



## Spotlight on Camp Craddock Intern

### BAILEY MOONEY

I fell in love with The Craddock Center and Camp Craddock last summer when I came to serve on a mission trip with my church, Sandy Springs Christian Church.

I am a second year college student at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. I decided to give my time this summer to The Craddock Center because I love being with children and spending my time in ways that are fulfilling.

My favorite part of being here is watching the songs and stories become smiles on the children's faces and seeing their faces light up when they get a book of their own. Camp Craddock brings a certain light to the Appalachian area and I'm thankful to get to be a part of it.

### VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

The board of directors and staff of TCC want to send a big thank you to our two gifted interns Bailey Mooney and Melanie Mislo, our Story Express volunteers, United Community Bank of Ellijay for our camp t-shirts, local restaurants Chic-fil-A of Ellijay, Papa's Pizza, Joe's Bar B Que and Dairy Queen all of Blue Ridge Georgia for their donations.

We also want to thank volunteers from Mt. Zion for helping at the area food bank each Wednesday. A huge thank you to board member Cheryl Horacek for her help with many program related volunteer tasks. Many thanks to Victor and Sharon Orsolits for creating and hanging camp room dividers!

Camp Craddock could not be so successful without our amazing volunteers and community!

### CONNIE CHANCEY

#### Chosen As Programs Director



Connie Chancey has been named as Programs Director of The Craddock Center. "Connie brings a tremendous amount of expertise to the position of Programs Director of the Craddock Center", said Debra Cook, Executive Director. "She has served as a Craddock Center Arts Specialist in both music and storytelling for thirteen years. We are fortunate to have her at TCC!"

When asked about her new position at TCC and the driving force behind her commitment to programming, Connie remarked, "The one reason I like working at The Craddock Center is the children. Not just because I can deliver "Happy and Hope" to them each week but they give me "Happy and Hope". When I walk into a room they meet me asking for one of their favorite stories; What a Blessing!"

Connie is married to Shawn Chancey and they have four children and four grandchildren. They reside in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Connie will continue as a CEP artist as well as direct The Children's Enrichment Program, The Story Express, and Camp Craddock. Please join us in welcoming Connie Chancey!

### CAMP CRADDOCK

Camp Craddock has been going full speed ahead!. We have had the pleasure of greeting returning campers and welcoming new ones. Our first group was our dear friends from *Mt. Zion UMC* in Marietta, Georgia. They support The Craddock Center in many ways throughout the year. They were fantastic interacting with our young residence at our Blue Ridge site. Lunch and breakfast were furnished on Monday and Wednesday through the Seamless Summer program which came to us from Faith Presbyterian Church of Blue Ridge, Georgia. With the help of several local restaurants, we were able to serve meals on the other days. Mt. Zion enjoyed evening activities in our area rafting, shopping and visiting the local orchard. They did a spectacular job as always and we look forward to having them back again.

*Bruton Parish Episcopal* from Williamsburg Virginia arrived loaded down in three vans, with eighteen kids ranging in age from twelve and up and four extremely supportive adults. Full of energy this group went full speed all week. They immediately became attached to our friends at our Ellijay site. As with each camp site, they told stories, sang songs and lots of fun activities. On Friday everyone was teary eyed with the thought of leaving all the little friends they had made. We ended the week with extra fun, face painting and our intern Melanie made animal and sword balloons for the children. Bruton campers enjoyed many area activities like rafting, swimming and visiting Merciers Orchards. We would love to have these campers come visit us again next year.

Our last group for June came all the way from Mt. Carmel, Illinois. *First Christian Church* had fourteen in their mission group, these campers all young or young at heart, were real troupers. They visited another Ellijay camp site with smiles on their faces and love in their hearts. Not only did they help direct camp but they performed many much needed chores at the center. They visited the Big Foot Museum, Fields of The Woods, the Pink Pig and Merciers Orchards. As with all of our campers we hope to see them again real soon.

We are looking forward to Camp Craddock in July when we welcome *Sandy Springs Christian Church* and *Collierville Christian Church*!

**Dr. Fred B. Craddock , A Taste Of Milk & Honey**



*It Hurts, But I Understand* when someone turns down our request for financial support with the response, “We give to the poor but to programs that meet their *real* needs.” Meaning of course, food and clothing, especially at Christmas.

Blessings on those programs; who could deny food and clothing to a child? The Craddock Center has a small emergency fund and not a week goes by without at least one claim on that purse. But that is not our primary mission. We are about the business of enriching lives, of lifting self-esteem, of instilling a sense of self-worth, of effecting socialization so that each child can play and study and grow as an equal to other children. We do this through songs, art, and stories. Studies show that participating in such programs increases a child’s success in school and in life in the community.

The records of some charities indicate that they give to children just as they gave to their parents and to their grandparents. Generation after generation the story continues the same.

Our goal is to break the cycle, to change the story. There are 13 million children living in depressing poverty in this country. But we get up each morning believing our small effort is making and will continue to make a difference. And every dollar we receive is an investment in that difference, and, on behalf of the children, we thank you.

**PREACHING WORKSHOP**

**Dr. Thomas G. Long**  
Monday, October 2, 2017  
8:30 AM—12:00 PM

**The Craddock Center—186 Fred Craddock Drive—Cherry Log, Georgia 30522**  
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*breakfast and lunch to be served*

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