

# CHERRYLOGUE

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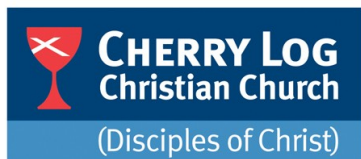
Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

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

**Save the date:  
Rally**



**Sunday!  
September 7, 2014**



## **Rally Day! On Sunday, Sept. 7**

Rally Sunday signals the beginning of our church program year, including Sunday School for all ages, and Youth Group. Gather with your CLCC family to share stories of summer fun and prepare for the year ahead. New Curriculum, Games, Face Painting, and Ice Cream! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend and introduce them to CLCC!

Youth (FYSH) Lock-In Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm. Call Georgia for more information 407-948-3025. Pizza, Games, "Gatoring", Hiking, and Fellowship!

## **Prayer Labyrinth Workshop**

On Saturday, September 13, the Labyrinth Keepers will host a special event for the congregation. Julie Johnson will lead an introductory labyrinth workshop for members of CLCC. All are invited including children. There will be two sessions from which to choose: 10 am. and 1 pm. We will begin gathering a bit before the starting time for coffee and conversation. Then Julie will explain the nature and origin of walking the Labyrinth as a Christian Spiritual Practice. The 30 min presentation will be followed by 15 min of Q & A and a break. We will then meet at the church's new labyrinth. Individuals are invited to walk the labyrinth or prayerfully watch others participate in this ancient Christian practice. There will be a short time to debrief if you wish. Plan now to come with your excitement, skepticism or curiosity. Rain date: September 20th.



# A LOCAL OUTREACH THANK YOU:

## Garden for Others

On Friday, August 22, about 10 folks came together to help harvest 1000 pounds of potatoes that were donated to both Fannin and Gilmer County Food Pantries. A big thank you goes out to Ernest and Barbara, our community neighbors, who helped turn the soil and helped with the harvesting. Earlier in the summer, Bill, Wendy, Sara, and Zack harvested about 250 pounds of squash. Thank you everyone who helped.



Finally, we have built 4 raised garden beds for fall planting with the help of Ham Kimzey, Don and Feenie Midkiff, and Justin Meredith. If you would like to adopt one of the raised garden beds (one bed has already been adopted), please contact Sharon Meek or Don Midkiff soon. Planting is just around the corner. We will be planting radishes, curly mustard, and other fall vegetables.



## Helping Hands

On Thursday, August 14, about 20 folks helped move residents of Brooks Hill back into their apartments after being displaced during renovation. This helping hands group of folks made a difference in our community and brought joy to the residents.

## THANK YOU!

### 13<sup>th</sup> Month Campaign Results So Far...

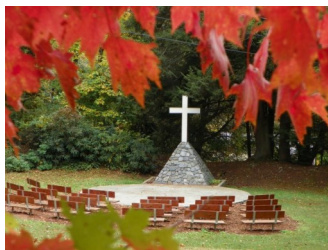
Since July 30, 2014, our 13<sup>th</sup> Month Campaign has raised \$14,775.00 of additional funds with the help of 35 family units participating in the program. The finance committee says a big THANK YOU to those families who have stepped up. If you have not made your commitment yet, please consider joining these 35 families.



## CHRISTMOUNT WEEK

**Oct. 21-24, 2014**

The 2014 Christmount Week will feature:



**Dr. Fred Craddock** as the Vespers Speaker and **Dr. Jerry Gladson** speaking on the theme *Job & the Suffering of the World*. Music Leaders: Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke

Come enjoy worship, study, play, and fellowship! Christmount Week is a Tuesday evening through Friday morning event that will offer rest for your soul and renewal for the journey of faith.

Registration is limited to 90 participants. For more info go to: <http://www.christmount.org> or call Christmount at 828.669.8977.

## FROM MY HEART...

## TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

Cruising around the curve, a warning sign whizzed by alerting drivers of an intersection ahead with a stop sign. But at the intersection then there was no direction signage. Two choices were present to us; well, maybe three. Take a left, take a right, or turn around. Driving on mountain roads with it being cloudy I found it difficult to ascertain which is east and west. My car does not have the built-in compass on the rearview mirror. So we took a moment to ponder. Hmmm.

Left looked to be a good option. But then right also looked to be as good an option. Being the driver and obvious forthright leader, I chose not to turn around. We had been there before. Leadership skills abound!

Now we had a possible designation mind, but it was a wandering day. So left or right would not have been a wrong or right direction to follow. My cell phone rings and I answer. A friend was catching me up on a situation. I kept an eye on the rearview mirror just in case a car approached us from behind. Maybe the driver of that car would know where we were – or maybe that driver, too, could be wandering! But we were in the middle of nowhere, or maybe even on the edge of nowhere. No driver appeared.

Just as I was putting my iPhone in my pocket, eureka! I have a compass on my iPhone. East or west was not an option, but southeast was, off we went- to the left. (Okay, Jane was right! I think this is written in invisible ink.)

So often we find ourselves at the crossroads and do not know which way to go. A couple is deciding to stay together or to leave each other. A student is deciding whether to go into nursing or be an artist. Another is deciding to have surgery or let life take its course. Should one respond in anger or forgiveness? Options presented without directions.

Shall we roll the dice or play rock/paper/scissors? Or how about that inner compass? Not the compass of feelings. Feelings are feelings but feelings do not have a spiritual or moral compass. And please do not choose the ego compass that gratifies self in the limited sight of others.

The compass of which I am writing is the compass without points, seemingly directionless. It gives direction by quieting our own fears and insecurities, letting ourselves be and letting ourselves be with God. Sit at the crossroads, in the wilderness, on a bridge that is swaying from a crosswind, or even in a peaceful valley in the midst of wildflowers and hummingbirds humming. Sit unfocused in the Presence. Without panic, be.

Then turn and take one step. No, not a running jumpstart! Just a step.

If you need a companion, call me and I will come and sit with you.



# 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**



## Joyce Dakis

Born, bred Detroit; German & Swiss-Methodist preacher grandfathers; pursued arts degree Ann Arbor; met and married (45 years) Yani (Greek engineer); Mass, NC, GA; 21 years in Doraville; Sociology degree (GA State) at age 53

Lifetime volunteer: tutoring; hospital volunteer program at Grady; literacy action in Atlanta; Trinity Methodist secretary; hospice; Meals-on-wheels; Methodist choir; moved to mountains 1984; lost “my Greek man” Yani 1996; extensive travel because of Swiss/German/Greek origins

“Outdoor family”; hiked/camped the mountains; huge gardens; bridge; 4 daughters, 4 granddaughters, 12 great grands (4 grandSONS)

CLCC: Followed Dr. Craddock and became Charter Associate member; attends Methodist early service/Sunday School then 11:00 CLCC service.



## Dick Zellely

Born Germantown, PA; military dad (WA OK CA WA AZ MD); Montclair, NJ; BA Northwestern University, BAMus; Rutgers ABD musicality; U of Central FL/FL Atlantic, DED; Three Hierarchs Seminary; Orlando, Daytona, FL

Multifaceted career – Music Coordinator, K-12; Seminary Dean; Orlando Junior College Music Chair; Dayton State College, adjunct music; Dayton Community College – birthed Learning Community Movement (google); practicing Orthodox Priest

Hobbies: woodworking; avid reader; jazz piano; drumming (high school dance band!) He and Cindy (27 years) share 4 children, 7 grands, 1 great grand (soon to be 2); love of recorders brought them together

CLCC: “didn’t want a church” until fellow community volunteers brought them here

## Ruth West

Born Akron OH, bred Sparta, TN; married math prof at TN Tech (Hoyal-54 years); Berry College (34 years), 3 sons, 1 daughter; BA and Masters in Home Economics, Childhood Development; Director of children’s work and schools in 3 churches.

Retired to Cartersville and found passion for architecture and construction; built 4 homes—Thomas Jefferson house, country French style, salt box and log, then current log home in Coosawattee; would love to build another.

Painter; stained glass artist; stone mason; bridge player; pet lover (Bailey and Moe.)

CLCC: found in local paper; knew of Dr. Craddock and found the accepting church they wanted.



## Bert Lent

Born White Plains, NY; bred Baton Rouge; LSU; Navy 4 yrs. (Viet Nam); UWF; environmental science, psychology; Bay Co. Dept. Environmental Protection (18 yrs); Tyndall Air Force Base (environmental work) 11 yrs; as volunteer, helped birth “tree watch” for state of FL; moved to mountains about 2005.

Hobbies: hiking, woodworking, antiques, gardening – “frontiersman, mountain man at heart”; he and ReLeah (married 20 years) share 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

CLCC: varied church background and not looking for one; working as volunteer at Feed Fannin, nudged by colleagues to come and still here.

## ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Georgia Meyers

ALL CHILDREN are welcomed with delight at CLCC. Just as Jesus welcomed each child, we seek to minister to our children and their families. This welcome begins at birth and continues throughout childhood, with careful attention to the developmental tasks of each age group and the individual needs of each child and family.

### 5 yrs-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Age Classroom

The Seasons of the Spirit Multiage Sunday School classroom is uniquely designed to meet the needs of ages 5 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Multiage Lectionary-based lessons offer different age appropriate options for engaging with the biblical stories and includes “activity zones” that address different ages, interests, learning styles, and abilities. This group will experience storytelling scripts, self-directed learning, and relationships with children of different ages as they create community, sharing time, and space each week.

*Children’s Worship offered through 2nd grade.*

### FYSH – 6<sup>th</sup> -12 Grade Classroom

RFour Curriculum is a scripture-centered curriculum supported by media clips provided with the appropriate lessons. Sunday School involves both teaching and instilling the disciplines of Christianity (worship, prayer, studying scripture). The class encourages discussion and community and would invite the students on a constant basis to give of themselves in service.

To be “Disciples of Christ”.

## Disciples Women To Host Victoria Bailey

The Disciples Women of CLCC will begin their new year on Saturday, Sept. 20 with a “Bible and Brunch” at 10:30. Our special guest will be Victoria Bailey, a seasonal CLCC member who is an ordained Methodist minister. She will bring us a program on Sarah and Hagar, from the book of Genesis. The Bible study theme for this year is Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice. All women of the church are invited to join us for her presentation and for brunch afterwards. It is not necessary to RSVP, but if you think that you will come, it would be helpful to let Nancy Zimmerman or Nancy Brewer know; or you can call Malinda at the church, and she can let us know.

Disciples Women meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, usually at the church, for fellowship, study, and outreach. Nancy Brewer is our program chairman, and she always plans interesting programs for us. Some highlights last year were hearing from Ron Midkiff about his experiences in China and from Lynn Barrett about her 25 years in Hong Kong as a missionary with her husband. Every month we support a particular outreach project, some of them local, and some more far-reaching, even international. We conclude our morning with lunch together.

Disciples Women is an opportunity to not only deepen friendships with women from our congregation, but also to connect with women from other Disciples churches. This past June, some of us attended the Quadrennial Assembly in Atlanta, which is a national and international gathering of Disciples Women and Disciples mission partners. A highlight of the Quadrennial was our own Nancy Brewer reading her first-prize poem at a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. In September, several of us will attend the regional retreat held in Toccoa, Georgia, for a weekend of fellowship and inspiration with women from Disciples churches in Georgia.

We’d love to see you in September—come and check us out!—Nancy Zimmerman, President

## CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S FALL ONLINE AUCTION!

**WHAT:** CLCC will hold an online auction this fall via the internet to raise funds for our church.

**WHEN:** The anticipated start date for the online auction is late September/early October, with the auction ending sometime in November, just in time for Christmas gift purchasers. So we need to find out what we have to offer by September 15.

**WHO:** YOU! We need items and services to offer for this auction—everything from physical items and personal services, to anything else you can think of that others may want/value. If you don't personally have any items to offer, try to think of others you know who may ( neighbors, friends, businesses you patronize ). Since this auction will be open to the general public, and may involve shipping charges and other logistical factors, we will focus on items that will generate \$25 or more ( minimum starting bid amount ).

**IDEAS:** Physical items like furniture, antiques, collectibles, artwork, jewelry, sporting equipment and memorabilia, tools, food/drink items, apparel, kitchen items, used cars, etc. Services—anything from cooking, gardening, legal help, accounting, beauty aids, music, personal shopping, golf rounds...you name it. Gift certificates or items from local businesses. Vacation home rental for a weekend, week, etc. BE CREATIVE! ( and remember that items donated are likely tax deductible )

**ACTION NEEDED:** Fill out the form below and mail or scan/email it back to CLCC as soon as you can. Please include a photo if possible. Or click here to fill out the form online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CGZQ8RY> . Or if you don't want to send an email or fill out a form online, come by the church office and fill out a paper form.

CHERRY LOG CHRISTIAN CHURCH FALL ONLINE AUCTION: ITEM FORM

ITEM NAME:

DESCRIPTION:

ESTIMATED VALUE:

MINIMUM STARTING BID:

DONOR & CONTACT INFO: NAME

PHONE & ADDRESS

( Mail to CLCC at PO Box 289 Cherry Log, GA 30522, or email to [clcc@tds.net](mailto:clcc@tds.net) )

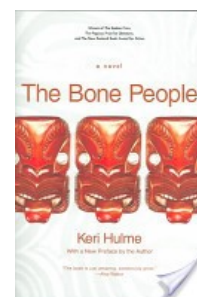
## Faith in Fiction

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](mailto:myra_kibler@yahoo.com).



## Chancel Choir Needs You!

Richard Lumpkin

The chancel choir starts a new season this Thursday. We would love to have anybody who would enjoys singing and would like to help lead our congregation in worship to join us. Both singers and hand bell ringers are welcome. Contact me or Bob Clarke if you're interested or drop in for rehearsals on Thursday evening.



September 01 John & John Pettit (57)  
 September 02 Alan & Teri Slemons (19)  
 September 04 Hoyal & Ruth West (56)  
 September 09 Richard & Jackie Lumpkin(25)  
 September 11 Jim & Carla Self (38)  
 September 13 John & Joan Dickinson(56)  
 September 14 Charles & Shirley Brewer(40)  
 September 14 Bill & Wendy Cox (28)  
 September 22 David & Jane Griffin (7)  
 September 29 Mark & Georgia Meyers

### ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate	Worship
Aug. 3	51	137
Aug. 10	62	126
Aug. 17	53	112
Aug. 24	54	123
Aug. 31	46	117

### CELEBRATION FUND

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

In Memory of:  
 Don Baker  
 Frank Osborne

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund  
 \$100.00

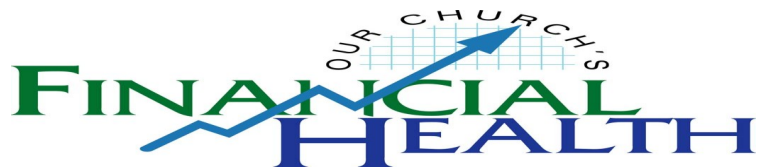
Welcome New Members:

Harriet Berman  
 802 Shenendoa Drive, Ellijay, GA 30540  
 706-636-1350

Wes Jones  
 79 Over the Hill Pkwy, Mineral Bluff, GA  
 30559 770-654-3199



Sept. 01 Sheryl Holstein	Sept. 20 Cathy Smith
Sept. 04 Darlene Fike	Gary Tomblin
Betty Gardin	Sept. 21 Marshall Burke
Sept. 05 Sidney Goss	Sept. 22 Dan Pile
Sept. 06 Fran Lake	Sept. 23 Cathy Johnson
Sept. 07 Mac McRoberts	Sept. 24 Leslie Murphy
Sept. 08 Ed Boye	Sept. 25 Gail Dennis
Sept. 09 Deborah Lewis	Sharon Meek
Sept. 10 Carla Self	Sept. 26 Janet Tripp
Sept. 12 Bobbie Cherry	Sept. 28 Richard Zelle
Sept. 13 Frazier Coffie	Sept. 29 Ronald Jensen
Sept. 17 Vivian Wood	



### July Treasurer's Report

#### General Operating:

Contributions: \$40,559.00

Expenses: \$49,689.00

Budgeted Income \$46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$295,434.00

Year to date Expenses: \$325,743.00



### Many Hands Make for Light Work!!!!

On October 4th CLCC will be hosting a Yard Sale. We will be renting booths, selling food and drinks at the yard sale. We need volunteers to help plan, set up and clean up. Contact Sharon Meek or the church office to volunteer.

Booths are still available. Invite your friends to have a yard sale with us. Booths are \$20.00. We are only renting 50 spaces for the day. Hurry before they are all gone.