

# 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**



## **Donna Lehr**

Born and raised in the Mesabi Range, MN; after graduation studied secretarial skills, accounting; employed by FBI, Washington, DC; worked for lobbyists; store detective (met fellow detective, Dan); Atlanta 1980 (25 years); marketing art and engineering supplies; real estate from 1989; Great Rugs in Blue Ridge; currently marketing for Skyline Pest Solutions.

Serious artist, oils and water colors; pottery; both avid trout fishers, especially in Montana. Driving the mountains in Miata convertible, found CLCC in the pavilion; Fred renewed their vows for 20th anniversary.

CLCC: EVERYBODY welcome; “wonderful Bible teachers, and set my world upside down by allowing me to question!”; feels like family.



## **Cheer Shepard**

Charles (Cheer) Shepard is an Atlanta native and UGA graduate. While teaching in Tallulah Falls, he met Mary Beth and despite the fact that his car broke down on their first date, they married and now have three sons. A former computer programmer, he has been with AT&T since 1980.

While living in Atlanta, Cheer and Mary Beth dreamed of returning to the mountains, and finally did so in 2001. It wasn't long before they found CLCC through several friends who were already members. Cheer found the open, welcoming atmosphere of CLCC to be a great fit so he has stayed.

In his spare time, Cheer enjoys spending time doing anything outdoors, traveling, history, legal dramas and biographies.



## **Jane Kimzey**

Jane Kimzey grew up in a military family and lived in a variety of places before settling in Georgia. She is a UGA graduate and former school teacher who also worked in non-profit with both The American Red Cross and March of Dimes.

Jane, husband Ham and son Benjamin (now age 24) moved to the mountains in 2005 after being part-time residents and attended CLCC after hearing many wonderful things about it from Tommy and Penny Sullivan. Traveling, working with Feed Fannin and the Food Pantry, observing wildflowers and birdwatching, are just some of the ways in which Jane enjoys herself.

After moving to the mountains, Jane saw a write-up in the local paper regarding someone she had heard so much about: Dr. Fred Craddock. She and Ham loved his preaching so much that they began attending CLCC regularly, joining soon thereafter.

## **Betty Gardin**

Born in red hills of TN; graduated Etowah High School (lettered 4 years in basketball); married Airman, Frank; Marietta, GA 2 years, Twin girls born in Alaska; son in TX; then RN and BSc Cleveland State; Atlanta and Cobb Hospital for most of nursing career

A farmer's daughter, passionate about gardening, food preservation; now container gardening; “feel close to Daddy and God when I dig in the dirt”; 7 grandchildren and 2 greats

CLCC: First time to CLCC (on the Hill), “I never felt so genuinely welcome in my life”; loves the philosophy “we turn away anyone Jesus would turn away”; “everybody feels like your brothers and sisters”

