

# Cherrylogue

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( D I S C I P L E S O F C H R I S T )

## 4TH ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Congregational Meeting: August, 20th at 9:30 a.m.
- Church Picnic: August 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the ETC Pavilion.
- Farwell to Dr. Paul & Tibby Pryor: August 27th following the Worship Service.

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We hope you are planning on joining us for our 4th Annual Church Picnic on August 26th at the ETC Pavilion. We will begin gathering at 10:00 a.m. with lunch being served between 12 and 12:30 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and table service provided. Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship hall to let us know what side you will be bringing and if you can volunteer to help set-up, grill, cook or clean-up.

There are plenty of picnic tables under the pavilion, bring your lawn chair so you can be comfy sitting by the river.



2016 Church Picnic, ETC Pavilion

Directions:  
**From Highway 515**  
At the traffic light go west toward the CVS

on Howard Simmons Rd. Continue .7 mile to 3 way Stop turn right on Old Hwy 5. Continue .8 mile to Legion Road turn left. The ETC Pavilion will be .2 miles on left. Enter through the gate.

Or

**From Ellijay** on south main past the Dairy Queen on Old 5, just past the entrance to the Middle School will be Legion Road. Turn right and the Pavilion is .2 miles on the left.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 20TH 9:30 A.M.

We will be having a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 20th to vote on Rev. Adam Bradley as our Senior Minister. The meeting will be in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Absentee ballots

are available in the church office.

According to our Constitution, to call a Minister, will require a quorum of one-half of the participating membership to be present and voting.

To learn more about Adam and his calling see page 2, Search Committee article.

We will also be voting to amend our Constitution. More details on the amendment can be found on page 7.

## From the Pastoral Search Committee:

The Pastoral Search Committee is humbled by and grateful for the trust you have placed in us to find the next Pastor for our beloved community at Cherry Log Christian Church. Though the six of us are different in many ways, we resolved from the beginning to work together with respect, love, and kindness. We committed ourselves to consensus in the process, and unanimity in our choice. That's a lot to ask. But, by the grace of God, we were able to join hands to do the sacred work you gave us.

We searched all the way to California to find the one God had already called for us, Reverend Adam Bradley. Adam and his wife Michele are lifelong Disciples who met years ago at church camp. They are the parents of two young children, Ethan, and Emma. Adam attended Chapman University and San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he received the David Esler Award in Homiletics.

Adam's call to be our next Pastor was unanimous with the Search Committee and the Board. Pending approval in the congregational vote on August 20, the Bradley family will be with us for the first time on October 1.

One of the questions on the Ministerial Profile that all candidates complete is this: "What is your vision of the kind of community to which God may be calling you?" Here is Adam's response, which he wrote long before we knew of him, or he of us:

"I am looking for a congregation that is willing to be the hands and feet of Christ. One that is vulnerable enough to use the Church as a place to replenish their sense of the Holy. One that is willing to engage the Christian narrative, and encourage others to be a part of the church's story. One that has the space for lots of perspectives and backgrounds, knowing that the more diverse we are in body and thought, the more we reflect the glory of God. I am looking for family, sisters and brothers in Christ, with whom I can walk alongside in faith."

When I first read that, I thought: That's Cherry Log. That's who we have been, who we are, who we will always strive to be. I pray that we will be that church for Adam, Michele, Ethan, and Emma, as we walk alongside each other in faith. Thanks be to God.

--Beth Roberts, Chair

John Baird, Lynn Barrett, Caroline Carder, Debbie Coburn,  
Committee

Bill Harrison, Search



## **Frequently Asked Questions of the Search Committee**

### **Why would Adam and Michele move from California to the mountains of north Georgia?**

God has called them here. As Adam has said, they could stay in their safe California bubble, but he feels called to share the message of Christ's love for all outside of his current comfort zone. (And of course we live in a beautiful place, and they love the out of doors!)

### **They're young! Do they know the demographics of our church?**

Yes, they do, and they are excited to bring new energy and enthusiasm to us, while welcoming the perspectives of our collected experiences and wisdom.

### **Do they know our church's story, the whole story, our best and our worst?**

They do. Your search committee has shared all of our joys and challenges with Adam and Michele. And they are ready to love us just as we are, and walk with us into our dreams and our future.

### **Will Adam help us become a program-centered church?**

The search committee has talked with him at length about our need to make this transition. Adam has gifts for leadership development, and he is ready to help us realize this vision.

### **How shall we welcome them?**

We have a lot to offer to Adam and Michele and their family. Ethan and Emma will have many new grandparents here! But the best thing we can do to welcome them is to enfold them in our community of love, respect, kindness, and mercy. And strive to BE the church Adam envisions as quoted above. Every single day.

### **Will Adam keep the Morning Service?**

Yes! He is absolutely committed and fully embraces this important Service.

### **Is Adam aware of the diversity of Theological and Spiritual journeys in our Church?**

Adam has repeatedly demonstrated his belief that with diversity comes strength. As he wrote above, Adam is seeking a Spiritual Community "that has the space for lots of perspectives and backgrounds, knowing that the more diverse we are in body and thought, the more we reflect the glory of God."

## **WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADAM BRADLEY AND HIS FAMILY**

A special webpage has been setup for Cherry Log Christian Church Members to be able to learn more about Adam, Michele, Ethan and Emma. This page includes some of the same information that is in this Cherrylogue. However, it also has a link to a YouTube video of a sermon that Adam preached.

The link to the webpage is

<http://clccdoc.org/adam-bradley/>



## From the Moderator:

I knew when Paul came last September a year would not be long but it went by much faster than I expected. It's going to be hard to say goodbye. August is upon us and our time with Paul and Tibby is down to days.



I must admit I would like to have a few do overs. Not only for me but for all of us. I would have liked Cherry Log Christian Church to have been a perfect place when Paul arrived. Instead we were human. We were a congregation experiencing many emotions. Sometimes those emotions brought out the best in us and at other times the worst.

We had said goodbye to Chris Michael, David Griffin and experienced the loss of our founder Dr. Fred Craddock. We needed time to wait. We needed time to forgive. We needed time to heal. We needed time to discern where God was leading Cherry Log Christian Church. We needed time to look deeply into the past, the now, and the future. We needed guidance to lead us through the process. We needed an Interim Pastor. Paul was that person.

A Pastoral candidate has been found. I pray we welcome Adam and his family with great support and with the skills that Paul has taught us in this "in between time". Let us welcome Adam and say goodbye to Paul with the love and grace that Jesus has given to all of us. There is *Grace in the Journey*.

Paul and Tibby we thank you. This has been a year of insight and understanding. The process of any transition includes many joys and sorrows. I am so thankful that CLCC and I had you by our side as we went through the process. We thank you for your leadership, your strength, and most importantly your love. When you depart, CLCC will be in a better place. Our hopes are high with a shared vision for the future.

We are proud you found a new wife and friend in Tibby. I gain comfort in knowing that as you continue your life as a couple you will remember us. Your journey together started here. Cherry Log Christian Church will always be a part of your story and you will always be a part of ours. On behalf of Cherry Log Cristian Church, we wish you happiness, peace and love.

Prayers for safe and beautiful journeys,

Caroline

## Green Chalice News



Our national organization recently took steps to make our planet "greener." At the General Assembly, a Carbon Neutrality resolution was passed. You can read it at [gadisciples.org](http://gadisciples.org). It states that Disciples of Christ will address climate change in several ways: worship, study, repentance, advocacy, and rest in God's creation. It calls on Disciples to support applicable legislation; to strive to better care for the Creation; to collaborate with our communities and ecumenical partners in this effort; and specifically, to work towards reducing our carbon output with the goal of becoming carbon-neutral by the year 2030 and climate-positive by the year 2035.

Our Green Chalice team wants to help our congregation work towards these very goals, both at church and in our homes. The resolution suggests that the things we need to do are: conserve and use energy wisely; substitute clean, renewable energy for polluting fossil fuels; offset any energy source we cannot reduce or replace; and urge our policy makers to provide clean energy choices.

The recent installation of ceiling fans in the sanctuary is an example of taking a step to reduce our use of energy. The thermostat can be set a little higher, and the fans don't use as much power as the cooling system. If you have other ideas about specific things we can do at our church to help "green" the planet, please tell a Green Chalice team member. Our picture is on the bulletin board with a recent article in the newspaper.

## FAREWELL TO PAUL & TIBBY PRYOR

Sunday August 27, will be Paul's last Sunday. In honor of his guidance, leading, and friendship we will celebrate Paul and Tibbys' time with Cherry Log Christian Church in a joint service at 10:30 and a light lunch with sandwiches and cake following the worship service. It is hoped you will be able to attend. Paul and Tibby will be missed. Together, as a family, we will send them off on their new adventure with great love and prayers. This is not a goodbye, it's a see you later our friends.



# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



## Ed Grant

Born Biloxi, MS; grew up AL, GA, WA, CA, TX, France (2), Munich, graduate U of Maryland; Air Force 7 yrs; began electronics career Lockheed, Marietta, New Jersey, AL, Taiwan (son born there), Germany, Warner Robins, GA, Eastman Kodak in Atlanta; left electronics 1984

Every year, in 1950 pickup with dog and tent, went camping, leading to land purchase and new career in Ellijay; moved and restored 100-year-old cabin; married Ellen 1997; currently with 3 companies, Fireside Log Homes, southern regional manager Estate Log Home Outfitter, Market Place Promotions. McCanns brought to CLCC, "...a warm-hearted church where they hug you and love you no matter who you are".

## Martha Boulden

Martha was born and raised in Baton Rouge, LA and educated in St. Joseph's Academy. She moved to Lafayette in 1979, testing oil wells for Schlumberger for 12 years, then to Mobile, AL to work in banking. Following retirement she visited John and Russell (her brother) in Morganton and is now a "mountain resident". She is currently working part time for Copper Basin Federal Credit Union in Blue Ridge. Martha's hobbies include stained glass art and reading, her favorite being mystery and thrillers. She has one daughter and two dearly-loved grandkids. Coming from a Catholic heritage, she finds CLCC to be "...a community, Friendly, and warm", and is serving as a "newly elected deacon".



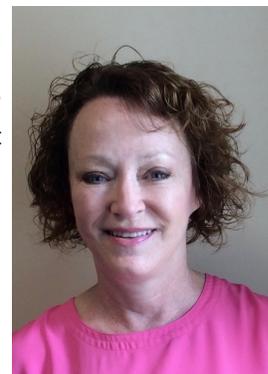
## Starla Jones

Born and raised in Lilburn, GA. After finishing HS, got a cosmetology license and worked in mom's salon. Later went to GA State University and got horticulture degree and then went to UGA and received Masters and taught in middle school, mostly math. Starla has 2 boys, Matthew, 18 yrs (headed to the Navy after graduation) and Nathan, 15 yrs. Moved to Ellijay in 1995. Starla was diagnosed with breast cancer at 42 and has continued to fight this cancer ever since, but has not allowed it to rule her life. She is currently on full disability, but works hard to pursue her dreams and care for her boys. Found CLCC through Bobbie Cherry, whom she worked with in teaching. Been visiting for over a year and recently joined. She feels that CLCC is accepting and not pretentious. Hobbies include gardening and helping to make our church grounds look good and be a joy to our Lord.



## Ham Kimzey

Born in Many, LA, raised in Jackson, TN. Has 1 sister. Went to Rhodes College in Memphis and got degree in English. Went to GA State University for M.Ed and Ed.S. Taught for 39 years in public and private schools. Has 3 children, Will, Amanda, and Ben. Married to Jane. Bought a cabin in North Georgia and moved here full-time after retiring. Found Cherry Log through their neighbors Penny and Ed Sullivan. Went to "Living the Questions" class. CLCC: "the only accepting and open church he had ever been in." Both he and Jane found that this church is truly different. Ham is a former Moderator for CLCC and works with Feed Fannin. Travels to France and will leave this August but be back in November.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JULY**

June Revenue of \$31,792 is in line with recent months, but \$9,253 less than June expenses which were \$41,045. As expected, June had three mortgage payments instead of two which added \$5000 to normal June expense. The first six months of 2017 look much like the first six months of 2016 as shown below:

	<b>6 months total through June</b>	
	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>
2016	\$219,432	\$234,158
2017	\$213,260	\$227,783

Last month we looked at unusual expenses we will incur this year for an audit, Search Committee and new Pastor expenses. This month we want to recognize good work that will reduce normal expenses. The Personnel Committee has elected to use a commercial service to clean the church instead of a church employee. This is expected to save in excess of \$7000 per year. The Energy Team is now seeing the result of their planning. You will see the new fans in the Sanctuary which will push cooler air down to reduce the run time of the air conditioner. This and other Energy Team savings are expected to reduce Utility Expense by \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. This is great work and is very helpful.

Your continued faithful giving is appreciated and needed.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 22-24**

Cherry Log Women, let's retreat! But just for a weekend, at the beautiful lakeside Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa, site, on September 22-24, of a retreat for women of the Christian Churches in Georgia. A delightful leadership team for the weekend includes the President, the Executive Director, and the Program Director of our denomination's women ministries. They will inspire and challenge

us, and be fun to be with! "Building Relationships, Woman to Woman," is theme for the event. Cost for the two nights and six meals is \$208, double occupancy. To learn the details, contact Lynn Chapman or Judy Barrett, and/or go to [www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org) for all the information. Let's retreat for the weekend, and then go forward with increased zeal for ministry at CLCC and far beyond.

**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

The Board of Cherry Log Christian Church recommends the following change:

Current: Constitution, Article VI, Section D, paragraph 1; "The numerical designation of the membership for determining a quorum will be set by the Minister, the Church Treasurer, the Secretary, and Moderator once each year, announced to the Church Board and published in the next succeeding issue of the Cherrylogue."

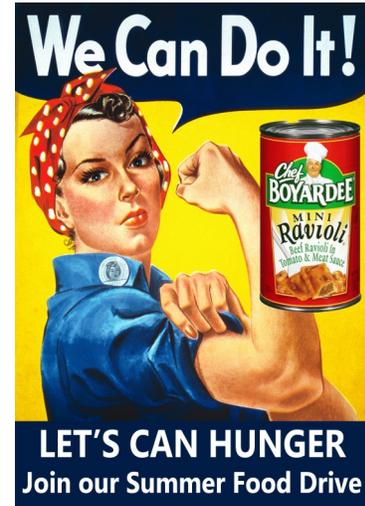
Amend to: "The numerical designation of the membership for determining a quorum will be set by the Minister, the Church Treasurer, Church Administrator, and Moderator once each year, announced to the Church Board and published in the next succeeding issue of the Cherrylogue."

## Garden for Others—August Update

The Garden for Others team continues to harvest pole beans, bush beans, lima beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash. We have already contributed over 100 pounds to Gilmer Food Pantry, and 50 pounds to Fannin Food Pantry. If you are interested in joining this group, give Sharon Meek a call and we will add you to the mailing list for times we will be in the garden. Also we want to thank Jane and John Murray for the great scarecrow, named Woody. He stands watch when we are not in the garden to keep the varmints away.



**FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES IN AUGUST!  
PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE COUNTY  
FOOD BANKS WITH YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS!**



## Clothes Closet: July Numbers

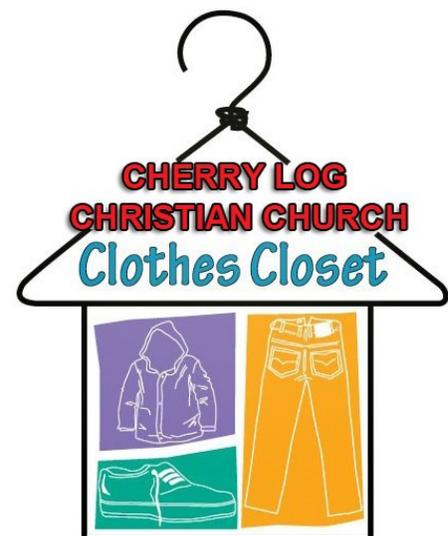
**87 families served**

**14 new families**

**2,299 items given out**

**Tower Road (visited two times)**

**586 items given out**



## FAREWELL CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Well, friends, it's finally here. Our year long journey is about to come to a close. While it is always a little sad when my time at a church ends, there is also excitement about what the future has in store. For me it is off to another location. For you it is the excitement of a new minister coming to Cherry Log and all the potential that comes with that. I'm so glad to have spent this time with you. We've laughed together, wept together, prayed together, and worshiped together, and in doing so, we've grown to love one another.

I want to thank all of you who worked so very hard to make this year such a success. Your work made it possible for the church to continue its ministry through the transition and you are to be congratulated for your tireless efforts. It takes a lot of work to keep a church this size going, and you all rose to the occasion. I especially want to thank those who served on the Steering Committee with whom I spent numerous hours working diligently to lead the church through the interim process.

As we now begin the shift to the future God has placed before us, my prayer is that God would continue to bless you as you continue your ministry.

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### CLCC 4th Annual Yard Sale—Oct 6-7, 2017 MARK YOU CALENDARS!

#### WANTED!

**PURSES and SCARVES** - Gently used purses, backpacks, and scarves

**OLD JEWELRY** - costume and fine jewelry NOTE: if you wish to donate fine jewelry, please let us know value.

**HAND TOOLS** – hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, ratchets, chisels, files, nail pullers, handsaws, squares, levels, etc. NOTE: only small hand power tools this year.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** – including furniture, knick-knacks, baskets, pictures, mirrors, kitchen items, wall art, etc. NOTE: For furniture, please contact Jane Murray to arrange time for delivery.

**CLOTHING** – please deliver gently used clothing to Clothes closet in the Little White House.



**Contact Sharon Meek or Jane Murray for more details**



Aug 7 Cynthia Smith  
 Aug 9 Shirley Colwell, Emilyn Slemons  
 Aug 12 Don Brewer, Mike Smith  
 Aug 16 Mary Beth Shepard  
 Aug 19 Georgia Meyers  
 Aug 20 John Baird  
 Aug 22 Gary Schaefer  
 Aug 25 Jane Griffin  
 Aug 26 Zandra Benton  
 Aug 27 Martha Boulden, Daniel Parrish  
 Aug 28 Lucie Coffie  
 Aug 29 Kerrie Gilbert, Sue Green  
 Aug 30 Nancy Porter

Aug 1 Bill & Velda Harrison  
 Aug 3 Jack and Trisha Senterfitt  
 Aug 4 Debbie and Ron Coburn  
 Aug 8 Richard Zelle and Cindy Avens  
 Aug 14 Frances and Jim Carson  
 Aug 22 Ronald and Bette Jensen  
 Aug 23 David & Lisa Malota  
 Aug 29 Donna and Dan Lehr  
 Dan and Carolyn McGinness  
 Aug 31 Sidney Goss and Daniel Parrish



### June Treasurer's Report

**General Operating:**

Contributions: \$31,792.14  
 Expenses: \$41,045.35

Year to Date Contributions: \$213,260.35

Year to Date Expenses: \$227,886.63

**In the RED: \$14,626.28**

### 2017-18 Congregation Membership

As of July 1st, Cherry Log Christian Church had a total membership of 387 members, 213 participating members and 174 non-participating members. According to our Constitution, these numbers will be used to determine the number needed to define a quorum for congregational meeting.

### CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

- Dave Lakes
- Frazier Coffie
- Jill Wolleat
- David Lakes

### ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
July 2	30	101
July 9	36	103
July 16	29	115
July 23	30	106
July 30	48	107