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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**20th
Anniversary
Celebration**
Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017

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THE SUNDAYS OF LENT

Each Sunday of this season of Lent we will offer a different visual display that represents a particular spiritual meaning and an event of the story of Easter. The banners will be displayed first in the Celebrate Early service and then moved to the narthex. After the fifth Sunday there will be a beautiful road to follow to Easter week.

Sunday, March 5	Lamb of God
Sunday, March 12	Bread and Cup
Sunday, March 19	Garden Prayer
Sunday, March 26	Road to Golgotha
Sunday, April 2	Empty Tomb

Please take time to reflect on the spirituality of each piece as you discover more symbols and meaning.

The Worship Committee

THERE'S A HOLE IN MY SIDEWALK

Autobiography in Five Short Chapters

By **Portia Nelson**

Chapter One

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost I am helpless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter Two

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend that I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in this same place.
But, it isn't my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter Three

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in ... it's a habit ... but, my eyes are open.
I know where I am.
It is *my* fault.
I get out immediately.

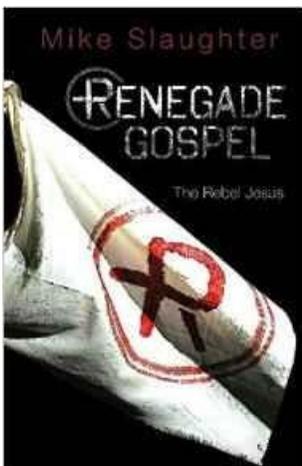
Chapter Four

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.

Chapter Five

I walk down another street.

Wednesday Night Supper Programs



Dr. Paul Pryor will lead us in a 6-week Lenten Program beginning this Wednesday, March 8. This will begin our new season. Come to the table at 5:30 with a brown bag dinner. The program is from 6 to 7:15.

"Who was Jesus, Really?"

Pastor Pryor will lead us in a Lenten Program using the materials from Mike Slaughter's Renegade Gospel - The Rebel Jesus

Topics include:

**Discovering the Rebel Jesus
Revolutionary Lifestyle**

The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer

Seeing Jesus Today

The Way of the Cross

Resurrection

MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

As the Transition Steering Committee gets underway with the Small Group meetings in preparation for the search for our next pastor, I'm happy to report to you from the Music and Personnel Committees that two more of our transitions have been completed:

First, Kathy Cardwell will be joining us Music Leader for the Celebrate Early service. Kathy is currently Music Director for Faith Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge and will be taking on our service as an added responsibility. Ms. Cardwell is a resident of Murphy, NC, with a Master of Music degree from the University of South Carolina. Since her early teens she has served as a church musician, accompanying a very diverse list of singers and choral groups. Her varied career in music as both a performer and teacher is quite impressive. We will be blessed to have the benefit of her varied experience. She has one son, Adrian, who plays piano, guitar, bass and banjo.



Second, Harry Gilbert will be coming on board as Interim Music Director. He is a Tennessee native who grew up in Alabama, a graduate of University of North



Alabama and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. Harry has served more than half a dozen churches, most recently First Baptist Church of McCaysville and Copper Hill. He is married to Katie, who is an accomplished musician in her own right and Adjunct Instructor of Voice at Young Harris College. They are both active in the Mountain Community Chorus. They have two children and four grandchildren. We look forward to having the Gilberts serve with us at Cherry Log.

Also, we would be remiss if we did not thank Bob Clarke. Bob is always ready and willing to help out in a pinch. His service is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you, Bob.

Now, if we can just complete that other transition, you know the one I mean. Be prayerful about the process going on right now as the Steering Committee reports to the congregation and receives feedback and input through the small groups.

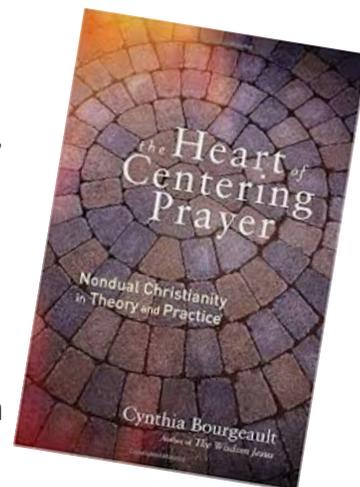
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry D. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Good Friday Prayers

The Friday Prayer Group will lead the Good Friday Prayer service again this year. We will gather around the table in fellowship hall at noon on Good Friday. This year the devotional materials are taken from John's Gospel. It is a wonderful way to remember Jesus' crucifixion as it is remembered by our early Christian brothers and sisters. We will also have communion around the table. This will be followed by a Bread and Soup Lunch for all who wish to participate. Pastor Paul Pryor will be sharing in the leadership of this service. Come worship with us.

Centering Prayer during Lent

The Centering Prayer group will begin a study of Cynthia Bourgeault's book, *The Heart of Centering Prayer: Nondual Christianity in Theory and Practice*, during Lent. If you are interested in learning about and experiencing the practice of centering prayer, this will be a good time for you to join us. If you cannot make the ongoing weekly commitment to the centering prayer group but are able to come during the 6 weeks of Lent, you will be able to get a good foundation for the practice of centering prayer.



The centering prayer group begins gathering at 3:45 in the choir room for greeting each other, and the prayer session begins at 4:00. Following 20 minutes of centering prayer, we have discussion on the book and close at 5:15. We will begin using *The Heart of Centering Prayer* on **Wednesday March 8**.

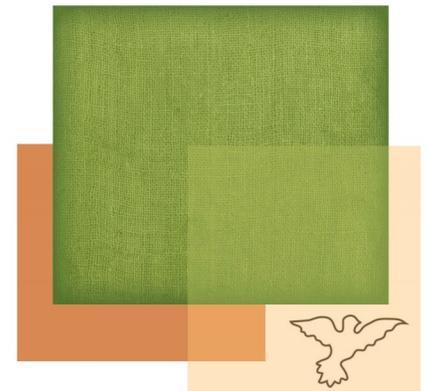
If you have any questions, call Cindy Avens at 706-851-0660 or Richard Zellely at 706-258-7969 or e-mail avenzel1@gmail.com.

Spiritual Discipline for Lent...Easter



CLCC SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

LENT... EASTER



"Lent becomes a time of reflection and prayer. During this time, we may enter into a place in our heart where we rarely venture, but at the end we come out on the side of hope as we celebrate Easter.

Lent is more than about self-denial and giving up indulgences, it is about preparation and encounter. It was in the desert where Jesus encountered the demons of his deepest temptations, but it was also where he found God's sustaining presence and love."

theworkofthepeople.com



We **THANK YOU** for sharing your favorite '**LENT OR EASTER STORY**'
at www.DisciplesLoving.org/stories or on Facebook!



Twenty years ago, at the request of several interested persons and at the invitation of Joe Sisson, owner of the Pavilion on Bear Lake, a service of Word and Table was held with Dr. Fred Craddock presiding and preaching. Sixty-nine persons, in response to public announcements in Blue Ridge and Ellijay, attended that first service. They sat in borrowed chairs and sang from borrowed hymnals, accompanied by a borrowed young man on a borrowed keyboard. Encouraged by the response, the group planned another service in October, one in November, again in early December and on Christmas Eve.

An informal but clear decision was made by some in the group to begin meeting weekly in January, 1997. The sense that God was leading the participants to form a congregation was growing stronger. A charter was opened Easter Sunday, 1997 with 15 signees. Dean Phelps, a recent graduate of Chandler School of Theology, was called as co-pastor. When the charter closed on Easter Sunday, 1998, Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) had 79 members .

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 to celebrate this important milestone in the life of this church. As many as possible charter members will be invited to join us in worship and we will recognize those who have made this community of faith possible. We will have cake and light refreshment in the fellowship hall and view a video of the history of our first 10 years. Please join us!

Look for more information on Home-Coming, CLCC Celebrating 20 years on June 4th, 2017.

CLCC, NOW A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION

Cherry Log Christian Church is now officially a GREEN CHALICE congregation. For some years we have been consciously turning “green,” finding ways to walk more gently on the earth. When we realized how much we are doing now, and plans we have for the future, it was time for Cherry Log to join the growing number of congregations across the denomination in proclaiming ourselves a Green Chalice congregation.

In February the Board approved a request from our Green Chalice team, endorsed the initiative's Covenant, and committed us as a congregation to “respond to God's call to guard and protect creation.” As a part of the Disciples' Green Chalice program, we are encouraged as we pledge to “expand (our) current creation care work, to be leaders in creation care work, and to recognize how (we) are impacting local and global communities.” Along the way we will learn and share with other congregations through a monthly online Green Chalice newsletter, which has already welcomed us. There will be ongoing efforts and activities at CLCC to remind us of this commitment and to give us hands-on ways to respond.



Expect to find out more every month about what it means to be a Green Chalice church.

- You can see Green Chalice in action as we drink and eat out of glass or biodegradable paper, keeping styrofoam out of the landfill.
- You can help with our Green commitment when you volunteer in our Garden for Others, and seek ways to avoid pesticides and chemical fertilizers.
- You can participate as we work with our Energy Committee to reduce our energy consumption. You can do simple things like being careful to cut out lights when you leave a room.
- You will be a Green Chalice Disciple when YOU suggest and live out ways for Cherry Log to care for the creation entrusted to us.

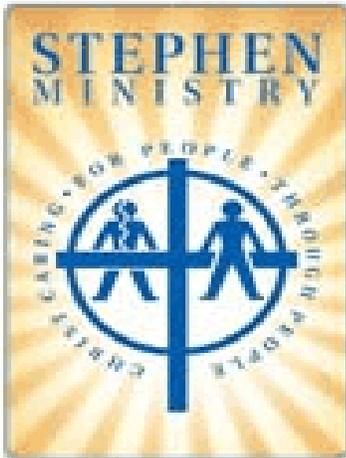
It promises to be an exciting and far reaching venture!



Reminders from the Fellowship Committee

As part of our Green Chalice Certification, we follow “Green Kitchen” guidelines. Please remember when planning events to use the dishes provided in the kitchen along with the dishwashers for your convenience. We request no paper products be used with the exception of bowls and cups. Because many groups use the kitchen, we ask that kitchen items not be removed from the kitchen and that the kitchen and Fellowship Hall be kept clean and orderly for the next group. If items are broken or need to be replaced, please notify Tim Anderson, our Fellowship Chair. Tim will be happy to answer your questions. Thanks.

In related news, please mark your calendars for the church picnic at ETC Pavilion on August 26th from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.



Bear one another's burdens, and in the way, you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2). This is the basis of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are those who have a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of difficulty in their lives. They are ones who are empathetic, compassionate, and non-judgmental. They are ones who walk beside another person on their journey through grief, chronic illness, di-vorce, depression, or whatever is causing a disruption in their lives.

If you feel that you might have the gifts of compassion and empathy, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The training will equip and empower you to provide the care your Care Receivers needs. One man wrote, "I dedicated myself to Stephen Minister training, and I learned a lot. I discovered that you CAN learn to listen, you CAN learn about feelings, and you CAN learn to be a better care giver. My job as a Stephen Minister is to listen and care. It's to really try to empathize and understand what the person is going through, and leave the fixing up to God. I no longer see people in terms of problems needing to be fixed. I see them as people who are going through a difficult time, and need me to walk with them, and reflect Christ's love to them."

Please feel free to visit the Stephen Ministry room, which is across from the choir room. There is a Stephen Minister there every Sunday morning from 9:30 until around 12:30, and they would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You will also find copies there of our Training Manuals, along with other texts that that are used during training, so you can look through them to get even a better understanding of what training will involve. Please prayerfully consider joining our Stephen Ministry Family. interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. please contact Bobbie Cherry blcherry184@gmail.com or Peggy Cleveland hencle@yahoo.com, as we will be starting a new class soon! Only requirement, is to have a caring, listening heart!





DISCIPLES WOMEN

Disciples Women thank everyone who brought in items for the domestic violence Safe House during February. The items were delivered. In March, we will be helping the "bus fund" for Tower Road, coordinated by Marshall Burke. Disciples Women next meeting is on Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and all women are welcome.

Reflections of Youth A Lenten Spiritual Discipline

The youth of the church are sharing quotes important to them. These quotes have been produced in a series of videos. Please take time to visit the church's website.

<http://clccdoc.org/reflections>

THE BeNuts ARE HERE FOR THE SPRING DAYS AHEAD!!!

BeNuts are at it again! We have received our peanuts so we will have plenty ready - packaged and wrapped for those Easter Egg Hunts. Get your orders in today. Remember that gift wrapping is available. Also, like us on Facebook.

Julie Pugh and the entire CLCC BeNut team

Remember - BeGiving and we will BeGrateful!!!





- Mar 1 Bob Lewis
- Mar 3 Jerry Johnson
- Mar 4 Jan Mitchell
Cindy Avens
- Mar 6 Hal Doster
- Mar 7 Zachary Cox
- Mar 9 Peggy Cleveland
Carolyn Lakes
Reid Honeycutt
- Mar 10 Trisha Senterfitt
Becky Vallely
- Mar 12 Lynette Nelson
- Mar 13 Jennifer Mills
- Mar 14 Bob Clarke
- Mar 16 Cheer Shepard
Paula Miller
- Mar 24 Cheri Thompson
Jim Self
- Mar 28 Judy Weiland
- Mar 29 Sally Pamplin
- Mar 30 Thomas Smith



- Mar 15 Ronald and Nancy Midkiff
- Mar 24 Bert and ReLeah Lent



January Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$27,549.00

Expenses: \$36,523.22

Year to Date Contributions: \$27,549.00

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ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Feb 5	33	114
Feb 12	34	118
Feb 19	33	96
Feb 26	30	109

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Ashley Weaver

Mary Hunt

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!
VOICES will return next Month with more stories about the people of Cherry Log.

What has God called you to do at Cherry Log Christian Church?

- Clothes Closet _____
- Christian Education _____
- Community Outreach _____
- Finance _____
- Missions _____
- Property Maintenance _____
- Health Ministry _____
- Evangelism _____
- Fellowship _____
- Music _____
- Gardening _____
- OTHER _____

Name _____
 Number _____
 Email _____

LOOK FOR THIS FLYER IN YOUR BULLETIN.

Nominating committee is looking for caring and loving folks to help serve as part of our church leadership for next year. If you would like to serve, complete this form and drop in the offering plate during the month of March.