we can get so uppity!

Do we ever know someone? I think not completely. We can grow in knowing another. So in thinking about people, what about knowing God!

I have been contemplating the words I use to describe God. We use images of God – that is all we have. Some would use Father, Son and Holy Spirit to describe God, and of course, there is a lot of open field trying to define/describe these images of God. We say God is Shepherd. What makes a good shepherd? Speaking of “good”, we say God is “good” and God is “wise”. I imagine, however, that humans cannot define good and wise in terms of God.

From Isaiah 55:8-9:

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We use our words to “know” God, to make God into an idol of our images and words. ***I wonder if not knowing God is the closest we come to knowing God?***

My friendship with Michael has changed. Sometimes I just sit in silence with Michael and usually those are the times we know we each other better.

I/We need more time to sit in silence with God!

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



Jeffrey Vaughn

Born near Cherokee, NC raised in Murphy; BA communication/education; MS in Public Administration, W. Carolina U; one not-happy year in Las Vegas then back home to NC; served in Dept. of Social Services—child protection social work for seven years; currently NC Farm Bureau Insurance Adjuster

Hobbies: “put me in the woods and I’m happy as a lark”; getting to know people, everyone has a story; travel: most memorable, a month in India on a Rotary study exchange program (ask him)

CLCC: “It found me”; heard of the church, researched DOC, visited and “fell in love” with the church and the people; serving as Elder and choir member.



Nicole Tankersly

Nicole Tankersly is from Conyers, GA, where she attended Conyers Christian Church. She is a UGA graduate and a huge UGA football fan. Prior to becoming a mom to three active boys, Nicole was a school teacher.

She enjoys cooking and reading and is now teaching at the Methodist Pre-School in Blue Ridge. In 2009, after visiting a number of other churches, Nicole and her family found the welcoming and accepting ways of CLCC very appealing and joined.

Nicole married her husband, Shane in 2013 and they have a blended family of four boys and an English Bulldog named Stella.



Joan Huddleston

Born in Lafayette, LA into a French/Spanish family (ask her); lived in 27 houses in 7 states (military influence); raised 3 children; studied math/art, UTenn; profession: community service everywhere she lived; 1974 married Dale (deceased) moved to Blue Ridge; worked with Dale (News Observer)

Charter member of Pink Ladies; former co-chair Alzheimer Support Group; 3rd president Humane Society and animal lover/advocate entire life (“nurses” 5 aging horses); Gateway pet rescue; fosters lost pets; phone # for lost pets in paper since 1981; life-long music lover.

Found CLCC thru Jack Hall; “... [CLCC] has returned to what Jesus taught, everyone loved and accepted ..the core of Christianity”; choir member

Myra Gaban

Myra Gaban was born and raised in Florida. She attended Carson-Newman University and Southwestern Seminary, as well as Rollins College, where she earned her Master’s in Mental Health Therapy.

Myra began teaching school in 1967 and was in education for 44 years, the last 11 as a counselor at Blue Ridge Elementary. She has also taught swimming lessons for over 50 years.

In 2001, after visiting our little church on the hill, Myra felt like she had come home and decided to join. As a child, Myra learned in church that Jesus adopted us — which she loved because she was adopted — so she felt she was adopted twice.



Musical Offerings for September

As we settle into our busy fall schedules I would like to remind you that we reserve one day a week for rest and worship. It is my hope that you will join me each Sunday for worship. On Sunday you will have the opportunity to lift your voices in song, hear The Word, be invited to the table and experience a wide variety of music presented by the various ensembles that make CLCC their home. I would also invite any of you who enjoy singing to come and sing with us. The chancel choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the choir room and all voice parts are welcome!

September 6, 2015

Hymns - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Prayer Hymn - Heal Me Hands of Jesus, I Come With Joy, Amazing Grace, In Christ, there Is No East or West

Anthem - "She Came to Jesus" Original poetry by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette based on the lectionary text for the day set to the tune of "Be Thou My Vision"

September 13, 2015

Hymns - Lift High the Cross, Prayer Hymn - Where He Leads Me, I Need Thee, Savior, Thy Dying Love, Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, In Christ, there Is No East or West

Anthem - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Gilbert Martin

Music During Communion - "Tell me, Dear Tree" is original poetry by Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia based on the lectionary text of the day sung by soprano Velda Harrison.

September 20, 2015

Hymns - Jesu, Jesu, Jesus Loves Me, I Need Thee, Unto Your Table, Nearer My God to Thee, In Christ, there Is No East or West

Anthem - "Take My Life and Let It Be" by Benjamin Harlen

Music during Communion - "Abide With Me" by handbells and the Men's Ensemble.

September 27, 2015

Hymns - All Hail the Power, Lord, I Want to be a Christian, I Need Thee, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, Be Thou My Vision, In Christ, there Is No East or West

Anthem - "When the Poor Ones" is one of the many Spanish language hymns in the "Chalice" hymnal arranged by A. Schutmaat.

The Sounds of Celebrate Early

September 6 Cherry Log Drum Circle will gather us in "Carried By Love" Celebrate Early Singers

September 13 Bill and Cheryl Star will offer a gift of music with flute and oboe

September 20 "Hear My Words" Celebrate Early Singers

September 27 Randy Wilbur will lead our music

If you love to sing, consider joining our ensemble!!

Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness."

— Maya Angelou



Community Outreach

Clothes Closet: In August

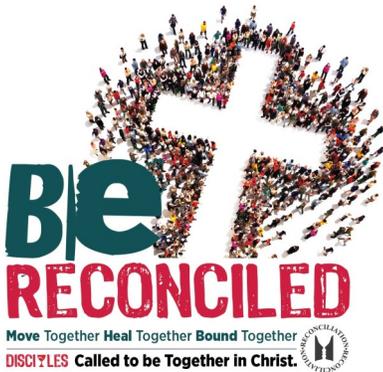
1,202 items given out
72 different families served

Garden for Others

Delivered to Gilmer and Fannin Food Banks

250 lbs. of squash
24 bags of kale
3 bags of radishes
85 tomatoes
180 ears of corn
5 bushels of potatoes

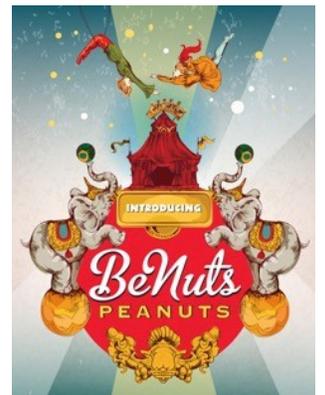
Reconciliation Offering



The 2015 Reconciliation Offering will be received in congregations on **September 27th** and **October 4th**. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become an pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing the tools experiential education (training), inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering providing for programs of leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. The year 2015 has catapulted the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

BeNuts Peanuts

What a wonderful start we had for our BeNuts Peanuts. This is an on going project for our church to support our mission. We will have a table set up for peanuts each Sunday after both services. They will also be available during the week in the church office.



**CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2nd ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Mark Your Calendar, Saturday OCTOBER 3, 2015

**BREAKFAST FROM 9 AM to 11:00 AM
\$5.00 for Pancakes, sausage links, and coffee
LUNCH 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
\$5.00 for Hot Dogs and chips**

RENT YOUR SPOT TODAY!

8 AM SET-UP 9:00 AM to 2 PM - SALE

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH UNTIL YOU SPEAK TO ONE OF THE YARD SALE FOLKS. WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE TO STORE ITEMS.

If you would like to rent your own space for your own yard sale items, please contact, Sharon Meek (slmeek@elijay.com) and she will give you the details for set-up. We only have 30 spaces, so sign up early as we expect to rent out all spaces this year. **REMEMBER: YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN TABLES AT THE YARD SALE IF YOU RENT A SPOT.** The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the sign-up board.



PURSES AND JEWELRY: Donate your gently used purses and jewelry. WE HAVE A PURSE AND JEWELRY DROP-OFF IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Jane Griffin (jdavidgriffin24@gmail.com) – Jewelry and Purses

Volunteers: Jane needs people to cover 2 hour shifts for the jewelry and purses which will be sold inside in the fellowship hall.

TOOLS: Donate your tools.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13th, we will have the Sam Starr trailer set-up outside the fellowship hall for you to donate your tools – Just leave them in the trailer. Charlie McCann (CMcCann@bsnsports.com) –

Tools **Volunteers:** Charlie needs volunteers to work 2 hours shifts for the tools that will be sold right outside the fellowship hall during the Yard Sale beginning at 9 AM.

BAKE SALE: We will need baked goods to sale including cookies, breads, and cakes. **Volunteers:** If you think you would like to help or wish to donate baked goods, please contact Tambra Logan at logantambra@yahoo.com . Tambra is also looking for volunteers to help staff the Bake sale table as well as help with breakfast and lunch.

FLYERS: Finally, we have a stack of flyers in the Fellowship Hall that you can grab to advertise our sale in your community or at stores you use.

We look forward to a great yard sale. Check the sign-up board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to sign up to help.

THE YARD SALE TEAM

Jane Griffin	Tambra Logan
Donna DesEnfants	Karen Martin
Sharon Meek	Charlie McCann

Music Committee

Our church is so fortunate to have wonderful music programs in both services. That privilege requires an ongoing purchase of music for both services that will spiritually enrich both the Celebrate Early and the 10:55 service. The Music Committee has discussed a way in which, if you wish, donations may be made to the music programs of the church by “sponsoring” an anthem, or purchasing other supporting music. Sponsoring an anthem or music for instrumental use would give the donor the opportunity to honor or remember a loved one or a life event by giving the money for purchase of the anthem or instrumental music. The particular music purchased would be guided by the music committee, Richard Lumpkin, and Robin Norsworthy. This donation would then be acknowledged in the bulletin on the Sunday when it is performed.

In general, an anthem purchased for the choir or Celebrate Early Ensemble would necessitate purchase of 10-50 copies, with an estimated price range of \$50-\$150. Instrumental music for offertories, preludes, etc. would range from \$25-\$35. However, a set price would be determined at the time of purchase.

Please consider this as a way to not only add to the richness of our services, but as a very meaningful way to celebrate special people and events in our lives. If you wish further information regarding these donations, please contact Richard through the church office or Cathy Smith at 706-669-1729.

Cherry Log Christian Church **Day of Service** **Saturday, September 12, 2015** **9 AM to 12:00 Noon**





Sept. 02	Larry Brannon	Sept. 21	Marshall Burke
Sept. 04	Darlene Fike		Cathy Johnson
	Betty Gardin	Sept. 22	Dan Pile
Sept. 05	Sidney Goss	Sept. 24	Leslie Murphy
	Jerry Snow	Sept. 25	Sharon Meek
Sept. 06	Fran Lake	Sept. 26	Janet Tripp
Sept. 07	Mac McRoberts	Sept. 27	Marcus Crowe
Sept. 10	Carla Self	Sept. 28	Richard Zelle
Sept. 12	Bobbie Cherry	Sept. 29	Ronald Jensen
Sept. 13	Frazier Coffie		
Sept. 17	Vivian Wood		
Sept. 20	Cathy Smith		
	Gary Tomblin		



September 01	John & John Pettit	(58)
September 02	Alan & Teri Slemons	(20)
September 09	Richard & Jackie Lumpkin	(26)
September 11	Jim & Carla Self	(39)
September 13	John & Joan Dickinson	(57)
September 14	Charles & Shirley Brewer	(41)
September 14	Bill & Wendy Cox	(29)
September 22	David & Jane Griffin	(8)
September 29	Mark & Georgia Meyers	(2)



July Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$34,784.00

Expenses: \$50,973.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$273,519.00

Year to date Expenses: \$287,587.00

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Aug 2	42	91
Aug 9	70	118
Aug 16	55	119
Aug 23	52	127
Aug 30	48	133

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in July:

In Memory of:

Roxanne Neal

John Morford

Hoyal West

Cledah Tanquay

Betty Williams

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$1,970.00