

# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Our Family is a circle of strength; founded on Faith, Joined in Love Kept by God, Together forever.

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## Betsy Sheppard

Betsy was born in North Georgia and spent most of her younger years living in different parts of the state of Georgia. One town she lived in when she was a child was Statesboro. After high school Betsy knew she wanted to return to Statesboro and attend Georgia Southern University. Betsy earned a degree in Communications/Public Relations. She started her first company at age 26 and has had a thriving career for the many years servicing those companies who specialize in the housing industry. Kerrie and Betsy work together in Gilbert & Sheppard and several years ago moved up to north GA and have never looked back. They were introduced to CLCC by Judy Hardy. Betsy said that Cherry Log is about love and compassion. Betsy is involved in several activities at the church such as Legacy Partners, Art Guild, and Communications and she is actively involved in many non-profit organizations in Gilmer county.



## Cindy Avens

Born in Schenectady, NY and moved to Ormand Beach, FL when she was about 10 years old. Cindy graduated from the University of Florida in Psychology and went on to get a Masters in Counseling and Psychology. She worked for many years at Daytona Beach Community College where she met Dick Zelley, who taught Humanities, music and world religions at the same college. They spent many summers in north Georgia on property that Dick had purchased in 1979. In 2007, they moved up to this area full-time. They were introduced to Cherry Log through Tom Mitchell and Cindy said that when they walked in the doors, they felt a spirit that she had only experienced in large cathedrals. They found a spiritual community in Cherry Log and love the people. Cindy and Dick are involved in the Labyrinth Keepers, the CLCC Consort, Centering Prayer, and other activities around the church.

## Bob Matthews

Born and raised, Hartford CT; BSc Finance and Insurance; married Emily after college; 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren; career with GE (financial planning/management); Portland OR, 6 yrs; Schenectady, NY, 7 years; Atlanta (GE Capital) 23 years; retired and formed Paladin Associates consultancy, 15 yrs. and current.

Primary interest is work, but enjoys woodworking: built vacation home in Maine; cabin on Cherry Log Mountain 15+ years ago; permanent home 2006; ask about 2 daughters and clarinets

CLCC: attended pavilion and church on hill occasionally; after permanent move, tried several churches; people made them feel at home and for the first time "...provided a vehicle for involvement.."; currently chair of Finance and Deacon



## Cheri Thompson

Born Sweetwater, raised Greenville, TN; BA elementary education, East Tennessee State U; married Bill 1966; MEd Education Specialist, Georgia Southern; followed preacher-husband and always involved in church work and taught school (33 years) wherever they lived, ending in Valdosta 16 years; "Teaching is very rewarding."; one son, one daughter; 7 grandchildren



Genealogy hobby resulted in a book; enjoys travels: Hawaii, New Zealand, Peru, Baltic, Alaska, Danube, Netherlands, Belgium...and counting..

Connected with CLCC through Fred Craddock, Wyndhams, Morfords, Dosters and Clarkes; "...so many friends here and so much involvement...library, youth books project; clothes closet, choir, strategic planning..."; "My faith has always been my guiding star."