

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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Phil Miller

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Attended TCU and SMU and has a Doctor of Ministry degree. From early 70s, served pastoral ministry in Texas and Kentucky and was Senior Minister in three congregations. In 1985, became a chaplain in the Air Force Reserve and in 2002 went on to work full time at the Pentagon and the Chief of Chaplains office, overseeing Air Force chaplain recruitment, training, and professional development. Retired from AF Reserve as a Colonel. Met Paula at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. As soon as Phil and Paula became full-time residents of Fannin County in 2013, they got involved with Cherry Log Christian. Phil enjoys writing and photography. His third book, *Benjamin Amid the Wildflowers*, was just published. Phil is involved with writers in the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association's group and his other interest is music. He sings in the Men's Chorale and Chancel Choir as well as plays mountain dulcimers with a group in Morgantown. Phil feels especially grateful for the church's openness to all. He says, "What a pleasure to take part in a lively, dynamic church!"

Julie Pugh

Born in Rockford Illinois and lived there until 2004! Married Steve 26 years ago; was in an orthodontic practice in 3 offices for 25 years; after retirement, as caregiver to father, moved to Ft. Meyers, FL (4 ½ yrs) to fulfill his dream; moved to mountains 2009; she and Steve share 2 children

Hobbies: loves beading with Ronald Midkiff; enjoys gardening and yard work; unintentional cat owner

CLCC: Michael Brunson invited them; "the people...instantly filled a void that had been missing for us"; spearheads BeNut sales for church mortgage, including buying, packaging, selling at church and throughout the community; committed to Garden for Others work



Diane Coleman

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. Met Rusty while trick or treating and have been together ever since. Married 53 years. They have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Went to UGA and GA State with degree in early childhood. Moved around with Rusty as part of IBM, but after coming back to Atlanta, worked with Estee Lauder Cosmetics overseeing the southeast, south central US and Puerto Rico. Once retired, wanted to have a cabin and Rusty found Ellijay while participating in half marathon. Built cabin in Coosawattee. Diane loves gardening, entertaining, and water sports. But her passion is volunteering and watching children turn around their lives when given help. Charlie and Sandy shared Cherry Log with the Colemans and once they attended, loved the church. Diane loves the people at Cherry Log and also the "teachings", especially from other members, where she has learned so much.

Becky Walls

Born, raised, educated Jacksonville, FL; BA Language Arts, Stetson U; MA Special ED, Vanderbilt; worked for TN State; married, taught public schools Special Ed 25 years in Savannah and Hepzibah; during those years fostered Special Ed children, adopted 2; 4 children; married Charles 1995, retired 2004 and moved to mountains.

Hobbies: Jack-of-all-handcrafts, master of none; avid reader; retirement arrangement – does laundry and Charles cooks; share 7 children, 10 grands (who visit 2 weeks each summer)

CLCC: searched for a Methodist church but found CLCC; "hooked" by greeters (Hugh and Fran Lake) and the inclusiveness..."amazed that ALL could worship together"; defining moment, Christmas Eve service.

