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Rev. Adam J. Bradley, Pastor

Matthew Newton, Music Director

Congregational Meeting November 17th at 9:30 a.m.

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CLCC PRESENTS A **FALL RECITAL WITH...**

Young Harris College

Wind Quintet

DIRECTED BY CHERYL STAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2019

3:00 P.M.

1149 Cherry Log St. Cherry Log, GA 30522

Donations Accepted (half to church, half to musicians)

Chloe Cantrell - Jacob Hardis - David-akem Smith - Shane Schroeder - Kaitlyn Wiley

A Moment With Our Pastor...

Greetings, Church!

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to look forward to the start of the next one. Now, I know we have a very important season to experience before we get to a new year. But, setting Advent and the Christmas season aside for a moment, let's talk about what 2020 will bring.

As has been our custom since I have come to CLCC, we will have an overarching annual theme for our worship, discernment, and spiritual practices throughout the year. In 2018, we focused on *Gifts of the Spirit* (such as *Inspiration, Revelation, Wise-Innocence, Sabbath, and Reconciliation* – to name a few), aiming to understand how God reveals and blesses us through various forms of presence in our midst. This year, in 2019, our focused-theme has been on *Be-ing*, each month a new angle of focus on how the gospel good news calls us to be (*BeLove, BeGentle, BeFearless, BeGrateful...*).

The coming year, having now explored numerous ways which God is present with us (2018), and how we are called to be made new in that Holy presence (2019), we will turn our attention to exploring how we *act* upon God's calling.

The next annual theme in the life of CLCC will be... **“2020 Vision: A Missional Journey”**

This coming year will be focus on *Vision*. What it means, how it relates to our daily lives, and how we engage in it so to move from where God would have us move. In the process of becoming new-in-Christ, to *Vision* is to seek clarity and purpose in the call God has put on this church.

So, what call has God put on this church, in this time?

That is the question we aim to address in 2020.

In an effort to prepare the ground for the spiritual work that is before us in the coming year, I want to share the broad outline of the 2020 Worship theme. I have given a bit more structure to next year's plan than years past. Added are quarterly sub-themes which I hope will help us to progress through a visioning journey and leave us equipped and motivated to make the difference in this community which God desires. More hope, more joy, more peace, and certainly more love. (*Look to the end of this article for the 2020 Vision: A Missional Journey outline*)

I also want to take this opportunity to share with you another adjustment that we will make in 2020. Many will remember that the Worship Committee has sponsored a few “Trial Sundays” over the course of the last year. This is where we have done parts of the worship service differently than is usual for us. The major shift which has been tested is around how we collect the offering.

Installed in the lobby (narthex) are two offering boxes. Come the start of 2020, we will be utilizing the offering boxes on a much more regular basis. This is the plan that has emerged from the Worship Committee, that the first Sunday of each month will be (*informally*) “Offering Sunday.” That is to say, on the first week of the month we will pass the offering trays as is our current practice and we will hear a testimony (offering meditation) from a church member which is tied in with that month's worship theme. For the subsequent weeks of the month we will invite offering to be given through the offering boxes and will *not* have an offering meditation during the worship service.

Let me outline some of the motivating factors of this decision.

1. ***Hospitality***. For many visitors, being asked for money each and every time they come to visit us is off-putting and can reinforce the notion that churches are really just all about money. For many who struggle financially, the plate passing them without being able to put anything in it is a weekly reminder of their struggle – not their hope. For those who give monthly, quarterly, or annually, the weekly ask is unnecessary and can also bring up worries about what others might assume by them letting a plate pass without giving.
The passing of the plate can be an anxiety-producing event in the midst of worship, for a number of reasons, and worship should *not* give you anxiety.
2. ***Flexibility***. There is a balance to be attained in how we use our worship time most impactfully. If services are too long, we get distracted and move our attention away from God. If services are too formulaic, without having creative surprises and delights (*special music, testimonies, and liturgical art...etc*), worship can become mundane and we can miss the miracle at hand. By freeing up the time spent weekly on collecting offering, we make room to add more novelty and richness to our services.
3. ***Intent***. What are the theological implications of soliciting an offering every week? Should the church have to ask, week in and week out, for its participants to give generously? Or do we think that gifts, tithes, and offerings are a response to God’s grace? If the latter is true, then (*I believe*) we can trust our people to be faithful givers without the regular ask of a weekly offertory meditation, while also better reflecting the ways of God by offering a *passive* invitation to give.

It is my hope and prayer that the congregation will embrace this change regarding the collection of the offering. And, that this small shift might be good practice for how we will grow into the future. I am certain we will all be better served by learning to be more flexible and accommodating to those who are coming behind us. And if this change is nothing else, let it be an opportunity to practice *grace*.

Jesus tells us the great commissioning is to make Disciples. For the first time in our nation’s history, there are more “unaffiliated” people than those who claim any regular religious practice. There are lots of reasons for this, yet the outcome is that we live in a social context which leaves Disciple-making a very difficult mission. Yet, it is our mission none the same – share the loving word of Christ and invite others into relationship with God.

Sometimes changes can be uncomfortable, but if we are not responsive to the needs of the day, our unwavering traditions can be a hinderance to the greater goal of Disciple-making. We are moving towards an exciting year of vision, moving with the Spirit, and I am eager to see what God is doing here!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Adam

“2020 Vision: A Missional Journey”

Quarter 1: *Preparing the Journey*

Jan – The Identity of *Be-ing*
Feb – Acknowledging our Context
Mar – Shaking off the Dust

Quarter 2: *The Sending Out*

Apr – The Risk of Witness
May – Making Peace with Change
June – Feeling our Inner-Voice

Quarter 3: *In the Wilderness*

July – The Cadence of Hearing
Aug – The Power of Questions
Sept – the Skill of being Unsure

Quarter 4: *Arriving at Eden*

Oct – Appreciating Creative Chaos
Nov – Meeting Ourselves Anew
Dec – Equipping the Saints with Gifts

Light Up Blue Ridge Parade

Cherry Log Christian Church is excited to announce that we will participate in the Christmas Parade in Blue Ridge on Saturday, 11/30/19 at 5:30 pm. There are lots of opportunities for all of us (*kids, youth and adults*) to participate. Kirk Cameron is conducting a planning meeting in Adult Classroom #1 on Sunday, 11/17/19 after the late service. For those interested in being a part of this Outreach opportunity in our community, please attend the meeting, enjoy some snacks and learn what you can do (pre-parade tasks, decorating, drive the pick-up truck, walking in the parade, etc.).

Tower Road Christmas Party December 8th

Donations of New Hoodies (all sizes infant to adult) and Christmas Cookies needed!

Our Church is very generous delivering gently used clothing, household items and toys to Tower Road each month.

These items are greatly appreciated by the residents of Tower Road. This is our chance to show our love and be the "Hands and Feet of Christ" with new items for Christmas. We have already received a donation of over 100 large cuddly stuffed toys for the children.

A donation box for hoodies is in fellowship hall.

Santa Jack will be visiting with each child at the party on December 8th. All volunteer help appreciated.

Questions--email Carolyn Lakes dlakes@etcmail.com



TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

The box for donations to Toys for Tots will be in the Fellowship Hall the month of November for anyone wishing to donate new, unopened, toys, books, or stocking stuffers for the children of Gilmer and Fannin Counties. For more information, contact John Murray.

Steve Pedlow

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Navy brat; first 10 years on west coast, then to Indianapolis; worked HS newspaper with Emily; 4 years in Marines including Viet Nam; married Emily and earned BAEnglish at

George Mason U while working with Levitz Furniture, Operations Manager, 7 yrs; earned MBA at SFU while with Leaders Casual Furniture, Pinellas Park, FL, as expert in computerization of the business; after 9/11 worked with operational computerization of auction business, "fun job";

Led to faith by writings/words of Norman Vincent Peale; started small church in Clearwater; earned MDiv at Asbury Seminary (part time); prolific writer with 2 blogs; poet (check fb); enjoys reading theology AND sharing it; CLCC? "just LOVE it!"

Emily Pedlow



Born in Milan, IN, grew up in Indianapolis; studied at Ball State U, Muncie, IN; married Steve; 10 years later moved to FL; earned BAEdU at USF; taught middle school special ed in Penellas Co. for 10 years then trained teachers in restorative practices and use of resources; 2 daughters, one son; retired to the mountains and became full-time quilter; enjoys historical fiction; 7 grands ages 4-27

Life-long Methodist; both very active in Methodist church in Florida; found CLCC on line; "We came here and instantly knew it was the right place... greeters love you to death." "It's the people." Quickly involved with clothes closet and quilters.

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

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Michael Kilpatrick

Born in Panama City in Air Force family; extensive travel including 4 years in Italy; finished high school in West Cobb; studied accounting; Iron Mountain marketing group 7 years; 13 years with CDM Smith engineering field, marketing, graphic designs; extensive travel Middle East, Jordan, Egypt, with humanitarian projects providing water, sanitation, etc., currently maintains office in Goose Island. Michael sees art in everything, numbers, Easter bunny (ask him); met Kirk 20 years ago; married 2015.

Unchurched in early years: "...had faith, but resented the church." At CLCC, "Adam's sermon connecting art, history and religion together was the catalyst that kept me coming. I felt a connection...was accepted as ME...like the small community...I can grow with the church."

Kristin Boynton



Born in Evanston, IL; grew up on farm in Warrens, WI where work ethic was formed with 5 siblings; finished high school in Madison, WI; AA in business, then married; CA; worked with International Typographical Union while studying Sociology Social Deviance at UCC; life-changing car accident ended rock climbing, propelling, physically active life; found fulfillment in meditation, holistic medicine; introduced computing for Williams Sonoma agency; back to Green Bay, WI; reached peak of business career with Consolidated Capital investment company; married long-time friend, John (with Tyco) from Acworth; completed degree in Human Services; moved to Cherry Log 2018 and found CLCC: "Joy, Giving, Caring and...Adam's preaching! [My] faith is everything to me!" (much more story to share—ask Kristin)

Teresa Suarez



Army Dad married So. Korean Mom: born in Italy, lived in Italy, So. Korea, VA & Maryland; settled in Nashville age 14; Middle East Studies, George Washington U; BSEco and Political Studies, Belmont U; headed for law school; Instead, 1 year Princeton School of Theology then Harvard School Theology for ThM; "woke up happy"; 20 years Peabody College Faculty; administration programs for HS principals; 8 years United Methodist Church; have served as lay leader, preaching, SS teaching; met Paul on line! married in this church and home is now Ellijay.

Enjoys reading, learning to cook and to be domestic (smile).

Jennille Martin

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Born, raised, educated Rome, GA; BS, MS Math, UGA; met and married Carroll (CSX Railroad man) there; W. VA, earned Specialist degree in

Math and Computer Ed, Marshall U; taught computers for gifted students, technology director, high school director in Annemarie Roeper School; worked as grant writer for U of MI; in Jacksonville, FL, math leader, supervisor of grant writing, and data management for National Science Foundation; one daughter, one grandson; retired with Carroll to Lucius Road 2004; Carroll passed away 2019, resides in Blue Ridge with Holly, her "terrorist" pup;

An avid quilter and reader; urged by niece, Caroline Carder, first came to CLCC outreach group; [I was]"looking for peace – and found it!"

Dianna Neimeic



Born, raised and educated in Columbia, TN; self-described rebel who hitch-hiked to Atlanta at age 14 (soon returned home); married a CA (San Diego) man soon after high school and moved there; a stay-at-home mom of 2 girls: school volunteer, etc.; returned to Atlanta with girls, 8 & 11; manager of coffee shop and other jobs, then 9 years with Vision Works in Canton; master baker; lives in McCaysville

Unchurched 40 years; friends, knowing Dianna's remarkable, difficult, victorious life story, said CLCC was a perfect fit for her— "and it is! a genuine place and people, welcoming;" involved with clothes closet, Tower Road, loves her flock; Dianna shares her story freely to encourage others; **ask her.**

On Sunday, November 17, the Congregation will discuss and vote on this proposed budget. The Finance Committee and Board both recommend approval. Also, in the meeting, we will introduce some emerging priorities for the next few years that will be a focus for discussion and planning during 2020. The Finance Committee has been working on ways to fund these priorities. In addition to requesting approval of the budget, we will request your concurrence with key elements of the funding concepts. We hope everyone can be present for these discussions. Bill Groce, Chair, Finance Committee

Cherry Log Christian Church Proposed Budget for 2020

Account	2019 Budget	2020 Ask	Designated Funds	2020 Proposed Budget
Revenue	\$488,800	\$531,626		\$507,940
Expenses:				
Resource Council				
Finance	\$0	\$554	\$0	\$554
Pastoral Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel	\$207,655	\$223,023	\$0	\$223,023
Property Maintenance	\$17,400	\$21,010	\$10,456	\$10,554
Technology	\$1,710	\$1,710	\$0	\$1,710
Total Resource Council	\$226,765	\$246,297	\$10,456	\$235,841
Discipling Council				
Ed-Children & Youth	\$1,790	\$2,830	\$2,830	\$0
Ed-Adult	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
Membership/Fellowship	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$151	\$1,349
Music	\$0	\$3,655	\$2,590	\$1,065
Small Group Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stewardship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Worship	\$1,764	\$1,844	\$1,368	\$476
Legacy Partners	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Labyrinth Keepers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
History	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Total Discipling Council	\$7,154	\$11,129	\$7,039	\$4,090
Outreach Council				
Benevolence Fund	\$0	\$2,500	\$56	\$2,500
Garden for Others	\$0	\$1,450	\$61	\$1,389
Clothes Closet	\$0	\$600	\$456	\$144
Local Mission	\$15,940	\$13,450	\$2,138	\$11,256
Total Outreach Council	\$15,940	\$18,000	\$2,711	\$15,289
Non Council				
Elders	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Communications	\$2,500	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
Stephen Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$10,902	\$10,902	\$0	\$10,902
Minister's Expense	\$9,200	\$9,200	\$0	\$9,200
Office Expense	\$11,243	\$13,067	\$0	\$13,067
Postage	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700
Tithe	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$456	\$34,544
Utilities	\$26,056	\$29,056	\$0	\$29,056
Total Non Council	\$95,601	\$111,125	\$1,656	\$109,469
Building Expense	\$143,000	\$143,000	\$0	\$143,000
Total Expense	\$488,460	\$529,551	\$21,862	\$507,689



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| Nov. 4 Sarah Shelton | Nov. 17 Ed Grant |
| Nov. 6 Jane Carwell | Nov. 18 Kristin Boynton |
| John Murray | Nov. 19 Roberta Bondi |
| Ruth West | Birdie Towle |
| Nov. 8 Tim Anderson | Nov. 21 Lynn Starr |
| Nov. 11 Ellen Grant | Nov. 22 Caroline Carder |
| Nov. 13 Marsha Kipling | Nov. 22 Jim Willis |
| Nov. 14 Jane Kimzey | Nov. 26 Richard Bondi |
| Nov. 16 Maureen Hicks | Nov. 30 Eileen McRoberts |
| Phil Miller | |
| Dec. 1 Becky Walls | Dec. 19 Katie Griffin |
| Dec. 4 Beth Roberts | Steve Stevens |
| Dec. 5 Dorothy Morford | Dec. 24 Cindy Minick |
| Seth Shelton | Dec. 25 Judy Barrett |
| Dec. 6 Velda Harrison | Dec. 26 Karen Bains |
| Dec. 13 Ida-Anne Clarke | Jack Senterfitt |
| Dec. 14 Shirley Brewer | Dec. 27 Lyn Thaxton |
| Dec. 17 Paul Porter | Dec. 28 Lauree Johnson |
| Dec. 18 Emily Pedlow | Dec. 30 Julie Johnson |

- Nov. 1 Gary Tomblin & Jean Rose (22)
- Nov. 3 Rolf Meinhold & Caryn Bains (18)
- Nov. 10 John & Jane Murray (30)
- Nov. 25 Doyle & Caroline Carder (38)
- Nov. 28 Dell & Sally Pamplin
- Dec. 8 George & Judy Barrett (53)
- Dec. 11 Ham & Jane Kimzey (37)
- Dec. 11 Chuck & Nancy Zimmerman (43)
- Dec. 26 Gary & Betty Schaefer (53)
- Dec. 26 Tim Anderson & Tab Bomhard (21)

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in July, August, September & October:

In Memory of:

Ella Goss Wanda Neal
Ann Parrish

In Honor of:

Ted Minick
Adam Bradley

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
\$ 1,450.00

ATTENDANCE

	8:25 C. E.	10:55 Worship
August 4	40	119
August 11	38	134
August 18	30	182
August 25	30	108
September 01	49	103
September 8	30	107
September 15		166
September 22	34	107
September 29	29	119
October 6	29	110
October 13	30	123
October 20	30	117
October 27	34	129



Wow! Did you hear the great news? This year, due to the countless donations and volunteer hours, we raised \$12,030. Again, you guys amaze me, we made the ask and you superseded our expectation. Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

P.S. We are accepting donations for next years sale, spread the news!