

Cherrylogue

C H E R R Y L O G C H R I S T I A N C H U R C H
(D I S C I P L E S O F C H R I S T)

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- 2017 Reconciliation Offering to be collected on 9/24 and 10/1.
- Welcoming Rev. Adam Bradley on Sunday, October 1st.

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**SACRED MUSIC CONCERT
FREE RECITAL
Cherry Log Christian Church
September 17, 2017 at 3 PM**

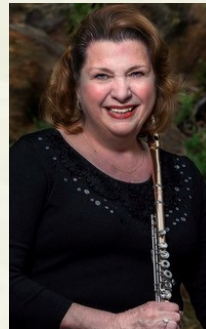
Cherry Log Christian Church

will host a free recital of Sacred Music on Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 pm.

The program will explore new arrangements of music appropriate for all seasons of the church calendar, from Mozart's Alleluia! to the modern Mary, Did You Know? Familiar hymn tunes are set in



the style of Irish folk tunes, sultry jazz, and even Israeli dances. The



concert will be presented by local artists Bill and Cheryl Star and their accompanist Jennifer St. Clair. Known as the Windsong Trio, they have performed throughout North Georgia

in numerous area churches for the past 15 years. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated.

**MOVIE NIGHT
September 23 at 6 PM
Benefitting Kenya Mission Trip**

Our next movie night will be Saturday, September 23 at 6 pm. We will have supper, planning menu now, and desserts. Soft drinks will be available. As will popcorn for the movie. This month we will watch the new

musical Beauty and the Beast. It's an old story but this version is not a cartoon. It stars the girl who played Hermonie in Harry Potter and the man who played Michael in Downtown Abbey It is for all ages. Bring your lawn

chairs. We will take donations for the mission trip to Kenya. Hope to see you there. For more information see Jane Carwell. See page 8 for more information on the Kenya Mission Trip.

Visit Our Contemporary Bible Class - Sundays at 9:30AM

This class is planned for those desiring in-depth Bible study and its application to our faith and real-life experiences. We often look at contemporary and earlier interpretations, but the focus is on how it speaks to us.

We study passages for each Sunday following the Revised Common Lectionary— sometimes all the readings for that day, sometimes one. The facilitator (primarily Charles Walls or a class member he invites) enables the discussion, but the heart of our lesson comprises the reflections and comments from members. We love our class and almost every Sunday find it interesting, insightful, stimulating, exciting. It keeps the Bible relevant and vital to our lives.

Comments from a few:

“I get so much from this class--the combination of information and discussion is great--in a class like this, Bible study never gets old or stale.”

“I love the diversification of the class members; discussions are animated and all questions receive thoughtful responses. Every week is a learning experience from the class leader (and all have been wonderful!) and the class participation.”

“Charles' enthusiasm is infectious and the class input often gives rise to a new way of looking at familiar scriptures.”

“[The class} keeps planting seeds, [and we] keep growing!!!”

“I enjoy our SS Class because of Charles' teaching and the wonderful discussions we have where everyone feels free to voice their belief or opinion.”

“[My wife] and I both have felt that this is our best SS class ever, due to the enormous amount of scholarship and background from all the different ministers and differing backgrounds, and to the willingness on the part of all the members to accept that range of views while "chewing the fat" without chewing each other up. And it is a very caring group about the Gospel and about each other. We look forward to each week and feel a little empty when we have to miss class.”

“...so many varied thoughts/opinions have increased my daily Bible readings, stretched and often changed my thinking.”

“CE service attenders come in having heard a lectionary based sermon and add new insights from that. 11 am service attenders lay a rich foundation for the sermon they hear afterward. Missing the class leaves a real gap in that day's inspiration.”



DISCIPLES WOMEN BEGIN A NEW YEAR

Cherry Log is a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) SO, who are we and what does it mean to be Disciples? As its study theme for 2017-2018, our Disciples Women group is calling on some of our Disciple pastors and long-time members for programs to answer ALL our questions about the Disciples. What is our history? What place do women have in the denomination? Do we have foreign missions? What is our organizational structure? Our strengths, our weaknesses? REV. JIM TINGLE will begin this interesting study on SEPTEMBER 17, 10:30, in Fellowship Hall, with lunch to follow at noon. ALL Cherry Log women are, indeed, DISCIPLES WOMEN! Please join us this year as we study, serve, laugh, and enjoy fellowship together.

LADIES, LET'S RETREAT!

September 22-24 is a great time to retreat to the lovely Baptist Retreat Center in Toccoa. Ladies, do think seriously about joining several Cherry Log women who plan to attend. A powerhouse team of speakers, fun music, discussion with Christian sisters await you. Cost for two nights and six meals is \$205. See Lynn Chapman or Judy Barrett for more information.

**The Board of Directors of the Christian Church Foundation
Named Cherry Log Christian Church of Cherry Log, GA
the 2017 recipient of the**

The James P. Johnson Stewardship Award

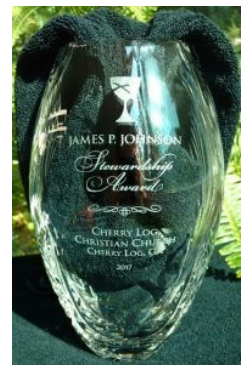
This award was presented at the 2017 General Assembly in July in Indianapolis.

“Cherry Log Christian Church, with an outstanding record of outreach-focused mission, is a worthy recipient of the Johnson Stewardship Award because of its leadership, creativity and integrity in responding to God’s call for faithful stewardship.

This award recognizes this congregation’s commitment to overall stewardship, including planned giving, and demonstrated support for church-wide and local outreach ministries.”

-- the Rev. Gary Kidwell, Foundation President

The award is named in honor of Foundation President Emeritus James P. Johnson and recognizes his commitment to funding the witness and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in all of its manifestations.



From the Moderator:

Another month has come and gone and CLCC has had a lot going on. On August 20, 2017, we called a congregational meeting. We had 149 participating votes, well over our 107 needed for a quorum. If you were unable to attend, this is what happened:



We recognized Jim Wieland for his 15 years of dedicated service in sustaining the weekly and special CLCC prayer list. The Prayer List is truly a phenomenal way for us all to stay in touch and care for one another. Marsha Kipling will now be taking over this vital task in the life of Cherry Log Christian Church. The new E-mail for the prayer list is clccprays@gmail.com.

The Constitution change was approved by 145, 0 disapproved, 1 abstained and 4 did not vote on this item.

We also voted on the Call of Adam Jonathan Bradley to be our Senior Minister.

149 votes were cast, 147 approved Adam, 0 disapproved and 2 abstained. We welcome Adam, Michelle, Emma and Ethan. We are so excited to share our journey with you.

Sunday August 24, 2017 was Dr. Paul Pryor's last Sunday. We shared food, fellowship and memories. We send Paul and Tibby off on their new journey with blessings and hope for the future. I value both of their faithful service and the contributions that they have made here at CLCC.

During the month of September as we wait for Adam to come, we will be having guest speakers in the pulpit. I want to thank Jerry Johnson for assisting in the coordination of our Sunday services while we are without a fulltime pastor. I also thank all of those who have agreed to serve. Following is our September schedule.

September 3 Jim Tingle

September 10 SPECIAL GUEST Denise Bell *Georgia DOC Regional Minister*

September 17 Charles Walls

September 24 Victoria Bailey

Sunday October 1, 2017 will be Rev. Bradley's first Sunday. We will be having a combined service at 10:30 with a fellowship dinner following so we can all celebrate this significant event in the life of Cherry Log Christian Church. As I think about Adam and his family coming, I'm reminded of Romans 1:8-12 in Paul's address to the church. (*see scripture below*) We have prayed and waited on this *CALL*. I hope we can prepare our hearts to be one of encompassing love. I hope we can take this chance of new beginning to commit to each other and to our Pastor that we will walk together with respect, love and gentleness. Let us remember to minister to each other, our community, our world and our Pastor. I pray we will all walk together in patience and in kindness, always aware that we are the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Caroline

Romans 1:8-12

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

4th Annual Church Yard Sale October 6th and 7th

8 AM SET-UP SALE 9:00 AM to 2 PM –EACH DAY

Pancake Breakfast \$5.00 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

RENT YOUR SPOT. ONLY 20 SITES AVAILABLE - \$20 for 1 day rental or \$30.00 for 2 day rental

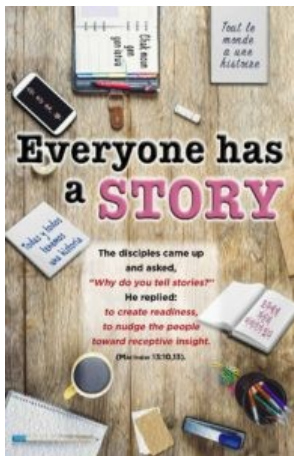
CALL THE CHURCH TO DONATE ITEMS, VOLUNTEER TO WORK, or RENT SPACE.

SIGN-UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Its that time of year to look around and see what treasures you have that you would like to donate to the church yard sale. We have begun to receive lots of treasures so if you can wait to bring your treasures until after Sept 30th, it would be much appreciated. The church looks forward to “Reducing the Debt” even more this year. This year, the yard sale will be on Friday October 6th and Saturday, October 7th, rain or shine. We need lots of volunteers ! If you can help with the yard sale, bake sale, pancake breakfast or baking items for the bake sale, call the church office or sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. WE NEED YOU!



2017 Reconciliation Offering



The 2017 Reconciliation Offering will be received in congregations across the US on **September 24th** and **October 1st**. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church’s mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering providing for programs of leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities. Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness, evidenced in racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ’s witness in the world, showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

S U P P L I E S F O R T R A F F I C K I N G V I C T I M S

When Jenny Miller spoke to many of us in June about human trafficking, we learned about groups in the Atlanta area who address the needs of exploited persons. TAPESTRI is one of those. Tapestri says: “We believe every person has the right to live without fear. Your support strengthens our ability to serve refugee and immigrant survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.” Disciples Women invite you to join them in September’s collection of (toothpaste, mint dental floss, medium toothbrushes) and/or (loose leaf notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencil erasers). A collection basket will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



Jim Willis

Born and raised in Jacksonville, FL; graduate of U of FL; employed four years by Department of Welfare in Florida then 32 years by the Federal Government social security and medicare program; moved to Atlanta in 1966 and have had a cabin on Walnut Mountain for 22 years. He and Betty have been married over 63 years. They have 2 sons, 7 grandchildren, 2 cats, and enjoys woodworking.

A newspaper ad announcing preaching services by Dr. Craddock at the pavilion in Cherry Log led them to become charter members of CLCC, maybe beginning with the first service. When they are on the mountain they are in Sunday School and worship service.

Ron Zimbrick

Born in Grand Forks, ND, raised in East Grand Forks, MN (Red River Valley); engineering degree led to career throughout Western hemisphere in broadcast engineering (radio DJ); R & D imaging manipulation (forerunner of HD television); remote tele-casting, sports events, etc.; special effects engineering & manufacturing videos; later with Toshiba broadcast division (Atlanta); undersea warfare equipment, acoustical imaging...ask Ron for more; 1990 returned to GA and began documentation corporation writing technical manuals; now in electronic control signals, doors, gates, fences, etc.; still at it serving 40+ gated communities and private homes.

Joined CLCC when Kay became first secretary; sings bass in choir; property chair several years; enjoys golf, previous fisherman, gardener, carpenter, loves cooking!



Cathy Vincent

Born in Hays, Kansas but family moved around a lot as Dad worked in the oil industry. She grew up in TX, OK, and KS. Cathy attended Baylor University and received a B.S. in Dental Hygiene. Roomed with best friend, Peggy, who was Barry's sister. Married Barry in 1970 and they have one daughter, Marcy. After moving around, while Barry was in the service, settled in Peachtree City, GA and lived there for 17 years. Cathy worked as a Dental Hygienist her entire career. Bought a cabin in Cherry Log Mountain. They currently live in Goose Island Hideaway. Cathy loves to read, especially mysteries. She also loves to travel. Cathy and Barry looked for a small church and found Cherry Log Christian Church. As Cathy said, "Every time I come to CLCC, my soul is fed." Cathy is on the Music Committee and also is helping with the "Snack in a Backpack" program in the schools.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July Revenue of \$36,207 is in line with recent months and \$3,345 more than July expenses which were \$32,862. It is good to see revenues exceed expenses in July. The year 2017 continues to track 2016 with the net loss though July for each year virtually the same as shown in the table below:

7 months total through July

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Expenses	\$260,165	\$249,467
Revenue	\$272,242	\$260,749
Net diff.	(\$12,077)	(\$11,282)

The declining trend in revenue relates directly to attendance. Average weekly attendance for the year 2016 was 162. Through July of this year average weekly attendance is 138. The reduction in attendance is somewhat offset by increased giving per person attending, which is about \$8.00 per person, per week higher than in 2016. Your sacrificial giving is helping and is very much appreciated. Many of us believe the transition year we are going through is the primary reason attendance is down. The excitement we feel about our new pastor suggests that attendance should begin to bounce back once he is here.

GRIEF RECOVERY RETREAT

Led by Dr. Trisha Senterfitt

Retreat Schedule Friday, November 3, 2017, 4-8 pm

Saturday, November 4, 9-3 pm

Sunday, November 5, 2-5 pm

This weekend is a healing opportunity for those who are ready to move forward beyond loss. It is both experiential and educational in nature. This is for anyone who has been impacted by any of more than 40 potential losses. We will be using the GRIEF RECOVERY HANDBOOK by John W. James and Russell Friedman, which is available on Amazon. The retreat will be held at Trisha and Jack's home, 974 Whispering Pine Lane, Cherry Log, GA 30522. Registration can be made by emailing tsenterfitt@gmail.com or calling Trisha at 404-643-0623.

Please read the book before you come and complete the Loss History Graph in Chapter 9. You will need both the book and graph all during the retreat. Give me a call or email with any questions. I will send directions as we get closer to the weekend.

KENYA MISSION TRIP

Michael Agwande, the founder of Life for Children Ministries, was introduced to the Cherry Log congregation by Bill Groce in 2016. Michael is an HIV/AIDS orphan. He wanted to help the children who were like him. The orphans needed homes. So instead of building orphanages, Michael worked to create homes for the families of the children. He set up his ministry to help with food, clothes, schooling and homes. The ministry also works with the street boys in Kisumu who do not have families and are homeless.

In order to help Michael, our church collected money on Mothers Day 2016 and raised \$8000 to build eight widows houses. In June of 2017, we collected more that \$2000 for Widows Houses. In July of 2016, we raised \$2600 to help build a well to provide clean water for the villages. Michael visited us several times during 2016. He and his group are so appreciative of our help. During his visits, we talked about a mission trip to help build the houses we have funded. After several months of discussion, a mission team has been formed. The team will leave Atlanta on October 10 and return on October 23. Members on the mission team are Wendy and Bill Cox, Dorothy Morford, Becky Walls, and Jane Carwell. We are asking that you add us to your prayer list so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus while we are in Kenya. We will visit with and worship with the street boys, teach classes, play games, build two widows houses, meet and visit with the guardians and their children, and we will meet the women who are being trained to become economically self-sufficient.

Here are some stories from the mission team, explaining why they want to go to Kenya.

I have always enjoyed working with children and their families. Since I have been retired, I have not felt that I was very useful. I enjoy working as a volunteer with our Outreach projects but I have needed to do more. When the opportunity to go to Kenya to work as a part of a mission ministry, I knew I wanted to be part of the group. I am looking forward to working with the children and their families. It will be such a privilege to represent the people of Cherry Log Christian Church. Having worked at a Habitat Build, I have seen the effect a new home has on a family. The Widows Houses are very

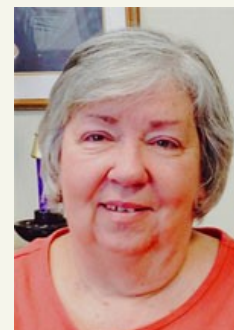
small and primitive by our standards but they provide a home that is dry and safe. The women and their children will be able to go inside out of the rain and stay dry. They will be able to close the door and windows and be safe. Becky and I are going to read to the younger children. They speak English, but it is proper English not southern English! Hope they understand us! We are all so excited at the opportunity to show God's love to the people involved with the Life for Children Ministries.

Thank you to those who have given to our mission trip. Many of

you have attended our fundraisers and made donations to help cover our expenses. We will have one more fundraiser on Saturday, Sept 23. We will have another movie night. I hope you can attend.

I think this will be a life changing event for all of us. I cannot express the appreciation that I have for all of the help that has been received. What a blessing it is to be a part of Cherry Log Christian Church.

Jane Carwell



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Kenya continued...

This mission trip gives me the opportunity to give back the love I have received through the years, not only from the people who have been living a life based on Christian values, but for me having been fortunate to be born and raised in this part of the world. It is a blessing. Thank you Cherry Log Christian Church. Bill Cox



I would like to talk about what this mission trip means to me. I am so excited to be connecting across the globe to a culture that is so different. I feel that our connection to other people is so important. As a nurse, I meet people at such a vulnerable time in their lives. My goal is always to nurture, comfort and heal my patients and their families. When we go on this mission trip, I am hoping to interact with people of another culture to share my experiences and my compassion with them. I hope that I will teach them that, as a Christian and as an

American, I am loving and nurturing and caring. In turn, they will teach me about themselves. Our cultures are so different, yet our human needs are all the same. In such a divided world, I hope to bring us closer together. Every opportunity we have to meet someone, we will have a positive, or negative effect. I hope that the people I meet and the connections I make will have a positive and lasting impact on their lives. I hope that I will enrich their lives as I know that they will have a profound effect on mine. I hope to

come back and share their love with everyone that I meet here. Every meeting, interaction, and contact shapes our lives and the lives of those we meet. I hope to share that blessing with people in Kenya and our community at home. I am so blessed by Cherry Log Christian Church for giving me this opportunity. Thank you so much. Love, Wendy



I am so grateful to be going on this mission trip to Kenya. I've wanted this experience since I was a teenager. Thank you for your support and prayers. Becky Walls

Africa Bound

This Mission Trip has been on my "Bucket List" for some time and I am looking forward to it! My son worked for many years, in Senegal, teaching the villagers the art of well drilling. John's son and Grandsons helped build a small school and furnished a children's library in Tanzania.

It is now my turn to try to make a difference in some way.... Dorothy Morford





Sept 1 Mary Encinias
 Sept 2 Larry Brannon
 Sept 4 Darlene Fike, Betty Gardin
 Sept 5 Sidney Goss
 Sept 10 Carla Self
 Sept 12 Bobbie Cherry
 Sept 15 Linda Jarrard
 Sept 17 Vivian Wood
 Sept 20 James Tomblin, Cathy Smith
 Sept 21 Marshall Burke, Cathy Johnson
 Sept 25 Sharon Meek
 Sept 27 Marcus Crowe
 Sept 28 Richard Zelle
 Sept 29 Ronald Jensen

Sept 1 Joan and John Pettit
 Sept 2 Terri and Alan Slemons
 Sept 11 Jim and Carla Self
 Sept 14 Shirley and Chuck Brewer
 Bill and Wendy Cox
 Sept 29 Georgia and Mark Meyers



July Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$36,207.08

Expenses: \$32,862.01

Year to Date Contributions: \$249,467.43

Year to Date Expenses: \$260,748.64

In the RED: \$11,281.21

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Aug. 6	34	107
Aug. 13	26	104
Aug. 20	26	112
Aug. 27		135

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

No donations made in August.

Mark Your Calendar

October 1st, Rev. Adam Bradley's first Sunday

Combined Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Reception following Worship Service