

CHERRYLOGUE

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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

**There's a
hundred ways
to express your
Love for God!**

**Save the date:
Rally**



Sunday!
September 7, 2014



CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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August, 23 2014



ETC PAVILLION

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Eating around 12:00 noon

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and table service provided.

Bring your lawn chair, and a covered dish.

The ETC Pavilion is located on Legion Road in Ellijay.

From Highway 515: Turn on Howard Simmons Road (CVS is on the corner). At the 3 way stop turn right onto Old Hwy 5. Legion Road is .08 miles on your left, just after you cross the river. ETC Pavilion will be on the left just past Georgia Power.

NO PETS ALLOWED

**What is your Legacy?
Who will benefit from your having lived?
What will you leave behind as your gift to those who have been important to your life?**

These are the questions we have to ask ourselves when planning for the future – or more poignantly, when planning for the end. When your life ends, who/what will continue on and continue to thrive because you remembered them in your planning?

We chose to remember Cherry Log Christian Church in our planning. We've indicated in our Wills that a portion of our "legacy" be contributed to the church. Because we believe so strongly in the mission of the church, its community outreach, and its unwavering love and support of its members, and we want the work of the church to continue after we are gone.



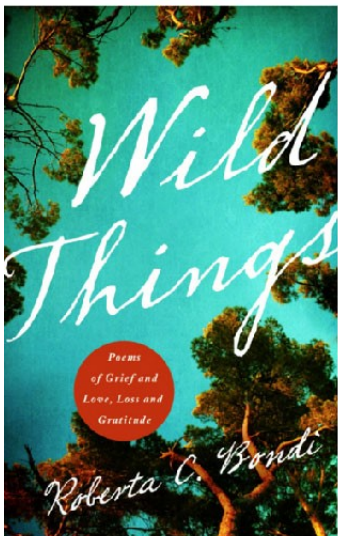
The Legacy Partners Foundation of Cherry Log Christian Church invites you to learn more about gifts you can plan now so that the church continues its ministry in the future. Tax deductible contributions, charitable annuities, securities and cash gifts are just a few of the estate planning options you can consider. Rev. Randy Johnson at the Christian Church Foundation will gladly discuss these and other planned giving opportunities with you. (800-668-8016 or 317-713-2437)

On October 25, 2014 a luncheon will be held to thank the members of the CLCC Legacy Partners Foundation. Become a Legacy Partners member. Join us as we build a firm foundation for the future of our church and our community.



Book Signing

Roberta Bondi's newest book is *Wild Things: Poems of Grief and Loss, Love and Gratitude*. Through her poetry and connective narrative Roberta "expresses her muddled feelings about her mother's death—shock, love, pain, guilt, emptiness, confusion and exhaustion." Roberta writes with such passion and vulnerability. In reading the book, one finds that there are more than remnants of grief within each of us, and through her poetry Roberta helps us to grieve what we have failed to recognize as loss.



A book signing will be hosted at Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where Roberta will be in the fellowship hall after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, August 10 to sign books and to visit with you and share in your loves and losses. Books will be available for purchase.

The church is located at 1149 Cherry Log Street, Cherry Log, GA 30522. Call 706-632-1048 or visit www.DisciplesLoving.org for more information.

FROM MY HEART...

TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

Many have learned the art of prayer through memorization. “Now I lay me down to sleep.” I never was sure what the “if I should die before I wake” was supposed to mean. As a child this thought was not comforting at all. Now, though I do not literally pray this prayer at bedtime, it is comforting to know that God’s entire world is held in God’s hands.

Another prayer many learned was “God is great, God is good.” It was a prayer before our meals in which we recognized and honored the bounty of the food on the table was ultimately from God. I have been in settings where I was asked to pray the blessing for the meal – “You are a minister and that is your business” – with an apology from the host afterwards that the only blessing he knew was this childhood blessing and that was embarrassing to him.

I have found comfort and strength in printed prayers. In college John Baillie’s prayers were meaningful to me, as were the prayers of Reinhold Niebuhr (“God, grant me the serenity”) and the prayers of in The Book of Common Prayer.

I find that these guides to prayer help me to be gentler with myself. It is not God but me who is rough on me. A prayer that I keep in my spiritual spare pocket is one by Soren Kierkegaard:

Teach me, O God, not to torture myself,
Not to make a martyr out of myself through stifling reflection,
But rather teach me to breathe deeply in the faith.



I find that I fit into this prayer like a pair of old shoes I have worn for years. It is so tempting to torture myself, to beat myself up for not doing or doing something – good ole St Paul! I can get down on myself, as the saying goes. That posture also fits with my personality type.

However, I can also be the martyr. I am here, where are you? I am here early and stay late; no one appreciates me. Yes, I am pushing the point, but we can be so proud of our martyrdom. In our judging one another we can see ourselves as martyrs and condemn those who are not as faithful as we are.

But remember the last of the three lines: Teach me to breathe deeply in the faith.

When times are tough, the future is unknown, when life is fragile, when we do not know what to do next – fearful of doing anything and of doing nothing - we need to take the time to breathe the faith. In fact, may I offer that a form of prayer is breathing – just breathing in God’s Spirit and breathing out, letting go of ourselves – is prayer. The Jesus Prayer is based on breathing. When you breathe in you pray, “Lord Jesus Christ” and breathing out you pray, “Have mercy on me.”

With a prayer like this all living and breathing is a prayer that is unceasing.

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**



Nancy Brewer

Born, raised, East Texas (Tyler); TCU, psychology, religious education; married Don (DOC minister) 1953; ministered TN, NC “genteel south”; strongly impacted by Civil Rights Movement; retired to Hiawassee 2000.

Leader in Women United (google it), Disciples Women; Laubach literacy supervisory level curriculum writer, weekly journal column, Workplace Literacy; poet: recent prize-winning “Redemption Coupons” for Disciples International Quadrennial Assembly.

“Dabbles” in home arts; 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren; reader especially biographies; Married 60+ years: “Don and I have always complemented each other”.

CLCC: Passion for Global Missions, Week of Compassion; study leader, CLCC Disciples Women; always involved in Christian Education – content and structure.



Marshall Burke

Born Vienna, Austria, bred on AZ ranch; life-changing year as exchange student, Paris, France (ask him); U of AZ pre-med; Ecology Masters and PhD, Cornell (age 24); “found my compassionate soul in Tunisia”; ask about “Shanty”; ran underground railway for refugees from Central American violence; met Pete 1987-2010

Joined CARE 1986 (10+ years); worked at heart of every global disaster: Rwanda genocide, refugee camps, tsunami, earthquake victims.

Enjoys gardening; gourmet cooking; classical violin (not recently); Ginger is 14-year now service dog and companion.

Diagnosed MSA 3 years ago (now arrested); treated and rehabbed Berkeley, CA; “Now I’ve come back to my home—my church (CLCC).”

Karen Martin

Born Belmont, NC (father a WWII POW); Wake Forest Medical School Physician’s Assistant degree; to Atlanta ’82; PA in cardiology (my passion), St Joseph’s 25 years; bought get-away cabin 2002; made it home 2012; serious interest in heart health

Enjoys knitting, gardening, loves beading! visits Napa Valley often to attend plays by playwright daughter, Lauren, and SF to visit culinary arts student daughter, Kathryn; soon to have grandson.

Duke and Duchess, rescued mini-dachshunds, sometimes rowdy, but love unconditionally.

CLCC recommended by friend; “I found my community—a warm, caring, supportive community”. Involved in Faith and Fiction book club; centering prayer.



Debbie Coburn

Family origins SC (southern roots); “Longest baby born at Ft. Bragg, NC”; global military up-bringing; settled in KY; attended Columbia College and Good Samaritan School of Nursing; married to Rob (Bell South executive, Buckhead) 47 years; bought mountain cabin 1999, house in 2007; daughter and 2 granddaughters live in cabin.

Career: “Homemaker and Domestic Diva” and loves all aspects entailed; enjoys cooking, gardening and reading; daughter and grands live in cabin; passion is hand and machine quilting.



CLCC: “No words to say what this church has done for me!” and “hope to give back as much as I have gotten;” finds quilt ministry fulfilling.

SAVE THE DATE for RALLY SUNDAY September 7th! Georgia Meyers

Save the date: Rally



Rally Sunday signals the beginning of our church program year, including Sunday School and other activities. Gather with your Cherry Log family to share stories of summer fun and prepare for the year ahead.

Join us to...

- Worship at 8:30 AM for Celebrate Early and 10:55 AM for our traditional Worship
- Listen to the Message from David and celebrate with special music from our Chancel Choir

After the worship service, stay for our fellowship meal – and so much more! This year, there will be a make-your-own sundae station

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend and introduce them to Cherry Log Christian Church!

There will more information about this event later in this month so look for it..

YOUTH!

Georgia Meyers

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time ... We are all God’s children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world – just respond to people’s needs ... We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.” - Mother Teresa

Youth joined together playing games with the children on Tower Road. Cherrylog Christian Church can be proud of their youth with such huge hearts. Lots of plans for 2014-2015; Fund Raiser, Monthly Youth Group, Mission Projects, Youth Assembly (formerly Youth Appaloosa), Sunday School...Great Fellowship. Note: "Rally Sunday" is September 7th. Save the Date - Invite a friend!



New Regional Minister to Preach August 17th

David Griffin

Rev. Denise Bell, recently elected and installed as the Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, will be preaching at Cherry Log on August 17th.



As a part of the Regional Board who interviewed Denise, I (David) feel we are very fortunate to have Denise as our Regional Minister. She looks at the whole church and tries to discern what is best for the whole. She is a non-anxious presence and she will tell you very quickly that she loves the Lord.

Rev. Bell graduated from Kean College in 1980 where she earned and was awarded a BA. She graduated from Denver Theological Seminary in 1989 after completing course work to earn her Masters of Divinity degree. She is in the process of completing her dissertation for a PhD in Leadership from Eastern University.

Rev. Bell was ordained by the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1988. She has served churches in Oregon, Virginia and Tennessee where she most recently served as Business Administrator for the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis.

We are so pleased to hear the Word from Denise's heart. Let's give Denise a big Cherry Log welcome on the 17th!

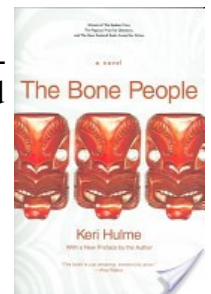
Faith in Fiction

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction Book Group is taking a break for the month of August. When it resumes September 12, the discussion will be on **The Bone People** by Keri Hulme.

Discussions focus on the book and are friendly and non-competitive. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to attend and participate. By sharing views, we often find a deeper experience of a book than we had by a solitary reading alone. We read fiction for the truth we find about lives and places and times outside our own personal experiences.

To get on our email list or to learn more about the group, contact Myra Kibler, myra_kibler@yahoo.com.



Wanted & Needed!

Georgia Meyers

Adults to teach Sunday School for children ages 5-12. We want to build up a pool of teachers so that we can teach on a rotational basis. We all know that the kids at CLCC are curious and fun to be around. We will be starting a new curriculum, "Seasons of the Spirit," which includes a complete weekly teacher's guide and we hope to put materials packets together for easy use. If interested, check www.seasonsoline.ca/ and call Georgia Meyers (Georgia1267@hotmail.com) at 407-948-3025 or Maureen Hicks at (706) 276-4727.

CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH: FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

July 30th Meeting – Presented by Ted Murphy and the CLCC Finance Committee



Wednesday evening, we had about 90 members of Cherry Log and church staff come together to share in an evening of fellowship, reflection, and commitment. We listened to Katie Griffin and Jane Kimzey share stories and information about the community food banks in both Gilmer and Fannin. We heard Ted Murphy, on behalf of the church finance committee, present our current situation and share some possible options to help our church stabilize its current financial situation. Caroline Carder, our treasurer, gave a heartwarming message about how Cherry Log Christian Church is all about miracles and that if we pull together as a church to light

our candles of hope, we can once again create a miracle. Finally, at the end of the evening, we all sang and signed "This Little Light of Mine" with Fonzie Sisson showing us all how to sing from our hearts.

At the top of our list of solutions was the concept of the 13th Month pledge. If every member who has already honored his/her giving commitment this year (2014) pledged to give one more month (13th month), we could potentially raise a significant amount of money to get us through this cash flow challenge. Below is the commitment card. Please consider participating in this 13th month challenge: bring your card back with a check; promise to commit to a 13th month of giving before the end of the year; offer your services/money to one of the many ministries of CLCC.

In support of Cherry Log Christian Church Ministries:

_____ I/We want to participate in the 13th month pledge.

_____ Enclosed is our pledge

_____ Our pledge will be given _____

_____ I/We give \$ _____ to light ministry candles at Cherry Log Christian Church.

_____ I/We cannot contribute financially but would like to volunteer in the many ministries at Cherry Log Christian Church.

In Ministry with: _____

Please go online to our church website to view the presentation, slideshow, and Caroline's "Blessing of the Hands." <http://clccdoc.org/clccdoc/MembersArea/FinancialReports2014.aspx>



August 01 Bill & Velda Harrison (50)
 August 03 Jack & Trisha Senterfitt (46)
 August 08 Richard Zelle & Cindy Avens(27)
 August 04 Ron & Debbie Coburn (47)
 August 14 Jim & Frances Carson (49)
 August 18 Bob & Emily Matthews (46)
 August 22 Ronald & Bette Jensen (55)
 August 28 John & Katie Griffin (61)
 August 29 Dan & Donna Lehr (34)
 August 29 Dan & Carolyn McGinness(33)
 August 30 Lindsey & Robin Norsworthy
 August 31 Mike & Connie Arnold (33)
 August 31 Sidney Goss & Daniel Parrish(34)

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
July 6	40	141
July 13	50	146
July 20	52	141
July 27	49	129

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in July:

In Memory of:
Don Baker

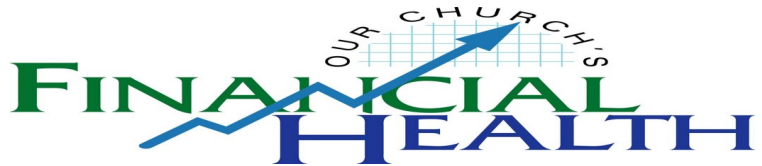
In Celebration of:
Rusty & Diane Coleman's Anniversary
Milt & Mary Hunts 60th Anniversary

With Much thanks to:
Tammy Davidson, Malinda Geers, Tim Anderson, Tab Bomhard, Richard Lumpkin, Birdie Towle, Robin Norsworthy, Hal & Ann Doster for ALL their help with Jim & Judy's 50th Anniversary Celebration

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$310.00



Aug. 02 Belle Doss	Aug. 21 Bob Sherrod
Aug. 06 Karen Price	Aug. 22 Gary Schaefer
Aug. 07 Cynthia Smith	Aug. 25 Jane Griffin
Aug. 09 Emilyn Slemmons	Aug. 27 Daniel Parrish
Aug. 10 Barbara Groce	Beverly Williams
Aug. 12 Don Brewer	Aug. 28 Lucie Coffie
Mike Smith	Aug. 29 Kerri Gilbert
Aug. 16 Mary Beth Shepard	Sue Green
Aug. 19 Georgia Meyers	Aug. 30 Nancy Porter
Aug. 20 John Baird	



June Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$48,031.00

Expenses: \$46,273.00

Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$254,876.00

Year to date Expenses: \$276,054.00



October
4th



Many Hands Make for Light Work!!!!

On October 4th CLCC will be hosting a Yard Sale in the morning to early afternoon and end the day with a silent auction. We will be renting booths, selling food and baked goods at the yard sale. We need volunteers to help plan, set up and clean up. Contact Sharon Meek or the church office to volunteer.

Caroline Carder will head up the silent auction team. She needs volunteers as well. We are also looking for items for the silent auction. Contact Caroline or the church office for more details.