

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

On this page, listen to four more Voices that will tighten the “ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.” To know them is to love them.



Michael Brunson

Born July 4 and raised in Mobile, AL. Degree from Wm Carey U in Psychology and Counseling; New Orleans Seminary

Work journey: pastored in New Orleans, Mobile. In Atlanta became Certified Massage Therapist; Program Director Atlanta Interfaith Aids Network (7 years). In 2005 he and Jack (23-year partnership) opened Wapsody In Blue.

Fun: Recently watched grandson Christian play football with Marilyn (always a dear friend) and their daughter. Grandson Parker in Marines. “For fun I sweat and dig in dirt; cut weeds; WASH CARS
Passion: Cars; currently owns 33rd vehicle.

CLCC: “That’s my church! my mainstay; non-judgmental; everybody welcomed at the Lord’s table, the one constant in my life.”



Fran Lake

Born raised in Tidewater, VA; met Hugh in High School in St. Pete, FL. First year at U of FL, 1952, eloped to GA on Greyhound bus. Ask Fran for details—hilarious details.

Career: Wife and mother (3 children) through Hugh’s business career; added ‘Minister’s wife’ in 1961. “When Hugh told me of his call to ministry, my response was, ‘that’s fantastic!’”

Now I know why God has been telling me, ‘I want more of you.’”
Any negativity? “Grief of moving.”

Interests: Reading, cross-stitching, 7 grands and 2 great grands.

CLCC: Came to hear Dr. Craddock. Hospitality and openness are strengths, “we enjoy the intimacy and spirit of Celebrate Early.”



Nancy Midkiff

Born in Alabama City as 3rd of 4 girls, grew up in Rome, GA.

Education and Career: Education degree from Berry College; married Ronald 1957; taught in Rome (daughter Julie born), SC, Jefferson City, TN (23 years) Ronald taught at Carson Newman U). Retired after 34 years of teaching, primarily 1st grade. At retirement, Midkiffs built first homes in Phase II of My Mountain.

Fun: knitting, crochet, quilting, jewelry making; loving 2 grandsons and wives; two great-grands (another one soon) beautiful cat, Precious
CLCC: “Can’t imagine being in any other church.” Music and choir are special. She and Ronald are charter members

Tony Carruth

Born and raised in Atlanta; graduated UGA School of Pharmacy.

Career: PA, Atlanta, Maryville, TN (met and married Susan); Oakridge, TN (Mandy and Sam born here); Rome 20 years; bought get-away lake cabin on Lake Blue Ridge early 1990, became full time in 2004. “Now we need a get-away.” Currently Fannin Regional Pharmacist and part-time in McCaysville.

Fun: All are water bugs; love scuba diving in Carribean; woodwork; reading when there’s time.

CLCC: Came to hear Dr. Craddock; Enthusiastic greeters made it “feel right.” Joined Susan Pleasant’s small group study and soon joined. P.S. Will be a grandpa late spring. It’s a girl!

