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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

**Annual Church
Picnic**

August 26th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Saturday, July 22, 2017

Festivities begin at 6:00 PM

**Hot Dog Supper, Popcorn and
Snacks**

**Movie: "Secondhand Lions"
staring**

Michael Caine and Robert Duvall.

**It is rated PG so bring those
grandkids and join us!**

**Proceeds go toward Kenya Mission Team
who will be traveling to Wachara, Kenya
in October.**



Report from Pastoral Search Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee meets weekly to study and evaluate candidate profiles, to listen to sermons (how wonderful that we can do this by visiting church websites!), and to seek God's guidance in the process. We are humbled by the trust you have placed in us for this work that is so important to each and every person who loves CLCC. Please follow our work on the timeline posted in the narthex, and continue to support us with your prayers and love!

Beth Roberts, Chair

Caroline Carder, Vice Chair

Debbie Coburn, Secretary

Lynn Barrett

Bill Harrison

John Baird



Thanks to everyone who made this 20th Anniversary Homecoming a great success. If you would still like to purchase a pin, please come by the church office and pay \$10 for a pin. The video for homecoming is at <http://clccd.org/photo-gallery-2017/>

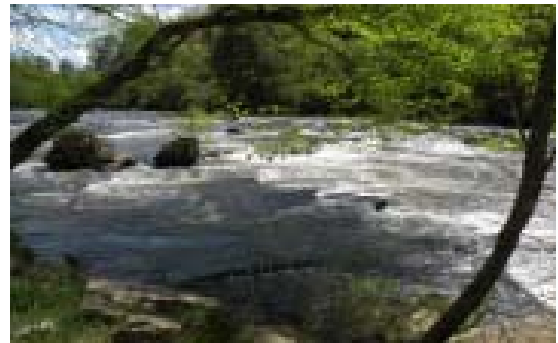
THANK YOU!

From the bottom of MY HEART

I do not think there are words that can describe the love and compassion that you have shown to me. Loosing my brother, which still does not seem real, was such a shock. Your prayers, calls, cards and visits meant the world to me.

I am truly blessed to work with such amazing people.

Love Y'all!
Malinda



Cherry Log Church 4th Annual Picnic at The ETC Pavilion

August 26, 2016 - 9 AM to 3 PM

**Mark your calendars now for our
annual church picnic.**

**Look for more info in the August
Cherrylogue and Friday Emails.**

Moment with the Moderator

Hello to all ! I, like many of you, have a new job to do at Cherry Log Christian Church. As of July 1st, I am your new Moderator. I am honored and overwhelmed with my new responsibilities and hope to serve you well. Cherry Log has a lot going on. On top of all our outreach and service programs, we are also looking for a new minister and working to transition into a program-centered Church. I am so excited for the future of Cherry Log Christian Church; I hope you are, too.

I have already met with the Council chairs, Chair of finance, Elders and Deacons. I look forward to meeting with each of you. We have much work to do ...and our future is bright! My prayers for CLCC are many. As we start a new church year, let us all pray to receive God's grace and wisdom for the journey.



Peace,
 Caroline Carder
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“Shine your soul with the same egoless humility as the rainbow and no matter where you go in this world or the next, love will find you, attend you, and bless you.”

— Aberjhani,

Finance Committee Report:

May Revenue, \$35,872 is in line with recent months, but \$5,194 less than May expenses which were \$41,066. As we have been warning in recent messages, May expense is inflated because there were three payroll periods in May instead of two, accounting for most of the expense overrun. June will also have three mortgage payments instead of two which will add \$5000 to normal June expense. These “extra” payroll and mortgage payments occur every year because payroll and mortgage are paid every two weeks, not monthly. This year’s “extra” payments are in line with prior years. The first five months of 2017 look much like the first five months of 2016 as shown below:

5 month total through May	Revenue	Expense
2016	\$179,687	\$187,379
2017	\$181,468	\$186,841

Looking forward, the important information is that more unusual expenses are ahead of us. This year we will have an external audit (\$2500) instead of internal. The Search Team will have travel and miscellaneous expenses (estimate \$5000). There will be expenses associated with the new pastor arriving, like moving expense (estimate \$8000). These items are anticipated in the budget but there is no cash reserve to pay for them, other than the General reserve of \$18,000. You will also see new fans and LED lights in the sanctuary, part of the energy improvement program. These expenses are covered by a cash reserve set aside from the sale of the Craddock Center. Your continued faithfulness in sacrificial giving is needed.

Silver Yen Yoga coming in August

Ben Encinias will be teaching Silver Yin yoga beginning on Wednesday 2 August at 9:30 AM. All levels of experience and ages are invited as the class will be adapted to the needs of the students. We will begin our journey exploring our minds and bodies that will move us to an inward spiritual awareness. Within this class, each person will be able to explore his/her own personal journey of mind, body, and heart.



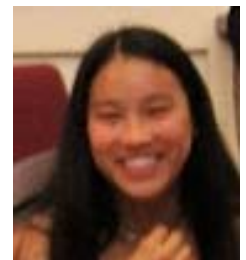
GARDEN FOR OTHERS ADOPT A ROW

...and keep the weeds cleaned out. Get a friend to adopt a row with you. Bring your chair or stool and grab an orange bucket and weed away. Once a week should do it. We start at 8 AM, working for only a couple of hours. It is good exercise and we are helping to feed the hungry!



Grace Pleasant to be Baptized

Grace will be baptized after worship on July 9 by Dr. Julie Johnson in the Fighting Town Creek at Paige Pugh's home, at 2084 Chestnut Gap Road, Blue Ridge. We will gather between 12:30 and 1:00, planning to begin at 1:00 pm. We will provide maps in the Narthex on July 9. In addition, we will be glad to provide maps for anyone who would like one in advance if they will let me know at pleasant.susan@gmail.com. Grace believes it is important to share this special step in her faith journey with her CLCC family.



Widow's House Project

Thank you for your support. This year we raised \$2,600.00 in honor and memory of our fathers. Houses. The board of Life for Children Ministry and Michael are very appreciative. THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our Mission Team will be building two Widow houses while we are there in October.

Jane Carwell, Outreach Council



Kenya Mission Trip

On October 10, the mission team from Cherry Log Christian Church will leave for Nairobi, Kenya. The team members are Wendy and Bill Cox, Becky Walls, Dorothy Morford, Ed Grant, and Jane Carwell. We will fly into Nairobi and then drive to Kisumu. There we will visit the homes of the orphans and have fellowship with the guardians and the orphans. We will go to church on Sunday with the street boys and worship with them. We will share our love of Christ with them. The following day, we will travel to the village of Wachara where we will build the two widows' houses that we collected money for on Father's Day. We will also visit the school and have the opportunity to teach the students. After three days in Wachara, we will travel to Masai Mara Park and then onto Nairobi and home. We are looking forward to working with Michael Agwanda and the Life for Children Ministries. We are so excited to get to take this trip and work to represent the people of Cherry Log who have been so supportive of this Mission. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the trip. While we are there, we ask that you continue to lift us up in your prayers.

The Outreach Council is having a fundraiser for the Kenyan Mission Team on Saturday, July 22 at 6 PM. We will be having a movie night featuring the movie, Secondhand Lions. It stars Michael Caine and Robert Duvall. It is rated PG so bring those grandkids and join us for a hot dog supper, popcorn and snacks. We will set up the chairs and tables in the fellowship hall but if you want to bring your own folding chairs that will be fine. Please join us for a family night of fun.





Personnel Committee Report

It is our pleasure to announce that Preferred Janitorial has been selected as our janitorial company for CLCC. We were impressed with their professionalism and expertise with commercial buildings. The Preferred Janitorial team is scheduled to clean one day a week, which will be Fridays. Their first day on the job will be Friday, July 7th. Since Preferred Janitorial is scheduled for one day a week, we would ask that everyone using the conference room, a classroom or Fellowship Hall make sure the room is in good shape before they leave the church.

A huge "Thank you" to those who readily volunteered to maintain the cleaning of the church while we were searching for the right company.

If you have any questions, please contact Malinda Geers, Church Administrator at clcc@tds.net or 706-632-1048.

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



Cindy Minick

Born in Memphis, TN, but raised in Fort Worth. Graduated from Texas Tech Univ. and attended paralegal school in Atlanta and joined Ted's law firm in 1982. Met Ted while she was a para-legal in his office and married in 1985. In 1997 moved to England for 4 years before retiring to FL and cruising the Caribbean in their boat. Moved to north GA because of its good fly fishing opportunities. Interests include feeding the hungry, volunteering in multiple food programs over the years and now helping to grow the food in the Garden for Others; sports and traveling around the world to see live sporting events. Hobbies include knitting, reading and exercising. Came to CLCC by way of Phil and Paula Miller, love CLCC because of all the opportunities to minister in our community, i.e. Tower Rd, clothes closet, garden. Especially loves all the friendships she has made which she now considers her family.

Cathy Johnson

Cathy was born in Florida and moved to the mountains at the age of 3. She grew up and went to school in Ellijay. Her immediate family includes her Mother, a brother, two daughters and five grandchildren. Cathy likes gardening, planting flowers and vegetables, but doesn't have space for that just now. Currently her favorite book is one her Mother gave her, a reading for 365 days of the year.

When asked what CLCC meant to her, the immediate and enthusiastic response was, "It's my home away from home. I LOVE THAT PLACE!"



Marcia Congdon

Born and raised in upstate New York around the Finger Lakes area. She had 1 brother but many family members in the area. After high school, Marcia attended a 3 year college in secretarial studies. After graduating, she went to work and during her 1st week of work, she met her husband, Allen, and one month later they were engaged. Marcia and Allen had 2 boys, 1 who died and Mark, who lives in an apartment in Marcia's home in Ellijay. Allen and Marcia and family moved to Stone Mountain in 1977 to get away from the winters in the north. They built a week-end cabin in Ellijay and once retired, they moved up here full-time in 1996. Marcia loves to crochet and knit and read. She and Janet Elder knit caps for the Craddock Center. Marcia found Cherry Log through Janet Elder, Sandy and Charlie, and others. She loves the warmth of the church, especially the people.



Johnny Lee

Born in Valdosta, an Air Force brat; grew up in San Francisco then moved to NC; attended Gilford College, then graduated UGA in Public Management; served 25 years in DeKalb County fire rescue service—paramedic firefighter (helicopter paramedic in Olympics); retired then opened independent contractor business for commercial buildings, 2007-2016; a history buff who enjoys chasing grandkids, finishing carpentry (restored interior of 1862 Methodist cemetery chapel; resides in Atlanta and in Epworth mountain home (most weekends); married to Emmie 40 years. As a 3rd generation Disciple, came to CLCC and loved it; "...a friendly, warm-hearted church" that keeps Disciples' traditions of freedom of thought, acceptance, "God don't make no mistakes"





PRAYERS FOR THE SEARCH

1. FOR THE CHOSEN TO SERVE:

God, our colleagues have taken on a huge responsibility of which they are aware. As they begin their process, there are initial issues with which they will need to deal. They are six separate and unique individuals each with many gifts to bring. We pray that somehow with God's help, the individuals will become of one mind and spirit during this time of searching. When the workload feels like a burden and perhaps they feel like small boats on a huge sea, may your grace lift them up as on eagles' wings and renew their strength to continue their work. As a congregation, we are grateful that these six people have answered this holy call on their lives, their minds and spirits, and their strength. May we, as their constituents pray fervently for God's wisdom and patience for them. At times we realize that maybe one or the other will falter. May the support and love of others be available to help lift them back up with renewed energy . Amen.

2. LETTING GO

Our past is very important to us. The past is the story of our life's journey so far but NOT the story of our future. "He also told them a parable: No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wine skins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wine skins." NRSV Luke 5: 36-39.

Give thanks and celebrate the good things as well as the difficult things in our past that increased our strength and allowed us to grow.

Now, may this strength allow us to embrace and celebrate the new.

3. PRAYERS FOR COMMUNITY

Living in a community is both difficult and life giving. It challenges us and sustains us. We are called to be a community that fully displays the love of God and connects people from all walks of life, people who are at different places in their personal life and spiritual journey.

We do not have to be or all believe alike, but if we provide a community that is safe for all, we must be able to recognize and respect that we have differences, but realize we can listen and learn from each other. Being defensive about differences cause us to be unkind and unable to offer God's infinite mercy to all who walk with us in our shared journey as we seek grace and peace – the kingdom of God on earth.

Pray for our community and our ability to live in a community that seeks to love who God loves!

4. PRAYER FOR THE ANGRY:

Everyone get angry sometimes. It seems to be part of our communication with ourselves, others near us and even the world.

Anger can sometimes serve a useful purpose, such as motivating us to raise money for a cause or bringing attention to a condition that needs to be changed. In James 1: 19-20, We find "You must understand beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for your anger does not produce righteous."

Anger takes us to a sorrowful place where we lose our balance and let our mind and hearts be controlled by others. "Any person capable of angering you becomes your master; he (sic) can anger you when you permit yourself to be disturbed by him." Author unknown.

Let us pray that our hearts and minds will stay focused on our vision statement, "provides a loving sense of community."

5. PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

Every one of us has experienced grief because all of us have lost things and people we love. Grief can be unrecognizable and not healed and thus, sometimes misdirected. Grief may present as anger, resentment, neediness, feelings of unworthiness, or withdrawal. Transitions mean change and sometimes change feels like loss; transition is hard. It is good for us to recognize that we are grieving for beloved pastors who are gone, or for changes that we may not like, or for previous unhealed losses.

Let us pray for awareness and healing so that our response to each other is compassionate and loving, remembering that we are all doing the best we can and we are not alone; God is with us.

6. CLARITY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

Have you ever taken a job and later found out what was expected was different from what was told to you? Based on input from all of us, the Steering Committee developed a profile for our church. The Search Committee is searching for a minister whose profile matches our needs.

Pray that the committee will have clarity to match a candidate’s profile to ours; that the committee will not settle for too little or aim too high, making our requirements unreasonable or unobtainable; that they can discern what will be the best match for the church we love.

James 1:5a “...if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given him.”

7. ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Our search committee will begin interviewing candidates with the most promise to be our new pastor.

Pray that our committee will determine the right questions to ask as they represent the church through the interview process. Pray that their questions will give them a true picture of the candidate so that the one who comes to us will be the one that we truly need.

Matthew 7:7 “Ask and you shall receive...”

8. PRAY FOR HEARING GOD’S VOICE:

Pray that the Search Committee will hear God’s voice with clarity and feel peace as they discern who they should interview. Pray that as they read applications, listen to sermon samples and talk with candidates, they will place the Church’s needs and desires before their own.

John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and they know me.”

9. PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE PASTOR AND FAMILY:

Pray that the future pastor and pastor’s family will feel the same peace and excitement that the search committee feels about the candidate. Pray that the pastor and family will have clarity and will know if this is the next step in ministry to which God has called them.

Philippians 4:7 “and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

10. PRAY FOR PEACE FOR THE CONGREGATION:

Pray that the entire congregation will feel a sense of peace and confirmation as the pastor is confirmed. Pray that no person would have an agenda that would cause a distraction or deterrent from God’s work throughout the church process.

Pray that the new pastor and family have a smooth transition into the new church and community.

Colossians: 3:14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which ties everything in unity.”

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Henri-Amiel Frederic



July 3	Janet Elder	July 13	Wendy Cox
	Jane Murray		Amado Grabiell
July 4	Michael Brunson	July 17	Micah Slemmons
	Glenda McCumbee	July 19	Tambra Logan
July 5	Russell Gremillion	July 20	Jean Rose
July 6	Betsy Sheppard	July 24	George Barrett
	Tab Bomhard	July 25	Tom Mitchell
July 11	Ray Moore	July 29	Marcia Congdon
July 12	Robin Norsworthy		Nancy Midkiff



July 1	Cheer and Mary Beth Shepard
July 6	Mike and Cathy Smith
July 8	Charles and Becky Walls
July 19	Ed and Ellen Grant
July 22	Bob and Leslie Lewis
July 28	Kristi and Julie Johnson



CHURCH PICNIC
August 26, 2017
4th ANNUAL

CHURCH YARD SALE
October 7, 2017



May Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$35,872.49
 Expenses: \$41,066.16



Year to Date Contributions: \$181,468.19
 Year to date Expenses: \$186,841.28
In the RED: \$5,373.09

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
June 5	37	101
June 11		137
June 18	43	121
June 25	25	96

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Dave Lakes
 Frazier Coffie
 Mike Mobley
 Rene Hild

In Honor of:

Michael Brunson & Jack Morton

Did you know.....

Donations made to the Celebration Fund go directly to the **principal** of the mortgage? In 2016 the Celebration Fund reduced the principal of our Church Extension loan by \$15,000!