

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



Nancy Brewer

Born, raised, East Texas (Tyler); TCU, psychology, religious education; married Don (DOC minister) 1953; ministered TN, NC “genteel south”; strongly impacted by Civil Rights Movement; retired to Hiawassee 2000.

Leader in Women United (google it), Disciples Women; Laubach literacy supervisory level curriculum writer, weekly journal column, Workplace Literacy; poet: recent prize-winning “Redemption Coupons” for Disciples International Quadrennial Assembly.

“Dabbles” in home arts; 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren; reader especially biographies; Married 60+ years: “Don and I have always complemented each other”.

CLCC: Passion for Global Missions, Week of Compassion; study leader, CLCC Disciples Women; always involved in Christian Education – content and structure.



Marshall Burke

Born Vienna, Austria, bred on AZ ranch; life-changing year as exchange student, Paris, France (ask him); U of AZ pre-med; Ecology Masters and PhD, Cornell (age 24); “found my compassionate soul in Tunisia”; ask about “Shanty”; ran underground railway for refugees from Central American violence; met Pete 1987-2010

Joined CARE 1986 (10+ years); worked at heart of every global disaster: Rwanda genocide, refugee camps, tsunami, earthquake victims.

Enjoys gardening; gourmet cooking; classical violin (not recently); Ginger is 14-year now service dog and companion.

Diagnosed MSA 3 years ago (now arrested); treated and rehabbed Berkeley, CA; “Now I’ve come back to my home—my church (CLCC).”

Karen Martin

Born Belmont, NC (father a WWII POW); Wake Forest Medical School Physician’s Assistant degree; to Atlanta ’82; PA in cardiology (my passion), St Joseph’s 25 years; bought get-away cabin 2002; made it home 2012; serious interest in heart health

Enjoys knitting, gardening, loves beading! visits Napa Valley often to attend plays by playwright daughter, Lauren, and SF to visit culinary arts student daughter, Kathryn; soon to have grandson.

Duke and Duchess, rescued mini-dachshunds, sometimes rowdy, but love unconditionally.

CLCC recommended by friend; “I found my community—a warm, caring, supportive community”. Involved in Faith and Fiction book club; centering prayer.



Debbie Coburn

Family origins SC (southern roots); “Longest baby born at Ft. Bragg, NC”; global military up-bringing; settled in KY; attended Columbia College and Good Samaritan School of Nursing; married to Rob (Bell South executive, Buckhead) 47 years; bought mountain cabin 1999, house in 2007; daughter and 2 granddaughters live in cabin.

Career: “Homemaker and Domestic Diva” and loves all aspects entailed; enjoys cooking, gardening and reading; daughter and grands live in cabin; passion is hand and machine quilting.



CLCC: “No words to say what this church has done for me!” and “hope to give back as much as I have gotten;” finds quilt ministry fulfilling.