

# CHERRYLOGUE

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MINISTER

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AUGUST 29TH

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## I Think I'm Going to Love Being

### Moderator



Today, Wednesday, June 24, I had the privilege of meeting with the Leadership Team that will be taking office on July 1 at CLCC. In the course of that meeting the reality of becoming Moderator hit me. And it scared me. Not because we don't have a great team, or because our church is in any kind of trouble. No, we celebrated our shared vision for the future and the successes of the recent past.

I have had the great privilege of working with

Moderator Sharon Meek for more than two years. I have witnessed her tremendous devotion and how she was able to challenge all the rest of us to move forward. It is humbling to think that I have to fill her shoes. At the same time I am very grateful for all that we have been able to accomplish under her leadership and I give thanks to God for her leadership

The leadership team that met today has the same commitment to moving forward as Sharon. I look forward to working with all of our leaders in the next two years to continue the momentum we have enjoyed over the last several months. Our entire staff, the Board, each of the Councils and their constituent committees, all of us, know that we have to

continue the faithful service that has brought us this far.

Along with all and each of them, I pledge to you my devotion to the Lord's work at Cherry Log Christian Church. I may not be able to do everything that Sharon has done, but I will do my best.

The meeting today I referred to above was a planning meeting to get ready for July 1. Every one there was eager to get on with the work we have to do. We only ask that each member join us in a commitment to do what we can to continue to move forward. We need you – in fact, we all need each other. If you will join with us in this commitment I think I'm going to love being Moderator.

## African Drumming Group

The African Drumming group meets monthly on the second Friday at 9:45 am. There are enough djembe players now to be able to add a dununba, the large bass drum. The dununba plays a different rhythm from the djembe rhythms and adds considerably to the ensemble. The best player usually plays the dunun, and we are fortunate to have an experienced drummer from Jasper who brings her dunun and plays it as well as bringing extra drums for newcomers to use.

We are still a fledgling group of drummers and welcome beginners to come try their hands on a djembe. Just let Myra know so that we'll have a drum for you. [myra\\_kibler@yahoo.com](mailto:myra_kibler@yahoo.com).

Myra is willing to work individually with anyone who cannot come on the second Friday. We will add another meeting during the month if there is interest.

Dedicated to sharing the joy of drumming, the drum group participated in Vacation Bible School at Tower Road, and is part of the group that drums at Celebrate Early on the first Sunday each month.

## THANK YOU!

Mike, Joelle, Noah and I would like to thank everyone in our wonderful church for all the prayers said for us. They lift us up everyday. Thank you to those who made us a meal our first few days. Thank you to those that brought in clothes for all of us. Thank you to those who brought in things for our home. Thank you to those who have given money. Most important thank you for all the hugs, love and prayers. God bless y'all! Karen Kennedy

## VBS - Big Hit!

Tower Road/CLCC VBS was a successful outreach. Most of the 60-75 children and youth that participated were between the ages of 4 years old and 7th grade. Each day began with prayer and spirited drumming sessions then adding guitar music and song. Recreation Games provided fun throughout the morning. The Puppetry Station taught the lesson for the day and provided a snack break. The Centering Station focused on meditation and prayer for children and youth 4th grade and older. The Arts and Crafts area was a BIG HIT and the last to close down each day...The kids wanted to make "one more" thing. Lots of smiles and joy.

A special thank you to over the 40 volunteers that participated in the ministry and to the Disciples of Women and Mission whom offered financial support along with donations from members of the congregation. - God is Good. (Community Thank You: Thank you to Logan Funeral Home for donating Canopy's to keep us out of the sun, and Willow Creek Weddings and Vineyard of Blue Ridge for donating the porta-potty)

# FROM MY HEART.....

## TO YOUR HEART

I call him “Mr. Fix-It.” Of course that is not his name, but it fits his gifts, his talents. The vacuum cleaner is not picking up dust so I take it the Mr. Fix-It. Need something welded? An electrical problem with the mixer? Weed eater will not start? Front porch sagging? Missing a rung in the antique chair? Well, you get the picture. Call Mr. Fix-It.

But what about us? Aren't we fixers, too? No, we do not want our problems fixed, but we are willing to fix the problems of others! Hours are spent over coffee or the telephone listening to issues about a friend's daughter, son-in-law, spouse, boss, or neighbor. Here, let me fix it for you. We seem to be ready to give advice. Sometimes I wonder if advice-givers do not want to deal with their own issues, so they hang out their shingle, promoting their powerful advice. I am so busy

with you I do not have time or myself. Please disregard that my life is a mess, but I can give you advice to fix your life.

*God grant me*

### SERENITY

*to accept the things I cannot change*

### COURAGE

*to change the things I can and*

### WISDOM

*to know the difference*

My stomach get tightens when I re-read the above paragraphs. If it were me I would ask that you not fix me, but listen to me, love me, care for me, and accept me. You know, maybe we do not need to be fixed; maybe to be understood is more a change agent than our advice on how to fix it.

Please accept me. Some time ago I read a cartoon about acceptance. I think there was the picture of a lady by herself and the caption went something like this: I wonder if I would be happier if I put as much effort in accepting myself as I do into changing myself. Acceptance is having the faith, despite the circumstances, that all is well.

Acceptance of others and our selves is not to judge, evaluate, or approve. It is not about conforming to our expectations or the expectations of another. Rather when we accept someone (even ourselves!) we respect and cherish the other. They are important and worthy. Acceptance is a deep and genuine affirmation of the other person. Accept the other rather than fix the other.

The gift of the church to this community, even to the world, is the gift of acceptance. We, at Cherry Log, say it most plainly when we declare that everyone is welcome at the Table. Now there is a difference between saying you are accepted and being accepting.

# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

**“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”**

**~Douglas Pagels**



**Darlene Fike**

Growing up in Chicago, Darlene Fike was an elite athlete who excelled in swimming, long distance cycling and water polo. She was also a swimmer at Harding University, where she received an undergraduate degree in communications. She has earned various Masters Degrees, including one in Theology.

Over the years, Darlene has flown airplanes in the air force, attended seminary, provided pastoral counseling and chaplain services and started Northside Psychological Services in Atlanta.

Darlene was introduced to CLCC by Roxanne Neal, whom she married in 2010. As service is a priority in her life, Darlene has given her time to the clothes closet, The Craddock Center, animal rescue and rape crisis counseling.



**Jason Casale**

Born in New Jersey, raised in Daytona Beach; military service (Army), then into construction world; 20 years in Flagler Beach; vacationed in North Georgia Mountains and wanted to stay; currently full-time with Home Depot, Blairsville

Passion: anything related to outdoors/nature--kayaking, hiking, tranquility of lakes and rivers, collecting natural artifacts (for future creativity); also enjoys woodwork, cooking (all kinds); cat. Two daughters, both in Florida

CLCC: Felt a need for church and found CLCC thru Don/Feenie Midkiff; a loving congregation, an opportunity for service thru the “staycation” ministry awakened a desire to be involved as much as possible; “it [CLCC] sustains us”



**Billy Harrison**

The fourth of seven children, Bill (Billy) was born in Stanton, AL and was raised on a farm until age seven, when the family moved to Birmingham. He has an extensive background as a pastor, counselor, chaplain and minister of counseling and family ministry.

Billy was drawn to CLCC because of Dr. Craddock’s reputation. He feels CLCC is the best church he has ever been a part of and says it is the joy of his retirement, finding it fulfilling to build relationships where all parties are able to relate at a significant level in life.

Billy and his wife Velda will be married 51 years August 1st. They have two grown sons, four grandsons and one granddaughter.

**Lynn Chapman**

Born and raised in Atlanta; studied civil engineering at Southern Tech and worked in family business several years then earned nursing degree from Georgia Perimeter College to begin life-time career aspiration; currently with Athens Regional Medical Center; homes in Athens and here; she and Larry share 5 children, five grandchildren and 4 great grands, ALL in Georgia!

Hobbies: tennis, scrap-booking, greeting cards; family, reading, Hans and Moses (cats)

CLCC: Charter Member; served on original Advisory Committee; one of first elders; instrumental in start of Disciples Women; Lifetime Disciple; sang in Bob Clarke’s Decatur Christian Church choirs from age 7 (ask Lynn OR Bob)





# Musical Offerings for July

The month of July finds us completing another musical season. One more well done year placed in the books. The handbells are already on summer break and the Men's Chorale will end their season after a very special musical offering on July 5th. Over the next two months you will have the pleasure of hearing some of our very talented singers in worship. This month also marks Birdie's and my fifteenth year as music leaders for the congregation of CLCC. I am grateful to those of you past and present who have been supportive of our efforts and look forward to what the future holds. Richard Lumpkin

July 5, 2015 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem - From Sea to Shining Sea S. A. Ward

Hymns - Sing Praise to God, Awesome God, Healer of Our Every Ill, I Come With Joy, Living for Jesus, The Servant Song

Benediction: Men's Chorale: Salute To America by Mark Hayes, including This Is My County by Don Raye and Al Jacobs

July 12, 2015 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem - Standing in the Need of Prayer Spiritual

Hymns - For All the Saints, Awesome God, Be Still, My Soul, Here At Thy Table, Lord, Lead On, O King Eternal, The Servant Song

July 19, 2015 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem - Standing in the Need of Prayer Spiritual Choir & Various Soloist

Hymns - How Firm a Foundation, Awesome God, Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us, Break Thou the Bread of Life, Take Time to be Holy, The Servant Song

July 26, 2015 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem - Holy Mana K. Lowenberg

Hymns - Hymns - Lead On, O King Eternal, Awesome God, He Leadeth Me, Eat This Bread, Here I Am, Lord, The Servant Song

Solo: Fill My Cup Lord R. Blanchard Tenor - Phillip Miller

## The Sounds of Celebrate Early

It's Ordinary Time in our Church calendar year, but nothing ordinary about the way we Celebrate Early! Plan to join us in worship.

July 5 Drum Circle "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" sung by the Celebrate Early Singers

July 12 Jennie St Clair will accompany the service

July 19 "Feed My Lambs" sung by the Celebrate Early Singers with Cheryl and Bill Star on flute and oboe

July 26 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" piano duet by Ida-Anne Clarke and Robin Norsworthy

"Those who dance are considered insane by those who cannot hear the music."

— George Carlin

## Faith in Fiction

In "Remembrance of Things Past," Marcel Proust's narrator says that the only true voyage of discovery is not to visit other lands but "to possess other eyes, to behold the universe through the eyes of another." Each month the Cherry Log Book Group takes another voyage of discovery together, always choosing books for their ability to show us truths we might not have seen on our own.

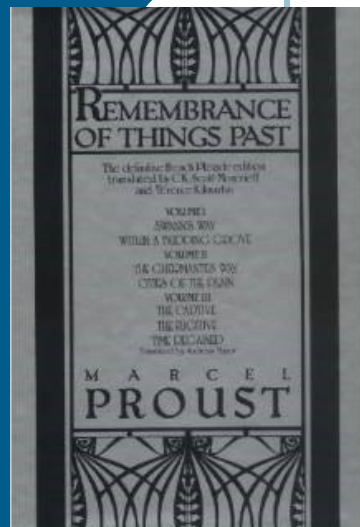
In July the book of choice is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

In August, *Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell.

September, *Crossing to Safety*, Wallace Stegner

October, *A Tale for the Time Being*, Ruth Ozeki

Anyone who loves to read and discuss significant fiction is welcome. The group meets every second Friday at 11 am. For further information, contact [myra\\_kibler@yahoo.com](mailto:myra_kibler@yahoo.com).



## Health Ministries

The next Health Ministry meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21st 11-1PM.

The topic will be nutrition. We will discuss how foods affect our health and how to make easier healthy choices.

We will start with a Q & A session and then head into the Cherry Log Test Kitchen. Good nutrition is vital to good health, disease prevention and healthy growth and development.

Please join us for this exciting new ministry.

Youth Sunday School 9:30 am each Sunday are blessed to have Guest Teacher, Julie Johnson: July 12, 19, 26, and August 2. Psalms and Games are planned - You will not want to miss this opportunity. Come join the fun!

FYSH- July Youth Event will be Jump Park in Chattanooga - Email Georgia if you are interested in attending. Let's get a date on the calendar that works for most - During the week may be best! Email dates available to Georgia if you would like to participate: [Georgia1267@hotmail.com](mailto:Georgia1267@hotmail.com) AND be checking your emails/texts for more information. AN EXTRA ADULT DRIVER WILL BE NEEDED.

PLEASE HELP: CHILDREN'S WORSHIP NEEDS GREETERS TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS 10:30-12:10. Greeters can sign up in the hallway by the Sunday School Classroom or email [Georgia1267@hotmail.com](mailto:Georgia1267@hotmail.com) or call 407-948-3025. Unfortunately, we have asked the congregation several times and no Greeters have been added to the rotation. Please help. Once a month would be huge!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL and CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUMMER CURRICULUM - PARABLES.

## 2015-16 Cherry Log Christian Church Leadership Roster

### Church Officers

Jerry Johnson, Moderator  
 Caroline Carder, Vice-Moderator, Elder  
 Cathy Smith, Secretary  
 Ted Murphy, Treasurer  
 Bob Matthews, Assistant Treasurer

### Board Members, At Large

Myra Kibler 2016  
 Mike Smith 2016  
 Kaye Vanderhooft 2017  
 Sue Green 2017  
 Marsha Kipling, Chair of Elders 2017  
 Kathy Knox, Chair of Deacons  
 Kay Vanderhooft, Elder Designee

### Elders

Marsha Kipling, Chair 2017  
 Cheer Shepard 2016  
 Kay Vanderhooft 2016  
 Pam Young 2016  
 Jane Carwell 2016  
 Jackie Lumpkin 2017  
 Tab Bomhard 2017  
 Sandy McCann 2017  
 Caroline Carder 2018  
 Roxanne Neal 2018  
 Julie Johnson 2018  
 Jeffrey Vaughn 2018  
 Georgia Meyers 2018

### Deacons

Kathy Knox, Chair 2016  
 Janet Elder 2016  
 John Garceau 2016  
 Teresa Snow 2016  
 Sarah Cox 2017  
 Jason Casale 2017  
 Maureen Hicks 2017  
 Alan Slemmons 2017  
 Beverly Cranston 2018  
 Carolyn Lakes 2018  
 Clay Miller 2018  
 Bob Matthews 2018

### Legacy Fund Administrators

Ida-Anne Clarke, Chair 2016  
 Marshall Burke 2017  
 Betsy Sheppard 2018  
 Rusty Coleman 2019  
 Harry Doss Counsel  
 Robin Norsworthy Stewardship Chair

### Discipling Ministry Council

Maureen Hicks, Chair  
 Bobbie Cherry, Vice-Chair  
 Three Elders appointed by the Elder Chair  
 Jackie Lumpkin, Elder  
 Georgia Meyers, Elder  
 Tab Bomhard, Elder  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Deacon Rep

### Arts Guild Committee:

Kerrie Gilbert & Betsy Sheppard, Co-Chairs  
 Ruth West, Dorothy Morford, Joan Dickenson,  
 Velda Harrison, Lynette Nelson

### Christian Education, Adult:

Hal Doster and Phil Miller, Co-Chairs  
 Paul Porter, Milly Hastings, Larry Weas, Steve  
 Martin

### Christian Education, Children and Youth:

Georgia Meyers, Chair  
 Bill and Wendy Cox, Teri Slemmons, Becky Walls,  
 Sarah Cox, Zack Cox, Bobbie Cherry, Jane  
 Carwell, Bill and Cheri Thompson, Julie and  
 Kristi Johnson

### Church History Team:

Sharon Meek, Chair  
 Marsha Kipling (photo archivist), Jim Weiland

### Fellowship Committee:

Tim Andersen, Chair  
 Tab Bomhard, Barbara Ferer, George and Judy  
 Barrett, Roxanne Neal, Darlene Fike, Sharon  
 Meek

### Membership/Evangelism Committee:

Sharon Meek, Chair  
 Marsha Kipling, Feenie Midkiff, Isiah Wynoka

### Music Committee:

Paula Miller, Chair  
 Mary Hunt, Phillip Slemmons, Shirley Brewer,  
 Nancy Midkiff, Ann Doster, Cathy Smith, Janet  
 Tripp

### Small Group Ministry Committee:

Sally Pamplin, Chair  
 Labyrinth Keepers:  
 Cindy Avens and Dick Zelle, Co-Chairs

### Stewardship Committee:

Robin Norsworthy, Chair  
 Sharon Meek, Caroline Carder, Hugh Lake,  
 Steve Martin

### Worship Committee:

Becky Walls, Chair  
 Amado Grabiell, Ann and Hal Doster, Darlene  
 Fike, Jackie and Richard Lumpkin, Jane Kimsey,  
 Jane Murray, Jean Rose, John Garceau, Kay  
 Vanderhooft, Larry Jo Weas, Nancy Porter,  
 Steve Martin, Steve Stevens

## 2015-16 Cherry Log Christian Church Leadership Roster

### Resource Council

Philip Slemmons, Chair  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-Chair  
 Kay Vanderhoof, Elder  
 Sandy McCann, Elder  
 ----Pam Young, Elder  
 Bob Matthews, Deacon Rep

Finance Committee:  
 Bob Matthews, Chair 2017  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chair  
 Ted Murphy, Treasurer  
 Bob Clarke 2016  
 Kathy Knox 2016  
 Jim Weiland 2017  
 Phil Slemmons, *ex officio*, Council Chair

Nominating/Leadership Development Com.:  
 Caroline Carder, Chair, Vice Moderator  
 Council Vice Chairs:  
 Bobbie Cherry, Discipling Council  
 Jane Carwell, Secretary Outreach Council  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Council

At Large Members:  
 Katie Griffin 2016  
 Don Midkiff 2017  
 Kathy Grubb 2018  
 Volunteer Coordinator: Mac McRoberts

Pastoral Relations Committee:  
 Kerrie Gilbert 2016  
 John Baird 2016  
 Phil Miller 2016  
 Roberta Bondi 2017  
 Karen Bunnell 2017  
 Sydney Goss 2017

Personnel Committee:  
 Dan Pile, Chair 2017  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chair 2016  
 Kathy Knox 2016  
 Chuck Zimmerman 2017  
 Jeffrey Vaughn (Deacon Designee) 2018  
 Donna Lehr 2018

Property Committee:  
 Teresa Snow, Chair  
 Charlie McCann, Steve Stevens, Clay Miller,  
 John Murray, Sharon Meek, Kenny Neal

Technology Support Team:  
 John Garceau/Sharon Meek Team Leads  
 Mike Kennedy, Jeffrey Vaughan, Alan Slemmons,  
 Don Brewer

Trustees:  
 Philip Slemmons, Chair 2016  
 Pat Reagan 2017  
 John Morford 2018

### Outreach Council

Darlene Fike, Chair  
 Jane Carwell, Vice-Chair, Elder  
 Cheer Shepard, Elder  
 Roxanne Neal, Elder

\_\_\_\_\_, Deacon Rep

Denominational Relations Committee:  
 Ann Doster, Chair

Communications Committee:  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Chair

Global Missions Committee:  
 Bev Cranston, Chair

Health Ministry Team:  
 Karen Martin, Chair

Local/Community Missions Committee:  
 Karen Kennedy, Chair  
 Lynn Starr, Cheri Thompson, Cathy and Mike  
 Smith, Jane Kimzey, Roxanne Neal, Katy  
 Griffin, Barbara Ferrer, Diane Coleman, Velda  
 Harrison, Bill Cox

CLCC Clothes Closet:  
 Jane Murray, Chair

Gilmer Community Food Pantry:  
 Katie Griffin, Chair

Fannin Food Bank:  
 Jane Kimzey/Barbara Ferer, Chairs

Garden for Others:  
 Sharon Meek, Chair  
 Sherry Brown, Steve and Julie Peugh, Bill and  
 Wendy Cox, Leslie and Ted Murphy,  
 Velda Harrison, Ham and Jane Kimzey

Prayer Shawl Ministry:  
 Chris Livingstone, Chair

Jill's Quilts:  
 Jane Carwell, Chair

Stephen Ministry:  
 Bobbie Cherry, Leader  
 Judy Barrett, Luce Coffie, Barbara Ferer, Carl  
 Hendrickson, Cathy Smith, Charles Walls,  
 Becky Walls, Jean Rose, Marsha Kipling, Feenie  
 Midkiff, Roxanne Neal, Nancy Porter, Sally  
 Pamplin, Chuck Zimmerman, Bruce Granger,  
 Lynette Nelson



# Happy Birthday

|         |                    |         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
| July 02 | Ashley Weaver      | July 12 | Robin Norsworthy   |
| July 03 | Janet Elder        | July 13 | Wendy Cox          |
| July 03 | Mike Kennedy       |         | Amado Grabiell     |
|         | Jane Murray        |         | Bert Lant          |
| July 04 | Michael Brunson    | July 17 | Micah Slemmons     |
|         | Russell Gremillion | July 19 | Tambra Logan       |
|         | Glenda McCumbee    | July 20 | Jean Rose          |
|         | Tommy Munday       | July 24 | George Barrett     |
| July 05 | Russell Gremillion | July 25 | Tom Mitchell       |
| July 06 | Tab Bomhard        |         | Lindsey Norsworthy |
|         | Betsy Shepard      | July 29 | Nancy Midkiff      |
| July 11 | Ray Moore          |         |                    |



|         |                                  |      |
|---------|----------------------------------|------|
| July 01 | Cheer & Mary Beth Shepard        | (37) |
| July 01 | Gil & Sandie Reed                | (55) |
| July 06 | Mike & Cathy Smith               | (47) |
| July 08 | Charles & Becky Walls            | (20) |
| July 08 | Dale & Ashley Weaver             | (15) |
| July 10 | Bill & Patty Crawl               | (50) |
| July 19 | Ed & Ellen Grant                 | (18) |
| July 19 | Ed Boye & Julia Purcell          | (30) |
| July 28 | Julie Johnson & Kristi Mulchahey | (20) |
| July 28 | Tony & Susan Carruth             | (36) |



## May Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$39,442.00

Expenses: \$38,106.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$201,803.00

Year to date Expenses: \$201,312.00

## ATTENDANCE

|         | C. E. 8:25 | 10:55 Worship |
|---------|------------|---------------|
| June 7  | 56         | 119           |
| June 14 | 47         | 126           |
| June 21 | 49         | 106           |

