

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

**Thank you Cherry Log
Christian Church staff.
We are thankful for
your services and
talents and all the work
that you do to help
us be the church God
wants us to be.**

Lois Grice

Journey to CLCC Nursery: Born and raised in Copperhill, TN. While working in two other churches, “God lead me here” over 13 years ago. Dr. Craddock looked in the nursery and asked, “is there a baby in that crib?” “No,” she answered, and he replied, “Lynn and Harry Doss are going to bring us one.” Evelyn was her first.

Interests: Loving little ones, is a Master Gardner, an “experimental chef”, needle work enthusiast, especially embroidery and hand quilting.

Church: “Over the intercom 2 weeks ago, the choir’s music made me cry and the hair stood up on the back of my neck.”



Birdie Towle

Path to Georgia: Born in Green Bay Wisconsin, raised in Miami, FL, lured to My Mountain in 1998

Profession: Licensed Psychotherapist (and CLCC pianist!)
Education: Barry University, Miami; Florida State

Interests: All God’s creatures, borders on passion; Music: Studied piano in grade school, musician Mom pulled her into church music, both organ and piano. Natural talent greatly augmented by Richard and other musicians in the choir. First played for CLCC in Pavilion. Began full time 2000.
Reading: Takes virtual “mini-vacations” as she reads, especially Sci-Fi
Great nephew, Carson, is “the love of my life”.

About CLCC: “The first time I entered this church, it felt like I had found my spiritual home.”



David Griffin

Journey: Durham, NC, Texas, GA, Oklahoma, Indiana, NC, Ellijay

Great bio at www.clccd.org
Profession: Senior Minister of CLCC since October of 2008.

Hobbies: Little time for these but enjoys reading, yard work, and really likes cooking which he shares with Jane

Considers work a calling and defines most ministries as transitional ministries. Feels called to help churches through transitions. “[This] is meaningful work and brings fulfillment [to me].”

How is CLCC different from other churches? “...your continual search for authenticity of a Disciple – of the Christian life...simpler said, the striving to connect with one another and with Jesus Christ.”

Malinda Geers

Born at Fort McPherson, educated in Smyrna (classmate with Julia Roberts, grades 6-12), no plans to ever leave Georgia. “I’m a native Southern belle”.

Enjoys: Her kids (3 sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandchild in December!), line dancing, antiquing, camping, 4-wheeling (loves slinging mud on folks).

Work: Administrative assistant of CLCC since March 2007. “This congregation is wonderful! When we moved I missed the Hill, but the change in the church was dramatic--the sudden development of ministries, activities, programs, in this building, and the togetherness in service that happened! [You folks] make this job worth coming to.”



Richard Lumpkin

Born in Rock, GA, in North Georgia as a preacher’s kid.

Education: Studied instrumental music at U of GA, then voice at Kennesaw State

Profession: Church Musician from age 17 to now covering 4 major ministries; has served in Episcopal, Methodist, Disciples, Catholic churches and experience in a Synagogue. Performed in Europe; experience in operas, classical, and choral; CLCC 2000-present

Interests: Fly-fishing lured him to the mountains. Can’t get closer to God “than standing in the water with rod and reel and singing ‘This is My Father’s World’”.

CLCC: “At the heart of this church are the most gracious, giving people I’ve ever known. One day it will be seen as a beacon of how to [be} in a community.”



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We are blessed to have a staff that loves their work and who express that love, all of whom said, “I love the people”. We appreciate each of you very much.



Betty Steward

Journey to CLCC Nursery: Born and raised in Copperhill, TN. Caroline Carder ‘recruited’ her over 12 years ago. Nursery memories begin with Evelyn Doss.

Career: Works for Appalachian Physicians Group where she relates to many CLCC members.

Interests/Hobbies: A “master” with crochet hooks—from baby booties to bedspreads and anything between. Crochets while watching TV AND while reading (another hobby)!

Betty, Betty Ann, or Bett, is mother of two sons and two grandchildren, all of whom benefit from her handwork.

Church: “I love this church and the people.”

Jennifer St. Clair

Origin: Burlington, NC

Career Path: Began piano studies at 7; played little preludes in church. By age 9 accompanied children’s choir; has been playing, directing, singing ever since.

Moved to St. Simons Island 1997 as music director of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, then to the “Enchanted Forest” of North Georgia.

Inspired by the mountains, activities include piano compositions, song-writing and miniature watercolors. Wonders if it’s too late to become a ballerina.

Celebrate Early ministry among favorite moments in the week. “Hopefully, those attending find as much inspiration and joy as I do during the service and the preparation for it.”



Tammy Davidson

Born in Washington State (military brat), grew up and educated near Lake Lanier in Forsyth County. Lives in Cherry Log.

Family: 3 children and 2 1/2 grandchildren

Enjoys: fishing, camping, playing with her kids

Passion: Loves critters. Current pets: chickens, 3 cats, 2 dogs, (goat is now gone). However, she does eat the fish she catches.

Work: Custodian at CLCC for three years. “I love the people here and a lot of them are now like my family. These folks are so good and I do this work because I care for them.” A pet peeve: Glitter in the sanctuary.