

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



Bill Thompson

Born Indianapolis, Indiana; raised in Lockhaven, PA, Aurora, IL; BA history/Bible minor/education credentials, Milligan College, east TN; married Cheri there; MRE Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY; taught briefly; pastorates: Rhett Ave. CC, Miami, FL; Charleston, SC 3 yrs. during civil rights struggle; Guyton, GA CC 5 years, “learned to be a Southerner here”; Valdosta 1st Christian, 16 yrs.; Kirk-of-the-Corners, Norcross, GA 6 yrs; Byron Wyndham led music; retired 2002; post-retirement: 3 interim pastorates, Chair of Regional Elders; Regional treasurer, Chair Finance Commission, still at work.

Philatelist; computers; reads budgets (math lover); travel, 13+ countries; 2 children, 5 grands + twins coming.

CLCC: Chaplains corp, choir, chorale, preaches, Christian Education, Outreach.



Emilyn Slemons

Born in Atlanta to Teri and Alan Slemons; came to mountains regularly and eventually moved to Talking Rock; 2 younger brothers.

Home schooled from birth; favorite subjects science (few experiments as volcano made a mess); recently chose OB/Gyn as career.

Competition cheerleading since age 4 and on All-Star Cheer Leading team; enjoys singing, a bit of violin, a bit of piano; enjoys movies in home theater, but no violence except Avengers (with Mom present); swims in warm weather; dog Sadie.

CLCC: began attending before birth; serves communion, receives offering, reads scripture; participates in bread and bowl; food pantry gifts; talks with God at night.

Emily Matthews

Emily Matthews was born and raised north of Boston where she attended college and married her husband of 47 years, Bob. They later moved to Maine and New York, before relocating to Norcross, Georgia, where they raised three daughters who were talented musicians and involved in numerous music activities in school. During this time, Emily had her own interior decorating business and specialized in sewing and making window treatments.

Emily credits her family for her strong faith. She was raised by Armenian parents whose families had escaped the Turkish massacre.

In addition to her four grandchildren, Emily enjoys sewing, cooking, gardening, hiking and snowmobiling.



Sharon Meek

Sharon Meek was born in Lexington, KY and grew up in Atlanta. She has one older brother and two younger twin sisters. With an undergraduate degree from Georgetown College and a Masters Degree from Georgia State University, Sharon spent most of her career working on behalf of people with disabilities, including eight years with the Atlanta School for the Deaf.



Sharon and her dear friend, Marsha, found their home in the mountains in 1998 and became members of CLCC in 2002. After many years of care giving for beloved family, the two are soon looking forward to RV traveling with their miniature schnauzer, Ellie-Bean.

CLCC: After being gone from church for many years, came home to CLCC and a great community.