

History of Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (updated 05/10/2025)

Event	Dates	Notes
Early Worship Services	September 2, 1996	60 people met in the Bear Lake pavilion at Cherry Log Mountain to hold worship service in tradition of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Craddock preached.
Fred Craddock, Senior Minister	1996 – April 19, 2003	Founding Minister
Dean Phelps, Associate Minister	1997 – 1999	Shared preaching with Dr. Craddock
Cherry Log Christian Church Charter Adopted	March 30, 1997 – April 12, 1998	The charter remained open for one year. There were 80 founding members.
Summer Intern Julie Richardson	1999 – 1999	
Dedication of Cherry Log “Church on the Hill” and length of time in that building	September, 1999 – September 16, 2007	“Church on the Hill” 186 Fred Craddock Dr.
Rebecca Heller, Associate Minister	April, 2001 – April, 2003	2001 Clothes Closet Begins 2001 Gilmer Food Pantry started by 7-8 churches including Cherry Log
Hal Doster, Interim Minister	May 1, 2003 – July 31, 2003	
Chris Michael, Senior Minister	August 1, 2003 – May, 2008	
First - 3 year Capital Campaign for new church	2003 – 2005	
Ground Breaking for new church on Cherry Log Street	November 6, 2005	1149 Cherry Log Street, Cherry Log, GA
First service in new church	September 16, 2007	Dr. Fred Craddock preached
Bill Crowl, Interim Minister	September, 2007 – October, 2008	
Dedication of New Church	January 27, 2008	Sharon Watkins, General Minister of Disciples Church preached.
David Griffin, Senior Minister	October 5, 2008 – June 30, 2016	2015 BeNuts project began to help with Mortgage Relief
Second - 3 year Capital Campaign to pay down mortgage	2008 – 2010	
Garden for Others begun	Spring, 2009	Expanded in 2014 – with raised beds
Began Celebrate Early Service	September, 2012	
Legacy Partners Foundation begun	April, 2013	
Re-opening of Clothes Closet	October, 2013	Little White House
Labyrinth Built	April 5, 2014	
“Church on Hill” sold to Craddock Center	October 9, 2014	Proceeds from sale of old Craddock center owned by CLCC used to help with Energy Projects. Proceeds from sale of Church on the Hill went to Mortgage Relief.
Robin Norsworthy, Associate Minister	January, 2015 – January 9, 2017	

Paul Pryor, Interim Minister	September, 2016 – August, 2017	
Adam J. Bradley, Senior Minister	October, 2017 – January, 2022	
Monica Ledford, Senior Minister	March 15, 2023 - Present	