

CHERRYLOGUE

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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus



Mark Your
Calendar!

Homecoming

June 8th

Following 10:55
service.



Tues, June 24th- Fri, June 27th

9-12:30

Cherry Log Christian Church

Lunch and Snacks provided

Free Admission

It's God's "world fair" complete with
carnival games, singing, dancing, art,
cartoons, mission projects and more.

Invite:

Friends, Classmates, Cousins,
Neighbors

To Register, copy and paste the link below, go to
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<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=25610>

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Legacy Planning is Stewardship Emphasis for May Hal Doster

The Stewardship Committee has selected special emphases for each month this year. **Legacy planning will be the focus of May and August.** The month of May has arrived, and helpful resources regarding the “Legacy Foundation” are at hand. Mother’s Day in the month of May calls attention to the significance of our loved ones, our heritage and our legacy. Legacy gifts enable us to share love with generations to come.

Foundation Chairperson, Ida-Anne Clarke, will provide the Offertory Sentences in worship on May 11th, presenting expressions of love to family, church and charity by way of legacy planning. A series of gatherings for fellowship, coffee and dessert in homes of Legacy Partners are being planned. These are opportunities to hear options in legacy planning while sharing what CLCC means to you and your family.

Most helpful to our congregation may be the **visit by our Disciples Foundation representative, Dr. Randy Johnson, to CLCC on Monday, May 19, for a seminar on legacy planning. The seminar will begin at 6 p.m.** This seminar will be preceded by conferences during the afternoon. Interested members may visit by phone or establish a conference time directly with Randy: 800/668-8016 or 317/713-2437. Several of our members have found these conferences, as well as Randy’s seminars, extremely helpful. .

Exciting New Opportunity during Sunday School Hour

At the request of several CLCC members, our Adult Christian Education Committee has planned an Elective Class from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday May 11th and continuing through Sunday July 6th. The textbook for this class is “*A Handbook for Today’s Disciples.*” The initial session will be taught by the author, Dr. D. Duane Cummins, President Emeritus of Bethany College, WV. Dr. Cummins will provide an overview of the history, Christian thought, church structure, Disciples in mission with teachings in moral and ethical standards. Copies of the textbook will be available.

The second session on Sunday May 18th will be taught by Dr. Fred Craddock, Minister Emeritus of Cherry Log Christian Church. Dr. Craddock’s session will move into greater detail regarding: “Disciples and Christian Thought – God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit and Scriptures.” These first two sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The seven sessions to follow will be held in the Conference Room/Library. Each class will be lead by a teaching team involving viewpoints from both the pulpit and the pew. Sixteen CLCC members, Disciples clergy and laity, will team teach the remaining chapters of the textbook. These chapters will cover Disciples church structure, the sacraments, worship, music, mission, moral-ethical issues and Disciples as church members.

FROM MY HEART... TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

For obvious reasons leaving and returning have been on my mind recently. There is preparation in both. There is preparing even to leave for a weekend. Did you remember to get your toothbrush, to lock the backdoor, and to stop the mail. The preparation for leaving for two months is more demanding. Someone asked me if I had started packing. No, I have not. I have been thinking about important things to pack – computer cord, which books I want to take, and making arrangements for bills to be picked up.

But more importantly, there are those temporary partings that tug at my heart. Yes, I look forward to leaving and yet I do not. I will miss your words, your hugs, and the ongoing relationship I have with you. Leaving is not easy.

Then there is the return. There is preparation here also. For me there will be a time before I return to you that I will be preparing to live in the habits and disciplines from which I have rested. My mind will be preparing to think about sermons, plans for the new leadership year beginning July 1, and looking at decisions that have been left on hold. I might wonder if I am still needed here. “Oh, you’re back. Tell you the truth we have not missed you that much; we are normal without you.”

You will also have your preparations when I am gone. Rev. Bryan Hatcher will be here for three weeks – May 3, June 1 and 15. Bryan will also be meeting with three different leadership groups to help them focus on planning for our future. Bryan is skilled in this area. He is with the Center for Congregational Growth in Winston Salem, NC.



I need from you, the congregation, to support those in leadership positions during my absence. I need you to continue to be in fellowship and that means being in church. I need you to continue to undergird the church financially and with prayers. I need you to welcome those who come to church because I am not here. You see, we are the church, the body of Christ. The love of Christ is powerful and when we love we are being Christ-like.

I feel like a mother hen leaving her nest. Yet there are others who will take my place and will care for you. And, you will care for one another. We each have similar feelings regarding my absence. The Good Shepherd watches over us.

“May the Lord watch between me and you, while we are apart, one from another.” (Genesis 31:49)

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Jesus said, “This is my commandment that you love one another.” John 15:12-13

To know these four “Voices” is to love them.



Nettie Craddock

Born, raised and educated on farm in Humbolt, TN. Met Fred in high school; earned PhT in OK, TN.

Juggled 3 careers: faculty & pastor’s wife, mother (2); leader in CWF, University Women, Ministry cabinet, Church World Service Board..etc.. Keeping up with Fred (met at airport with fresh suitcase as he changed planes). Emory 19 years. 4 grand children, soon have great grandchild.

Loves mountains; designed and built cabin on Hemptown Creek. Later built current home (same plan) on creek and land with 3 waterfalls.

Hobbies: accomplished seamstress, needlepoint; avid crossword puzzler, gardening.

CLCC: Leading roles in both buildings (should have been an architect.).



Pat Reagan

Born, raised in Jacksonville, FL; UFlorida, USoGa then Coast Guard. Greyhound company 10 years; Southern Bell Atlanta 32 years – marketing, advertising. Retired to mountains 2002.

Avocation: Golfing since age 20; currently runs tournaments; plays regularly: enjoys competition, outdoors, interesting people and friendships.

He and Alice (athlete and artist) married 27 years, share 2 children, 8 grands, 9 ¼ greats! Youngest of 3 boys; Mom, “if I’d had you first, I wouldn’t have had any more!”

CLCC: Alice met Dr. Craddock, started in pavilion then ‘on the Hill; “CLCC started like a family and still is”; enjoy early service, reminiscent of Hill; casual and close.

George Barrett

Atlanta roots and life; studied psychology, history at GA State; 14 year with printer as J’man Photo Lithographer; law enforcement 28 years, enjoyed active service so much refused promotions to remain “in the fray”; ask for stories.

Married to Judy 46 years; 2 sons (lost son Rob 10 years ago); 2 grandchildren; hunted deer in Cohuttas many years and fell in love with the mountains; impressive gun collector.

CLCC: McCanns invited them; knew this was their home church when greeted in the Narthex; “most warm and comforting for troubled spirits; many churches say they accept anyone—we mean it!”



Jane Carwell

Born Carrollton GA; in LaGrange from age 5; UWest GA education in sociology then returned for education degree; taught K-12, preferred 3rd graders and high school juniors; retired from teaching; 5 years as GED examiner, W. GA Tech.

Retired again and came to mountains; Meals on Wheels 3 years; one son, one daughter, 5 grands.

Hobbies: quilting; crochet, knitting, avid reader, gardening (yard), jewelry making; a dog and cat; grandchildren (favorite hobby.)

CLCC: employer told her about the church; attended and heard bells (asked Bob if she could play!); participates in several outreach ministries; “the people are so friendly and accepting.”

Moment with the Moderator

Sharon Meek

Cherry Log is stepping into the 21st Century. Many of us now have smart phones or digital tablets that allow us to stay connected with each other through such things as Facebook and Twitter. By “Friending” other church members, we can stay connected and share things about our families and our friends.

There is yet another way for us to stay connected. There is an app you can download for your Android or Apple phone or tablet that allows you to look up members’ phone numbers and addresses. It is called **ChurchLife**. If you have an account and utilize your “My CLCC Member ACS” to access the CLCC directory and your financial information, you can access this same directory with the **Churchlife** app. (If you don’t yet have a username and password for the Member ACS, please call the church office and Malinda will assign you one.)

For the Android phone or device:

On your phone or device, go to the Google Play Store <https://play.google.com/store> and search for **ChurchLife ACS**.

1. Select the Church Life ACS app that has the icon I am showing here.
2. Click on the install button and follow the directions.
3. When you open the app after downloading it, you will be asked to login. Sign-in using the same user name and password that you use with “My CLCC Member ACS” and you are set.



To search for a particular church member, just type their first name or their last name and search and up will come a list of church members that match your search.

For the Apple phone or device:

1. Click on the App Store icon on your phone.
2. Click on the Search button at the bottom of the screen and then type in **ChurchLife ACS**.
3. Select ChurchLife and you should see the app called **ACS ChurchLife**.
4. Install the app on your phone.

When you open the app after downloading it, you will be asked to login. Use the same user id and password that you use to access “My CLCC Member ACS”. If you do not know your user ID (it is your email address) and password, call Malinda at church for assistance.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, May 18, 2014 Congregational meeting to elect our new leadership for the year

We will have two congregational meetings that Sunday, one immediately after the 8:30 service and the second one after the 10:55 A.M. service. Members, please join us for one of these meetings and cast your vote. The nominating committee has worked very hard to present a slate of church members to lead us in this next year.

Sunday, June 8, 2014 Church Homecoming (17th Anniversary of our church founding)

Join us for dinner and fellowship following the 10:55 A.M. service. Bring your best dish (main course, sides, desserts, and breads) and enjoy good company and good food.

CLCC PRAYER LABYRINTH

Myra Kibler

By the work of many hands, we now have a labyrinth! Rev. David Griffin dedicated the labyrinth last Sunday, and already it is in use by individuals and groups.

As Rev. Griffin reminded us, the labyrinth is not yet complete. There is still work to be done and workers needed. Beyond need for maintenance of the existing labyrinth, there are plans to add benches, a prayer trail from the church to the site, a grieving place, and some plants for buffer from the road and to create a more intimately comfortable place to be. Also there is work to be done in education for people visiting the labyrinth and to publicize to community the nature and uses of the labyrinth. We hope that it will be used by people of the community beyond Cherry Log Christian Church who know or discover the benefits of a labyrinth walk.



If you missed out on site clearing or rock hauling but still want a hand in the creation of this very special place, contact Richard Zelle by phone 706-374-6959 or email, avenzell@gmail.com.

There is a job for you!

Why I ♥ VBS

Julie Johnson

As I parent and grandparent, I truly believe in Vacation Bible School. I went as a child and loved it. When the rest of church felt boring, I knew that once a year- church could be fun! I think it was at VBS, that I learned that God really loved me for me and that God could be playful.

I am grateful that Cherry Log Christian Church has welcomed my grandson and my good friend's special needs child. We attend a very small church in Atlanta with only a few children so there isn't enough children for us to have VBS. But Julie invited us to come up to the mountains and join in the fun at Cherry Log. So for the past several years, we have rented a house and the kids have had an absolute blast at your VBS.

I am grateful to all the people at the Cherry Log Christian Church who have volunteered their time, energy and love to our children. They have received the gift I received when I was a child- knowing God loved them and that the church and God can be a joyful caring place. I have also appreciated your mission emphasis each year. It has impacted the kids and we still talk about it. We have brought it back to our little church in Atlanta.

Many thanks from this grandmother for sharing the love of God with my child. Linda Bryant

CLCC in May and June

David Griffin

So what can the church look forward to in May and June in David's absence? A great line-up of hitters! In the worship services in May and June we have nothing but quality.

On May 4, June 1, and June 15 Rev. Bryan Hatcher will be preaching. Noted in David's article Bryan will also be working with leadership groups in our church. Bryan has a stellar background in preaching and working with congregations.

On May 11 Dr. Duane Cummins will be preaching as well as teaching a class on Disciple of Christ history. Duane is not a newcomer to Cherry Log. He dedicated the first church in which we worshipped.

On May 25 Dr. Karen Franke-Plumlee will be our guest preacher. Karen is the outgoing interim regional minister for Georgia.

Dr. Phil Miller and Rev. Robin Norsworthy will each preach two Sundays. Phil will preach on May 18 and June 8. Robin will preach on June 22 and 29.

What a line up!

Also we have Chaplains of the week who will lead our pastoral ministry. The chaplains begin their week on Mondays.

April 28 – Mac McRoberts

May 5 – Bill Thompson

May 12 – Bill Harrison

May 19 – Robin Norsworthy

May 26 – Hugh Lake

June 2 – Hal Doster

June 9 – Hugh Lake

June 16 – Phil Miller

June 23 – Mac McRoberts

June 30 – Hal Doster



May 25 Dan Pile & Jennie Perryman (29)
 May 29 Phil & Paula Miller
 May 30 Frank & Lois Grice (50)



May 01 Betty Hemrick	May 15 Tony Carruth
May 02 Chris Livingstone	May 17 Susan James
Wendell Fox	May 18 Bill Crowl
May 05 Terry Woodworth	May 21 Dylan Michael
Max Doss	May 24 Charles Walls
May 09 Don Hyatt	May 26 Nettie Craddock
Roxanne Neal	Allison Griffiths
May 10 Regina Diaz	Myra Kibler
May 12 Victoria Bailey	Mark Meyers
Pattie Williams	May 27 Teri Slemmons
May 14 Carl Hendrickson	Martha Michael
Alan Slemmons	May 29 Peyton Peugh

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in **April**:

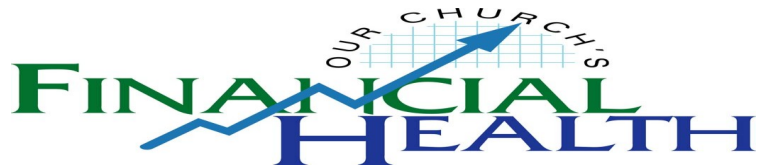
In Memory of:
 Neva Helms

Honoring Legacy Partners present & future.

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
 \$720.00

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
April 6	42	139
April 13	49	146
April 20	59	239
April 27	46	138



March Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$53,993.00

Expenses: \$45,913.00

Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$126,803.00

Year to date Expenses: \$142,149.00

Faith in Fiction Book Group

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction Book Group had an in-depth discussion in April of **The Goldfinch** just in time for the announcement that it won the Pulitzer Prize in Literature for Donna Tartt.

In May we will discuss Barbara Kingsolver's, **The Lacuna** and in June **And the Mountains Echoed** by Khaled Hosseini.

Books are chosen by the group for their quality, depth, and perspective on the human condition. Discussions are free-ranging, diverse and always stimulating.

The book group meets on the second Friday of each month at 11:00am. in the choir room. Interested readers are welcome. For further information, contact myra_kibler@yahoo.com or 706-636-5657.