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INTERIM SENIOR
MINISTER

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CALENDAR

20th
Anniversary
Celebration

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

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CHERRYLOGUE

News from Cherry Log Christian Church

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THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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 have been 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!



Palm Sunday April 9
Maundy Thursday April 13,
service at 6:30;
Easter Sunday April 16

MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

Spring! Renewed life. Renewed energy. Renewed hope. Mother Nature's shot in the arm. Or kick in the pants.

Easter! Renewed life in Christ. Renewed energy for His church. Renewed hope for His followers. The Holy Spirit gives a shot in the arm. A gentle nudge on the back.

That's where we are, CLCC, right now. We seek that nudge for what we need to do in our church life.

Our pastoral transition is moving into the final phase. The Transition Steering Committee is drawing together the results of all their work in preparation for the Pastoral Search Committee. Our plan is to name the nominees for that committee at the Board meeting on April 22 and elect them at the Congregational Meeting on May 21. Then, let the search begin.

Our Nominating/Leadership Development Committee continues to seek workers to move the church forward. They too will present their nominees at the Board meeting on April 22. Unfortunately, they are discovering that many of us have not yet experienced the renewed energy referenced above. They continue to struggle with their assignment and they need the renewal that comes with the current season. They need your positive response. Do you feel the gentle nudge? Don't wait for the kick in the pants.

There will be many changes in our leadership in the months ahead. Many people currently serving in key positions will come to the end of their terms. If you have been asked to consider a place of service in CLCC but you said, "No", then this might be the time for renewal. Think again, pray again, consider again where you and your gifts are needed.

Among the changes afoot right now is the departure of Dan Pile, who has been serving as Chair of the Personnel Committee. I have received his resignation due to relocation to Birmingham, where he will become CEO of the YMCA of Greater Birmingham. We will miss him and Jenny.

That's just one of the empty spots. That one is understandable. But if you are here and you are able, please don't let your spot be empty.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry D. Johnson".



New Report From the Interim Steering Committee

As we reported earlier, 120 of you participated with us in Small Group Meetings. Last week we reported on your answers to Question #4. We met this week to review your answers to Question # 3: "If God gave you three wishes for our church, what would they be?" While your answers were wide-ranging and diverse, below are the areas where there was most significant agreement:

- 37% to have greater numbers of younger people participating in the life of our church
- 34% to reduce our debt
- 33% to be more caring for one another
- 27% to have additional staff
- 18% to grow our membership
- 18% to continue our focus on outreach

Going forward we will be incorporating your answers from Questions 3 and 4 in drafting a renewed Mission and Vision Statement for congregational review and discussion.

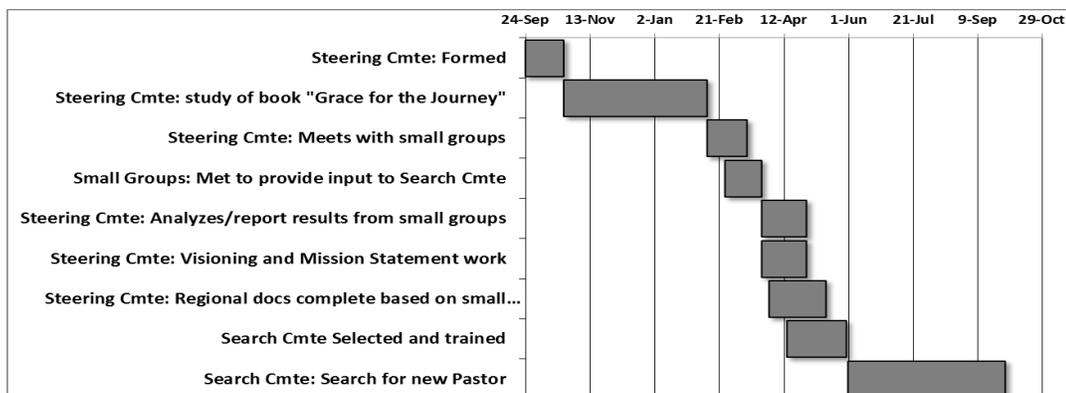
As always, we welcome your feedback.

Blessings,

Your Interim Steering Committee: Lynn Barrett, Marshall Burke, Caroline Carder, Peggy Cleveland, Lucie Coffee, Sharon Meek

NEXT STEPS

| Task | Start Date | End Date | Duration (Days) |
|--|------------|----------|-----------------|
| Steering Cmte: Formed | 24-Sep | 24-Oct | 30 |
| Steering Cmte: study of book "Grace for the Journey" | 24-Oct | 12-Feb | 111 |
| Steering Cmte: Meets with small groups | 12-Feb | 15-Mar | 31 |
| Small Groups: Met to provide input to Search Cmte | 26-Feb | 26-Mar | 28 |
| Steering Cmte: Analyzes/report results from small groups | 26-Mar | 30-Apr | 35 |
| Steering Cmte: Visioning and Mission Statement work | 26-Mar | 30-Apr | 35 |
| Steering Cmte: Regional docs complete based on small group input | 1-Apr | 15-May | 44 |
| Search Cmte Selected and trained | 15-Apr | 31-May | 46 |
| Search Cmte: Search for new Pastor | 1-Jun | 1-Oct | 122 |

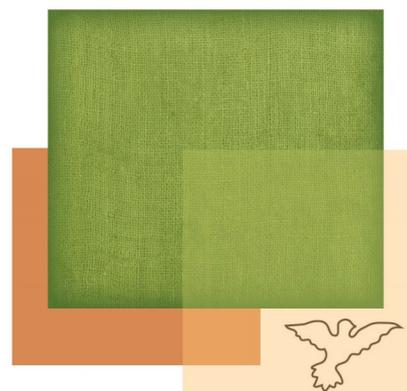


Spiritual Discipline for Lent...Easter



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!

Stewardship

An important note to our Compassionate Giving Community,

First and foremost, having celebrated my second anniversary as member of the Cherry Log Christian Church community and now as the Chair of Stewardship, I simply wanted to say, "Thank you to all of you who have welcomed me, not only with open arms, but more importantly, with open hearts". Finding and discovering this church and this rich and diverse community has truly been a blessing for me in many ways. And I know many of you feel the same way about the blessing of having found this church and community.

As the Stewardship Chair, I have observed how our winter wonderland weather has sometimes limited attendance on Sunday mornings. With limited attendance, we tend to fall short in our pledge collections. So I simply wanted to suggest the following; if you fall into the category of traveling further south during the winter months and/or if you find that you have missed a number of services due to weather or other factors, we'd greatly appreciate your taking a brief moment to make sure you are current with your pledged commitments.



One way to help simplify matters for all involved is to possibly set-up an auto-payment draft through your ACS Churchlife account. Yes, after a long process, we are pleased to announce that there is now a VERY SIMPLE means to issue your pledge payments to the church

online, up to and including choosing an auto-payment feature. For those of you who are already registered on our CLCC Churchlife webpage and/or app, simply click on 'Giving' and it will provide a very easy to navigate set of inputs that will allow you to easily manage the timeliness of your giving. For those who have not yet registered, simply login to our CLCC Church-

life account page ([CLCC Church-life login](#)).

I know many of us like to stay with our tried and true methods and that is just fine, but we did want to share this opportunity with each of you. By the way, to simplify this process, please don't hesitate to call Malinda at our church office at 706-632-1048 as she can walk you through this seup. That is what I did and she was a wonderful and this eliminated any of the stress one might have with technology issues.

Needless to say, adopting to this system would ensure a more timely and straight-line receipt of our pledge commitments which is always a good thing for a small, but special church community, like we enjoy at Cherry Log Christian Church. Blessings and good health to all. Spring is here! Bob Lewis – Chair of Stewardship

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Welcome to Cherry Log Christian Church

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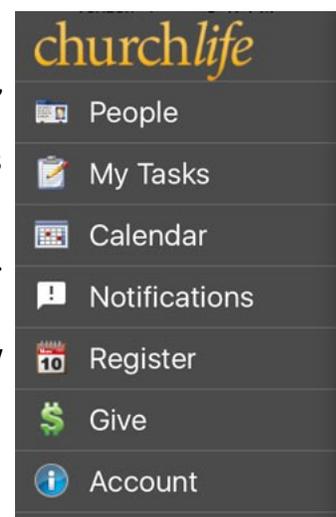
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Wednesday Night Supper Programs

Upcoming Wednesdays in April/May

The Power of Good and Bad Communications

Topics

We Can't "Not Communicate!"

Communicating with God—Our Dual Natures

The Four Horses of the Apocalypse—How to Kill any Relationship

Keys to Good Relations

Building Community in Church and Beyond

We will use our Christian methodology and research to apply concepts of good communications. What a difference using these concepts can make in all of our relationships! We will discuss and role play the bad and the good to foster our understanding of loving, compassionate and non-violent ways of understanding and relating to others so that we may foster compassion in our world. Your presence

will make this more fun and more meaningful. Y'all come!

These sessions will be led by Dr. Peggy Cleveland and Dr. Sally Pamplin with help from attendees.

If you are interested in helping to organize a potluck, email sally@dellpamplin.com.

Coming in May: Social Justice as defined by the Disciples of Christ.

Justice: "the principle or ideal of right action: righteousness."

In the spring of 2012, a number of ministries (known now as the Justice Table) along with our church-wide pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative agreed to focus collaborative efforts around four major areas in the coming years:

- Women and children
- Immigration issues
- Hunger and poverty
- Care for the earth

Look forward to a special guest speaker: Jenny Miller is a Disciple member and former police officer who will be speaking on human trafficking.

GREEN CHALICE REPORT

Cherry Log Christian Church, **GARDEN FOR OTHERS**, has begun another year of productive gardening and harvesting. The team is currently preparing the soil for plowing and sowing seeds. Seeds have been purchased and are



waiting for our neighbor, Ernest Watkins, to plow and turn the soil. Planting will begin either the last week in April or first week of May. The team this year includes: Bill and Wendy Cox, Cindy and Ted Minick, Steve and Julie Pugh, Sherry Brown, Lin Wright, Donna Lehr, Larry Brannon, Jane and Ham Kimzey, Velda and Billy Harrison, Bev Cranston, Bob Lewis, Jane Murray, Katie Griffin, and Sharon Meek.

We will be raising tomatoes in the raised beds, squash (both straight-neck and crook-neck), zucchini, cucumbers, Purple-hull pole beans, bush beans, 1/2 runner garden beans, butternut squash, acorn squash, pole lima beans,

and sunflowers

Cherry Log farms organically as much as possible. Join us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to “dig in the dirt.” We will be there in May from 9 AM to noon, great exercise and lots of good conversation.



Ashley's Way: Recycling Used Medical Equipment



Cherry Log Christian Church has set up a recycle center for durable medical equipment and supplies that our members have donated over the past few months. This recycling center has bath chairs, walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, adult diapers, bed pads, and much, much more that can be provided or loaned out to church members and the community in need. Through the generous donation of the McCanns and Ashley, we also have a hospital bed and recirculating air mattress for loan as well. The center has been named “Ashley’s Way” in memory of Ashley Weaver. It is located in the basement of the Little White House. Individuals who are in need of assistance can contact the church office or Sharon Meek to get needed items.



CHERRY LOG DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 from 9 AM to Noon

Join us to help clean up the grounds of Cherry Log Christian Church and do your part on EARTH DAY.

Thanks: The Property Committee



DISCIPLE WOMEN

On April 8, the Disciples Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Blue Ridge Assisted Living. It is located on Highway 515 at the corner of Ballewtown Rd., just before the traffic light at the bottom of the hill as you enter Blue Ridge from the south. We look forward to seeing this brand new facility which is now the home of our member, Barbara Wilson.

Our program will be brought by Nancy Zimmerman, exploring the connection between Jesus the Good Shepherd and Holy Communion. All women are welcome; for more information call Nancy at 678-907-5707.

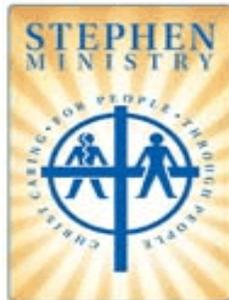
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Reflections of Youth A Lenten Spiritual Discipline

Music by Jennifer St. Clair

This year the Youth are exploring a new idea - a digital Lenten Spiritual Exercise. Each day during Lent the youth are finding inspiring quotes to share.

They are doing a great job with this Spiritual Discipline; check out their video on the front page of the CLCC website. This is a wonderful way the youth can share their Lenten reflections with the whole church community.



We are looking for anyone who might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact

Bobbie Cherry blcherry184@gmail.com or

Peggy Cleveland hencle@yahoo.com,

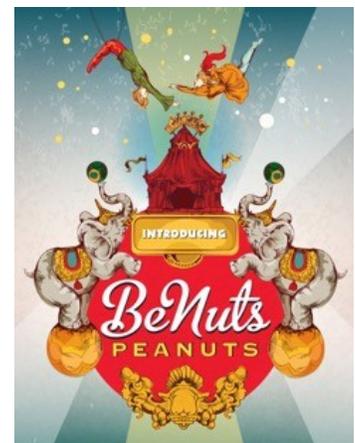
as we will be starting a new class soon! Only requirement is to have a caring, listening heart!

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!!!



Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



David Malota

Born Bellville, TX, raised near Houston, TX; far-flung 22-year Air Force Career in Iceland, Korea, Saudi Arabia to name a few; 16-year career as civilian police for US Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Veteran Affairs, US Mint; retired January 2016; he and Lisa share 4 children and 4 grandchildren

Rides a 2016 Harley Road King and is a member of Blue Knights and American Legion Riders; enjoys boating, hunting, gardening, clearing land – anything physically active and OUTDOORS; enjoys retirement and their 3 Shih Tzus, Precious, Zoe, and Biscuit

Catholic and non-denominational church history; Lisa brought him into Disciples church which “has a good worship balance”; newest members of CLCC (as of March, 2017)

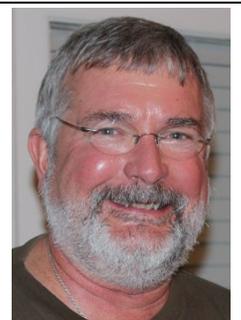
Lisa Malota

Born, raised and educated in Butler, PA; built professional business career thru the ranks beginning in a junior college, then manufacturing, leading to Human Resources management with TDK electronics, Toppan Interamerica (transferred to KY to open service center) ; Ft Knox Credit Union, currently Sykes Enterprises in Rome; moved permanently to Ellijay Oct, 2016. Enjoys gardening, sewing; she and David share 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Being a life-time member of DOC provided a spiritual upbringing with a solid foundation and reliance on God’s guidance in life; search for a DOC church brought them to CLCC: “warm, friendly and caring...community involvement...felt at home when we walked in the door”



Charlie McCann

Decatur, GA, birth ‘til the mountains, 1996; AA Abraham Baldwin College, BSc Public Recreation, GA Southern; worked in public recreation 18 years; B.S.N. sports 35 years and contemplating retirement, 2018; married Sandy 1979; they share three children and three grandchildren, plus Buster, Scooter and Lucy; built home (called Tree House) on ten wooded acres Enjoys gardening, stained glass, helping other folks. Best thoughts on CLCC: the welcoming warmth; “is our extended family... we’re like black sheep, white sheep, spotted sheep [different, but alike]...on Sunday we don’t HAVE to go church, we WANT to go.. to be with our family”; former elder, deacon, Stephen Minister...most always property committee



Larry Brannon

Birth and early childhood in Florida; age 7 to Knob Noster, MO (Whiteman Air Force Base); graduate U of Nebraska; as Army Lieutenant served in Viet Nam, Germany 5 years; Atlanta 1975 entered sales career and Army Reserves until 2006; retired 2012; lost wife 2013; they shared 5 girls, 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren. Enjoys fly fishing, hiking, kayaking, canoeing; volunteers in Arts theater; Blue Ridge Railroad; Kennesaw Battleground; Old Scout Venturing Crew; best friend, Rosie, a Shiba Inu

CLCC: Planned to visit churches and Michael Brunson told him about **CLCC**; influenced by the openness and became a member; part of EA, Friday prayer group; interested in garden project

Cherry Log Personnel Profiles 2017



Harry Thomas Gilbert, Music Director

Born in Knoxville, TN and reared in Spring City, TN and Florence, AL, Harry attended public schools and graduated from Coffey High School in Florence, AL in 1966. He graduated from

the University of North Alabama, Florence, AL in 1970 and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY in 1973. Harry served part-time churches in the Florence area in music and served part-time churches in Jeffersonville, IN in music and youth

He began full-time ministry in June, 1973 at Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir, NC – 1973-1977. He served at First Baptist in Thomasville, NC – 1978-September 1980 and Forest Park Baptist Church from October 1980 to February 2001. His last church was First Baptist of McCaysville/Copperhill from March 2001 to June 2015.

Harry is married to Katie Powers Gilbert since December 17, 1971. They have two children: Eric (wife Shea) and Stephanie. They have four grandchildren: Emma (15), Audrey (13), Caleb (12), Eli (9).

Harry has participated in various choral organizations wherever they have lived: Thomasville Civic Chorale, NC Baptist Singers, Montgomery Civic Chorale, Montgomery Singing Ministers, Alabama Singing Ministers, Temple Beth Or Singers, and Mountain Community Chorus. He has performed as soloist for many of the above organizations as well as other opportunities upon invitation. Harry's hobbies include reading, movies, cooking, listening to music.

Please welcome Harry and his wife Katie to our congregation.



Kathy Cardwell, Pianist, Celebrate Early

Ms. Cardwell is a resident of Murphy, NC. She holds a Master of Music degree from the University of South Carolina with a focus in Piano Pedagogy (the art of teaching). Her post-graduate studies were in Harpsichord.

Since her early teens, Ms. Cardwell has served as a church musician. She was also vocal soloist for the choir and began her career as a piano teacher. Ms. Cardwell lived in Atlanta, GA, 1980-2000, where she became very active with music teacher organizations. She was President of Gwinnett Music Teachers Association, Cherokee County Music Teachers Association, and founder and President of North Fulton Music Teachers Association. She currently serves as piano and vocal adjudicator for the National Federation of Music Clubs and the National Guild of Piano Teachers as well as other competitions.

Ms. Cardwell also enjoys athletic activities including horseback riding and snow skiing, and she is Director and Head Instructor at the Christian Martial Arts Center in Murphy. She and her ex-husband, Harry Cardwell, have one son, Adrian, who plays piano, guitar, bass, and banjo. Her menagerie of critters includes 3 horses, 2 dogs, and 6 cats.

Ms. Cardwell joined the Faith family as Music Director in July, 2015, but she and Pastor Dr. Jim Simpson became acquainted much earlier when she was a member of his church in Atlanta.

Please join the Celebrate Early Congregation in welcoming Kathy to Cherry Log. She is the pianist for the early service and we welcome her to our church.



- Apr 2 Del Pamplin
- Apr 6 Diane Ridgely
- Apr 10 David Malota
- Apr 11 Bev Cranston
- Apr 14 Bill Groce
- Apr 15 David Lakes
- Apr 17 Jessie Landreth
- Apr 20 Debbie Coburn
- Apr 28 Chuck Zimmerman



- Apr 3 Don and Nancy Brewer
- Apr 5 Ray and Sue Moore
- Apr 13 Jim and Dee Tingle
- Apr 14 Becky and Stan Vallely
- Apr 15 Roberta and Richard Bondi
- Apr 22 Hal and Ann Doster



Workday, Saturday, April 22, 2017
Church Homecoming, June 11, 2017



February Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$34,375.57
 Expenses: \$36,271.27

Year to Date Contributions: \$61,924.57
 Year to date Expenses: \$72,794.49

ATTENDANCE

| | C. E. 8:25 | 10:55 Worship |
|--------|------------|---------------|
| Mar 5 | 28 | 103 |
| Mar 12 | 14 | 69 |
| Mar 19 | 38 | 102 |
| Mar 26 | 32 | 90 |

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Honor of:

- CLCC Bead Weavers
- Randy Wilbur
- Tim Anderson
- Tab Bomhard