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## **Interview with Ham Kimzey, Chair, Vision Team:**

**Q: Ham, tell us why it is important to go through a vision process like this.**

A: There are three primary reasons this is the right time to reflect on our future purpose and dreams. One is that when we occupied the new Sanctuary and called a new Senior Pastor, most of the important goals the congregation had set had been reached. Second, having a new Senior Pastor himself calls for a process to allow the pastor and congregation jointly to evaluate the future and determine a common vision for the future. A third factor is that average attendance has increased by over 40% in the last five years. This vision process allows those new voices to be heard.

**Q: How was this particular process selected?**

A: Representatives from our church attended a Regional Meeting in 2006 at Sandy Springs Christian Church. Their members were excited about recently completing a visioning process recommended by Dr. Dick Hamm. When the Strategic Planning Committee and Board began discussing a visioning process in 2008, the Sandy Springs experience was remembered. Dick Hamm was invited to address the Board in August, 2009, and following that meeting his process was adopted for our church. The appealing elements of Dr. Hamm's process are the emphasis on Scripture and prayer and the involvement of a large percentage of the church to participate in discerning God's will for our church.

**Q: Did we have a large percentage of members participate?**

A: Absolutely! 118 people were members of a Triad or Vision Team. That represents 56% of our average attendance in 2009 and about 40% of what is considered the active membership. Other churches tell us that is an unusually high rate of participation.

**Q: Not all got to participate in a Triad; tell us how the process worked.**

A: The Vision Team, which was selected by the Board, reviewed the total roster of church members and recruited 34 people to serve as triad Conveners. The Conveners were trained and given a list of two people to recruit for their Triad. The two names were purposefully selected to provide diversity. Additional names were provided when the original people could not participate. The three person

Triads met 10 times for at least 90 minutes per meeting. A guide was provided with recommended Scripture, prayer topic and discussion topic. The discussion topics covered the broad range of elements important to the church. Each Triad submitted a report of their meeting, with emphasis on capturing all points of view, not consensus. The Vision Team analyzed all of the Triad reports and has prepared the Future Story based on this comprehensive Triad input. Almost every Triad reported a very positive experience. Many bonded in a spiritual way that caused them to want to continue the process. There was a great deal of unanimity in the reports. Because the discussions were focused around Scripture, prayer and seeking God's will for Cherry Log Christian Church, the Vision Team believes the output has accomplished that purpose.

**Q: What is the purpose of the Future Story? How will it be used by or benefit the church?**

A: That is a good question. The Future Story is not a plan. Its adoption does not commit the church to any specific action. Instead, it is a statement of the dreams for our church as articulated through the Triad feedback. The Triads spoke of what Cherry Log CC means to us today and what is important for the future. The Vision Team has tried to communicate those beliefs and feelings in a way that comforts us that our values are sound and will not change and excites us as we look at the potential to improve our impact on members and the community in the future.

**Q: If this is not a plan, how will movement toward the Vision happen?**

A: In several ways. People with a passion for a ministry or need have stepped forward to make a difference in the past. We hope and believe that the Future Story will excite the passion of individual members over time. As we look at our existing church programs and ministries, we see behind each one the hand of a person or people with a passion to meet that need.

In addition to stimulating individual passions, the Strategic Planning Committee and other standing committees of the church will process elements of the Future Story and initiate action to move elements forward.

## Triad Input that Drives the Vision

1. Almost every Triad said the special feeling of family, warmth, acceptance and inclusion felt in this church is unique and special and must be retained. Inclusion and open table means we will not turn people away from the table. If this means growth then we will work diligently to assure that we retain the special feeling of family, warmth, acceptance and inclusion. A major implication for the future is growth in the number of small groups and the training and support for small group leaders as well as devoted attention to hospitality and caring.
2. Appreciation of the quality of worship and discipleship education and the desire for even greater breadth and depth for Spiritual Growth opportunities was a strong thread in the Triad feedback. People feel God is here. People want to know more of who Jesus is and how to live in a way that represents Jesus. All areas of worship, stewardship, Christian Education, and Discipleship training are challenged to continue to offer the best we can imagine.
3. Virtually every Triad voiced concern for and interest in programs to support our youth and programs to attract young adult families. Intergenerational programs that tap the wisdom of more senior members and inject energy of the younger are desired. The youth Triad sparkled with excitement and reminds us that we have strong youth to support today. Existing young adults called for programs to meet their life needs. Implications for the future challenge us to devote our imagination and energy to this important focus.
4. Meeting the needs of our retired members was another prevalent Triad concern. Implications for ministries that will benefit this age group, both those who are members and those in the community were addressed by the Triads.
5. Many Triads expressed some discomfort with the real or perceived impact of our current organization, structure and communication. The wishes expressed are for a more transparent, permission giving, flexible organization that solicits input and communicates well.
6. Almost universal across the Triads was expression of the desire to be more involved in our local community, to be more active in mission ministries and to move social justice from words to actions.
7. A significant topic, addressed by many Triads is the amount of church debt and the management of finances in a way that balances fiscal responsibility and mission imperatives.

## ROSTER OF TRIAD PARTICIPANTS

*Along with the voices and prayers of many others ...not listed*

Charles Argo  
Connie Arnold  
Cindy Avens  
Becky Baker  
Lynn Barrett  
Nancy Blacakdar  
Ed Boye  
Don Brewer  
Nancy Brewer  
Caroline Carder  
Julie Carrasco  
Paul Carrasco  
Tony Carruth  
Bobbie Cherry  
Dave Cherry  
Bob Clarke  
Ida Ann Clarke  
Peggy Cleveland  
Frazier Coffie  
Lucie Coffie  
Arch Cowan  
Bill Cox  
Sara Cox

Zach Cox  
Fred Craddock  
Joan Dickenson  
John Dickenson  
Harry Doss  
Lynn Doss  
Phillip Doss  
Ann Doster  
Hal Doster  
Barbara Ferer  
Neal Foley  
Jennifer Fox  
Amado Grabiell  
David Griffin  
Barbara Groce  
Bill Groce  
Billy Harrison  
Velda Harrison  
Ashley Hausberg  
Ralph Heller  
Betty Hembrick  
Carl Hendrickson  
Milton Hunt

Judy Ivy  
Julie Johnson  
Ham Kimzey  
Jane Kimzey  
Marsha Kipling  
Kathy Knox  
Fran Lake  
Hugh Lake  
Donna Lehr  
Helen Lewis  
Nancy Linder  
Jackie Lumpkin  
Charlie McCann  
Sandi McCann  
Steve Martin  
Sharon Meek  
Don Midkiff  
Feenie Midkiff  
Nancy Midkiff  
Ron Midkiff  
Jennifer Mills  
Tom Mitchell  
Sue Moore

Emily Moreland  
Kristi Mulchahey  
Hugh Mullin  
Lynette Nelson  
Paige Peugh  
John Petit  
Jenny Perriman  
Dan Pile  
Susan Pleasant  
Paul Porter  
Beth Roberts  
Wilma Rowe  
Jack Senterfitt  
Trisha Senterfitt  
Frabia Smith  
Jimmy Smith  
Tommy Smith  
Teresa Snow  
Steve Stevens  
Helen Stewart  
Bill Thompson  
Cheri Thompson  
Gary Tomblin

David Van Veld  
Susan Van Veld  
Becky Walls  
Charles Walls  
Lisa Weir  
Jim Weiland  
Joe Wells  
Jean West  
Beverly Williams  
Bonnie Williams  
Pete Williams  
Ann Williamson  
Meg Wilson  
Emma Witherington  
Jill Wolleat  
Terry Woodard  
Del Woods  
Judy Wyndham  
Pam Young  
Nancy Zarle  
Tom Zarle  
Dick Zelley

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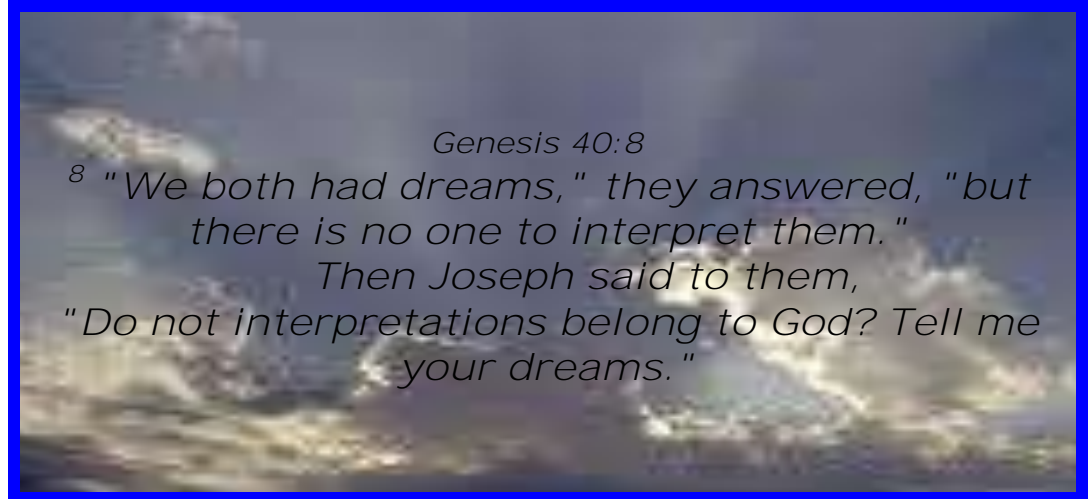
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*Our heritage and Core...*

## History Committee Prepares for 20 year Anniversary

Cherry Log's History Committee is working on the Next 10 years history book which will provide memories and thoughts of church members about what has happened to our church since 2007. In 2017, as we look back over these past 10 years, we have much to be thankful for. As Dr. Fred Craddock once said, "Cherry Log Christian Church is God's doing."

We continue to be a church of gracious people who are here to be and act like Jesus. We continue to believe that "everyone is welcome at the table," From the beginning, this community of believers has been drawn together to serve this community. The History Committee needs your help. What is it about CLCC that you love? What is it that gives you passion? What is it that causes us to love one another and draw support in times of needs?

Cherry Log Christian Church has a rich history. Help us by journaling your remembrances and reflections on the various areas including:

- Times of celebration
- Times I felt excitement about the future of Cherry Log
- Times I felt especially close to God
- Ways (or times) I experienced spiritual growth
- Times I doubted, struggled, questioned
- Times (and ways) I found healing

We thank you for your time as we record our history for future generations. We want to preserve those core values that have made us who we are and will be in the future. We are the children of God who call themselves Cherry Log Christian Church.

## FROM MY HEART...TO YOUR HEART

In the Spring of every year since Jane and I moved to Cherry Log, we take time to reflect the beginning of our relationship with Cherry Log Christian Church. Now it has been nine years since Ronald Midkiff, chair of the search committee, initially called me and then set up a conference call with the rest of the committee – Sharon, Jim, Jennifer, and Carolyn. Nine years ago and it seems like yesterday and yet so much has happened!

In reflecting on where we are now, one of the questions is, “How did we get from there to here?” Obviously we could not have done this without the commitment of dedicated members of the church. Yet the deeper reason of being in this place is our faith in God.

Now faith is sometimes a misunderstood word. True, faith can mean giving consent or allegiance to a set of beliefs. But faith can also mean fidelity, meaning faithfulness to a relationship. This is commitment, loyalty, and steadfastness.

There is a third meaning of faith, and this third meaning of faith is how we arrived at where we are. The

third meaning of faith is trust. In this context of meaning, faith is a verb. Thus, faith is trusting God. Sometimes we understand definitions by looking at the opposite. The opposite of faith is not doubt, but anxiety. Instead of living in worry and fear, one lives in trust.

We could not be where we are today we had not trusted in God. Denise Levertov speaks eloquently of trust in her poem, *The Avowal*:

As swimmers dare  
to lie face to the sky  
and water bears them,  
as hawks rest upon air  
and air sustains them;  
so would I learn to attain  
freefall, and float  
in Creator Spirit’s deep embrace,  
knowing no effort earns  
that all-surrounding grace.

Seek first God’s kingdom, and all else will follow.  
We have trusted in God, let us not be anxious about  
today, but simply trust in God!

Peace,  
David

## Appalachia Service Project Social Justice Weekend Mission Trip

Join us this Memorial Day Holiday for a weekend of service. We'll learn about area social justice issues, and remind an Appalachian family that God's love knows no boundaries. Because here at Cherry Log Christian Church, we believe that everyone is a child of God deserving of affordable, safe, sanitary housing. And far too many of our neighbors are in dire need of home repair, help, and hope.

Beginning with the Thursday evening meal, you'll enjoy two full days of home repair work. The evenings are filled with inspiring messages from specially selected speakers, cookouts and music around the campfire..

While some might call this a weekend "retreat," we prefer to call it a spiritual step forward. Unlike a retreat, you'll know the satisfaction of rolling up your sleeves, working with your hands, and having a tangible impact on the life of an Appalachian family. And instead of pulling away from the world, you'll be engaging it -- bonding with that family, meeting other volunteers, and forging friendships with people who will enrich your life for years to come.

Volunteering for with Social Justice Group is always rewarding. But serving shoulder to shoulder with like-minded Christian brothers and sisters is an experience you'll never forget.

**Intergenerational Opportunities Growing!**



Mr. and Mrs. Davenport celebrate the Troops coming home on Mothers Morning Out!.

The expansion of programs for young adults and families has paralleled a similar expansion of offerings for the entire CLCC constituency. An ancillary benefit has been the growth of a number of intergenerational opportunities for all church members.

Simple and obvious examples include volunteer retirees in our Mother’s Morning Out, teen visits that involve social interaction and helpful service projects to our members who are shut-in, and extension of leadership roles to our teen members.

This growth began modestly with extension of our Sunday School programs. An already rich array of offerings for adults was expanded to reach the growing number of young adults who were drawn into the church through Godly Play and the new programs for older youth. These families brought with them the need for a new and different layer of small group offerings focused on education in areas like child-rearing and family finance offered at a time accessible to working families; the Sunday School hour seemed ideal for this purpose. Over time, a curriculum cycle of courses has been

added, small groups formed around these topics, and an entirely new dimension of Sunday School/small groups has enriched the congregation. Many of our more experienced members volunteered to teach several of the classes, assuring a good blending of older and younger members.

For older youth, reciprocal mission opportunities with friends from other churches, the development of the little white house into a center for young folks, and the development of a Sunday School curriculum focusing on issues relevant to youth have proved productive in providing meaningful discipleship and service training for our teens. And, over time, the opportunity for week-end retreats provided further opportunity for educational sessions on a wide variety of topics—the Christ-centered family, parenting skills, planning for retirement/living retirement are just some of the retreats held during this past year.

Refining and expanding the discipleship training process continues to be a focus of CLCC with the resultant consequence that our mission and service outreach grow as well. More and more do we represent the life of Jesus in our community.

**From The Past To The Present**



Dr. Fred Craddock preaching at he Bear Lake pavilion.

Cherry Log Christian Church is celebrating the Waddell family becoming its newest members. Although that is a celebration of its own, their joining now brings the church's active membership to 500. It is so exciting to see young couples and families continuing to become a part of our church family. The number of 500 sounds so large but 500 is just a number. Through our small groups, and continued practice of doing as Jesus would have us do, we build relationships here at CLCC.

Curious to see if my feelings of the first years at CLCC had any resemblance to the present, I asked Angie after church last Sunday how she made the decision to make CLCC her new home. Her reply "Cherry Log Christian Church for us is a dream, a hope, a house of many rooms. I found relationships in small groups, people who love us. I found people who take an interest in not only themselves but in each other, our community and our world. It felt like "home" as soon as we walked in the door." Allen, Angie's husband commented on the children's programs, Godly Play and the worship services. "No matter which service you attend, the Taize, the traditional morning, or the Wholeness and Healing Service, you *feel* God in this place. This is where I want our two daughters to learn how Jesus lived. How we should live."

Being a charter member myself I was so excited to see that the same sense of welcoming and warmness I felt 21 years ago in a small pavilion on Bear Lake is still here. Not only is it here, it is vibrant and growing. Cherry Log Christian Church's ambition was never to grow in numbers; it was to learn to live how Jesus lived, accepting everyone. Our statement of identity: *We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lords table as God has welcomed us.*

In the *Cherry log Christian Church The First Ten Years* prologue Dr, Craddock's words still fit perfectly today.

"Cherry log Christian Church is no rags to riches story; we are both rags and riches. This church is not an experiment in anything; it is a church and has been a church since a few souls joined hearts and hands and said "yes". God has favored us with numerical growth, but God's favor is even more evident in the delight, the excitement, the expectations of those who worship here, who enjoy friendship here, who gather to stir one another to be servants of the compassionate Christ. Amazing? Yes. Surprising? Not really.



Allen and Angie Waddell attending the "Nurturing Parenting Class" offered on Wednesday nights.

## *Senior Living Center Breaks Ground for Co Housing*

Officials of the Cherry Log Senior Living Center, Gilmer and Fannin County officials broke ground last week on another expansion of the Center. 40 additional living units and 3 Primary Care Homes will be added in this addition.

The Center's emphasis on Wellness and productive Christian living is attracting retirees to this area. The Center now has living units for 150. 120 are independent living units and 30 offer assisted living through a network of Primary Care Homes. The Center's influence is expanded through a network of "Stay at Home" services that allows an additional 250 senior families to continue living in their own homes despite declining physical abilities.

The Center's educational programs, exercise facilities, hiking trails, community garden and program of community and social activities are designed to maintain and prolong physical and mental activity. Connection with nationally known programs keeps the Center on the leading edge of research findings and best practices.

The Center is an independent organization, but a number of Cherry Log CC members were instrumental in forming the organization and guiding it to its current level of success and recognition. A large number of Center residents are CLCC members and the church maintain an active ministry relationship.



*The Dream of Spiritual Oxygen....*

**Education and Spiritual; Journey Opportunities to “Fuel” Your spiritual Flame.**

We study together, worship together, pray together, be together as people of Christ and there we get “spiritual oxygen.” just as oxygen causes embers to transform to flames, so are our spirits fueled here bringing us the strength of the Lord to do His work, be His people.

WHAT	WHEN	WHO
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Old Testament 101	Sundays 4:30 pm	Dr. Julie Johnson
What Did Jesus Say About...	Sundays 9:30 am	Jim Jackson
Journey with the Hebrews	Sundays 9:30 am	Carl Hendrickson
The Two Paul's	Sundays 9:30 am	Don Midkiff
<b>WEEKEND RETREATS</b>		
Faith Journeys – Alters in the World	June 25 – 27	Barbara Brown Taylor
Faith Journeys – Experiencing God Today	January 15-17	Annie Lamont
CLCC Weekend Retreat Church Leadership Getting to Know You Christian Walk Spiritual Gifts Assessment Study - Isaiah	Sept 10-12	Dr David Griffin Dr Richard Hamm Dr Trisha Senterfitt
<b>SMALL GROUPS</b>		
Companions in Christ 1	Wed 5:30 pm	
Companions in Christ 2	Wed 5:30 pm	
Companions in Christ 3	Wed 5:30 pm	
Youth Talk	Wed 5:30 pm	
The Bible and Me	Thurs 10:00 am	
Sharing Our Stories	Sunday 1:00 pm	
<b>WORSHIP</b>		
Informal Worship	Sunday 8:30 – 9:15	Sanctuary
Traditional	Sunday 10:55 – 12:30	Sanctuary
Healing	Sunday 12:30-	Sanctuary
Taize	Sunday 6:30 – 7:30pm	Sanctuary
Heritage / Gospel	Saturday 6:00-8:00	Church on the Hill
Mid Week	Wednesday 6:00 – 6:45pm	
Hispanic	Sunday 11:00- 12:30	Church on the Hill

## Sara's Journey



Taking Care of the "Little White House"

Initially I was surprised when the editor asked that I write about the transformation, over time, of youth programs and ministries at CLCC; then it dawned that I was a logical choice. After all, I remember being frequently the ONLY one in youth Sunday School (little brothers don't count!), having no church home on Sunday or Wednesday nights, and hearing all of my school friends rave about their youth programs and then invite me to join them at their church. I do remember all of that; and I remember exactly when and how it began to change.

It started with that visioning campaign back several years ago. Well, much to our surprise, our SS class was invited to become--what did they call it?—a triad, although we sometimes had four kids present and sometimes just one...me. We had really lively conversations about possible youth programs, more youth involvement in the church's mission efforts, wanting to know more about how the church was run and who made the decisions and wanting to be more involved ...stuff like that. I'm not sure we had much confidence at first that adults really wanted to hear what we had to say on the topics or that much of what we thought would be listened to. But Ms. Marsha kept promising us that the vision team was reading our stuff and really seemed thrilled we were taking the process so seriously. Still, we had doubts.

And then...one morning this man I came to know as

Mr. Groce came right into our class, said that the vision team appreciated so much our contributions to the process, said that he was the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee...and that he wanted one of us to work with him on that team; our job would be to map out the step by step process through which the vision was accomplished. Boy, it was very clear then that what we said was being heard and being acted on; I was so excited that I was the one chosen to work with him and the rest of that team.

We started slow; I guess most things like that do. The team listened to me, more than ever I thought they would—not just about the youth program but about other aspects of CLCC as well. It surprised me that they wanted to know what we as youth saw as a good program; they didn't try to tell me what they thought we wanted. I remember saying that we wanted someone attuned to youth and their needs and interests to direct us, that we wanted a place to call our own, that we wanted more variety in our music and our worship service, that we wanted to be more active in all phases of CLCC mission and work, that we wanted to take an active part in the decision-making processes.

And, over time, it happened. I played an active role on the Strategic Planning Team and others from our Sunday School class became members of other church committees; people listened to what we had to say. The church bought the little white house and turned part of it into a youth center that provided a place for CLCC kids and those from other churches to gather and plan mission and educational activities relevant to us; we began to have collaborative mission and service opportunities with friends from other churches and to make a real difference in our community.

The bottom line is that we learned to be disciples, to try to live our daily lives as Jesus, to provide service to our community alongside our friends and adults in CLCC. We grew in awareness; we grew in service.

The Ministry Village



Church on the Hill

“I’ll tell you how it all began,” Allison Watkins said in responses to my question, “but I don’t think you’ll believe me...not one bit.” I had thought my question a simple one: How did this Ministry Village, this beehive of social services activity serving Fannin and Gilmer Counties, come to be?

“You see, Cherry Log Christian Church several years ago engaged in this visioning process—formed lots of small groups called triads; asked them to pray and meet and ponder over a ten weeks’ period to discern a vision of what our church could be in seven years; collected all that data and information and identified several key areas of focus for our congregation, one of which was social outreach in our community.

“Well, to tell you the truth, I honestly believe the team charged with formulating this vision was simply overwhelmed by the responses they received; so many folks with so many different ideas; it just could not have been cohesive at all. I think, almost in self-defense, they seized on this notion of the Village.

“Since we already had the building here, this Church on the Hill, that was at the time for sale, they determined to use this facility as the central locus for the social outreach ministries; mind you, it was just a

church sanctuary with a few adjunct office and meeting spaces back them.

“Anyway, this team with the backing of church leadership just basically threw open the doors and threw down a challenge to our congregation: ‘You’ve made it clear,’ they said to us, ‘that you want us to be a presence for God and for good in our community; you’ve laid out all these ideas—large and small—for meaningful ways to reach out and touch our community. So, here’s a site; develop it if you mean it.’

“Well, at first, nothing happened; I mean nothing. But then a couple of retired teachers got the notion that expanded pre-school and Head Start opportunities were sorely needed; they set about getting state funding to start them. Before that could really take hold, a couple more old teachers – goodness, you won’t print it like that, will you?-- began working toward setting up a tutoring service for middle and high school students. Just like that. Well, pretty obviously, a church sanctuary was not suitable for those kinds of activities; a group of men in the church—handy with hammers and such—set about transforming part of that meeting hall into smaller classrooms. And that started it. Not much money involved...but lots of work and

effort.

“Other folks at church ‘got it’! Kids can’t get here and home without transportation; we had folks who volunteered to carpool them to and from—we were mostly retired folks in membership at that time (My, that’s changed...but another story, another story). Of course, that was before we had the vans and the bus—they came later as our ministries grew.

“You see, it all started with just a few people of passion willing to take that first step, that leap of faith. But it didn’t stop with just those educators; oh, no--they were just the first. We had attorneys volunteer hours for consultation with the needy; our health ministries that had previously served mostly our church folks now had a setting for a small medical ministry—see how it has grown over the years! We soon had folks helping others with their taxes, doing basic job training for the kinds of retail positions that are increasingly available in our area—you know, how to dress, how to meet the public, basic stuff.

“But it was the outgrowth of our small group energy that really lit this place up. You see, we began to develop small groups around various mission interests; mind you, church leadership did not propose them...not at all; but what they did was provide a context within which those people of passion again could gather together in small groups, conceive and grow a service idea or project, AND feel confident of support and encouragement to pursue their dreams.

“Long story short, here we are; you see it. Volunteers from our church and several others in the community keep this place open seven days a week sixteen hours a day providing a staggering array of social services to those having various needs within the community—we serve them directly or refer them to social services elsewhere, depending upon the nature of the need.”

Indeed, I did see it. The Ministry Village provides warmth and light to an entire community spanning two counties and is developing aspirations beyond even that. “After all,” Allison reminded me, “it’s not like need doesn’t exist beyond our county lines.”

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## YOUTH CALENDAR

Activity	Day /Time	Location
Praise and Rave Christian Rock Band	Fridays @ 6:30 P.M.	Church on the Hill
Pizza Party Karaoke/	Tuesday @ 7:00	Little White-House
Aska Adventure Race	Saturday 5/15 7:00 A.M.	Toccoa River-Side Restaurant
Movie Night	Wednesdays @ 5:00 P.M	Fellowship Hall
Sunday Night Mixer/ “What do I have in Common with the Smiths”	5/21 @ 5:30 P.M.	John and Joan Smith’s Home
Feed Fannin/ Garden Project	5/6 @ 9:00 A.M.	Craddock Center Garden
My Sisters Keeper / My Brothers Keeper Reading Program	Thursday @ 5:00 P.M.	Church On the Hill
Creative Arts Class	Mondays 5:00	Fellowship Hall
Social Justice in Appalachia	Sundays 12:30	Youth Classroom



Chad and Heidi work on a science project.



***“The Church Mouse”***  
***A Monthly Cherrylogue Commentary***  
***May 2017***

Hi. I am “CM” (the Church Mouse for you new people). I have been in the church for about 8 years. Dr. Griffin first noticed my trail in late 2009, but hasn’t been able to catch me yet. I am getting a little nervous because all of the young people here can run faster – I may be in trouble! I scurry through the church, 24/7, and see and hear it all. It’s my job to keep all of you informed.

**Caught in the Act**

- Kenny Neal and Arch Cowan on Saturday afternoon changing light bulbs.
  - Jack Senterfitt reading to the younger children on Wednesday nights during small group meetings for the adults.
  - “The Spirit Strings” practicing music for Sunday morning’s 8:30 am service – Zachary, Sam, Grace, and Mitchell are joining up with the “Blue Grass Singers” from the church across the street for special music this Sunday.
- Bill Groce driving the church van to pick up kids after church for tutoring.

**Building Relationships**

- Sunday afternoon and Wednesday night Life Groups for our Atlanta residents and working members are having a big impact on people. The group leaders are planning to give all a review at the monthly fellowship brunch Saturday morning.

Feed North Georgia, once Feed Fannin, has 50 acres of gardens planned for this spring. 30 members of CLCC are joining others to continue this impactful mission.

**Heard It in the Hallway – Topics for “Discuss – Dialogue – Discern” every Fourth Saturday**

- There’s discussion about starting a new Disciples Church in the North Georgia region.
- Is the Sunday morning casual service too contemporary?

**Disturb us Lord**

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,  
when we arrive safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess,  
we have lost our thirst for the waters of life, having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of  
eternity, and in our efforts to build a new earth,  
we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery,  
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizon of our hopes, and  
to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love. This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
who is Jesus Christ. "