



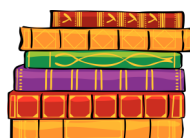
Save the Date!

The Awana Grand Prix & Soup Cookoff - March 3rd.

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer - March 3-10.
Our Annie Armstrong offering goal is \$12,500.

DST - Spring Forward - March 10.

Big Stuf Chili Fundraiser - March 17.



Library

Love to read? Visit the McConnell Library and check out the new books they have for your enjoyment! The library is open from 8:30 until 9 and from 11:30 to 12 noon on Sundays, Wednesdays from 10-12 noon and 6-6:30 pm. Donations of gently used books are appreciated and accepted on Wednesdays between 10 am and noon.

Hope Room Clothes Closet

Volunteers man the Clothes Closet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. providing members of the community with quality clothing free of charge.

Donations of spring & summer clothing may be made after 03/01/19 and we ask that you bring the donations only on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 1 and 3 pm.

Youth Leadership Conference

Please be in prayer for our youth leaders as they travel to this conference in Athens, GA on February 8-10th. Pray that their ears, eyes and hearts will be opened to hear what God wants them to hear & learn!

Our Deepest Sympathy To

Allan Driskell & family, at the death of his grandson.
Harold Smith, at the death of his son, Philip.
The family of Mary Wine.

Our services are streamed live on
Facebook every Sunday morning
at 10:15 am!

Find us on 

Servants in Ministry

SUNDAY SERVANTS - 2.3.19

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - K. Clark, J. Cone, K. Townsend, S. David
GREETERS – Team #6 **SECURITY** - G. Wright
FIRST TOUCH - B. Arnett, N. Donegan
WELCOME DESK - M. Chaney & M. Ashley
WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - B. Grimsley
J. Hedden, N. Stickeler, R. Viduna

SUNDAY SERVANTS - 2.10.19

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - B. Rutan, F. Parris, M. Thomson, T. Brown
GREETERS – Team #6 **SECURITY** - G. Wright
FIRST TOUCH - W. & A. Berg
WELCOME DESK - J. & J. Armstrong
WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - S. Kerlin
J. Nichols, R. Parkman, D. Dermody

SUNDAY SERVANTS - 2.17.19

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - C. Therrel, S. Childress, H. Kloock, S. Reaser
GREETERS – Team #6 **SECURITY** - G. Wright
FIRST TOUCH - R. & S. Moody
WELCOME DESK - J. & D. Harrison
WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - C. Houser
W. Benson, T. Branch, J. Hyatt

SUNDAY SERVANTS - 2.24.19

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - S. Adams, K. Clark, T. Clark
GREETERS – Team #6 **SECURITY** - G. Wright
FIRST TOUCH - J. & K. Gallogly
WELCOME DESK - M. Stickeler
WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - J. Sanderson
F. Witkowski, B. Cone, W. Nelson

February Ushers

Morning Service: L. Wroten- Head Usher

Balcony Usher: D. Shively

H. Goddard, A. Driskell, B. Keilholtz, C. Nicholson,
J. Kelley, R. Bartlett, S. Ledford, J. Wagener, R. Shattles

Evening Service: R. Moody - Head Usher
G. Denton

Osborn Cemetery and Columbarium

If you have any questions related to the Osborn Cemetery or the columbarium, please call Dianne Nelson at 706-896-7736.

McConnell Baptist Church

Mountain Messenger



February 2019

Pastor's Pen...

By now, the decorations are down, the Christmas tree has either been carried out to the dump or put back into storage, and we are settling back into a normal rhythm. Have you ever stopped and considered what that really means? I looked up a few of the synonyms for normal: standard, regular, ordinary, typical, routine, average...

Is that what we want our lives to be, just average? Well, average is certainly better than below average, but is that what we should be aiming for in 2019? If we're honest, I believe average is the last thing that you want your life to be, but that is often what we end up settling for simply because we don't take God at his word. Listen to what Jesus said:

I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.

John 14:12 (CEB)

Jesus wasn't just blowing smoke here and the words that He spoke to the disciples then, he speaks to us today. God has greater things for you and greater things that He longs to do through you. Because Jesus has sent us the Holy Spirit, we are not on our own here. We don't have to settle for the "same old, same old". We can aim for greater things, not the same old things. It's like what my granddaddy used to say to me when he took me hunting:

"Be careful where you aim that thing. You generally tend to hit what you're aiming for." Aim for greater things!



Pastor Steve

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Thank you for giving generously!

You gave \$19,596.30 for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.

IS GENESIS HISTORY? BOOK STUDY

Facilitated by Dan Guss. This study begins Wednesday, February 6th, at 6 pm, in room 219, Family Life Center. Contact the church office to register.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Betty Ann
Campbell



Arnie Kloock



William "Larry" &
Carolyn Ratliff



Diedra Sims



Tom & Debbie
Wade



February 22nd - 24th Canal Lake Bible Camp For Students grade 6-12

The WKND is a Discipleship Now (DNOW) weekend. This local (Blairsville) weekend retreat is where students stay on campus at Canal Lake Bible Camp or surrounding churches. They will spend time with friends, study the Bible with guest college leaders, go crazy with REC time, and enjoy high quality worship gatherings. Don't miss out on the best weekend of the school year!

Special guest speaker is Derrick Brown, the student pastor at Impact Church in Hartwell, GA. He will be joined by the Impact Worship Band, the student worship team for Impact Student Ministries at The Summit Church.

Need more info? Contact Pastor Jeremy at youth@mcconnellchurch.org.

WMU® WOMEN ON MISSION – CONNECTING WOMEN TO MISSIONS!

The month of February is WMU Focus Month in Southern Baptist Churches. You are invited to attend our meeting on Thursday, February 7th, at 10:00 AM in Room 233 of the Family Life Center.

The objectives of the WMU organization:

- Praying for Missionaries & Missions.
- Mission Action & Witnessing.
- Studying & Learning about Missions.
- Supporting Missions with our Offerings and Service.
- Participating in the Work of our Church and Denomination.

Join us for our program and our mission project for February. We will be making Valentines to share with the Homebound, residents of Brasstown Manor and Chatuge Nursing Home. Bring your lunch for a time of fellowship and sharing after completion of our mission project.



MISSION TRIP

McConnell Baptist Church will be sending 18 people to Puerto Rico in March to help in the reconstruction of homes destroyed by hurricane Maria. Over two thirds of Puerto Rico is still in ruins and many areas are still without power. Our team is going to share the love of Jesus by being His hands and feet to help the citizens of Puerto Rico return to a normal way of life and to let them know they are not forgotten.

We are partnering with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and NOONDAY Ministries on this trip.

How can you help?

First, pray. At this time, we covet your prayers most of all. Your prayer covering is essential for the success of our trip.

Second, give. Those who wish to contribute financially to support the team, may give to the team in general or to individual team members. If you are giving to support the team, just designate **"Puerto Rico"** on your check or envelope. If you wish to support an individual team member, make sure you include that **person's name** on the envelope.

Once again, thank you for your prayers and support.

FIRST STEPS / NEWCOMERS

February 10th, 11:45 am, The Lodge

If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Steve & Pastor Danny as they share information about McConnell, who we are and our vision. A light lunch will be served. Please call the church office to register. This class is a prerequisite for joining the church.

CELEBRATION CAFE

Sunday, February 17th, 8:00 am, FLC

Join us for the first Celebration Café of 2019! This is a great opportunity to fellowship with others and get to know someone you might not otherwise have an opportunity to talk with!

IT'S A BOY!



You are invited to an **Amazon Gift Card Baby Shower** for Calah & Jeremy Pearson on Sunday, February 24th, immediately after morning worship service, in The Lodge. Tuck your Amazon Gift Card in a children's book and include a handwritten message inside the book! A light lunch will be served.

ESL CLASSES RESUME

Classes resume on Thursday, February 7th, at 7 pm in the Family life Center. If you are looking for a place to serve, please consider this ministry! If you are interested, contact the church office!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Being with others in a similar situation can be a source of practical help to learn about new ideas and resources. But most of all, it's helpful to talk to or listen to others wrestling with similar problems and the complicated feelings they bring. All are welcome to join this support group on the first Tuesday of each month, at 1:30 pm, room 219, in the Family Life Center.