



Mountain *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MCCONNELL BAPTIST CHURCH | OCTOBER 2019

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Sons of Jubal Concerts

The Sons of Jubal is comprised of ministers of music and others who serve in music ministries of Georgia Baptist churches. McConnell is honored to host this group for two free concerts on Thursday, October 3rd. A love offering will be taken. Invite your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy this evening as these men sing to glorify our Lord! Prelude music begins at 3:30 & 6:30 pm with the concerts at 4 & 7 pm.

Fall Spiritual Growth Campaign

You're Not the Boss of Me

(No evening worship services at the church, October 13 to November 17)
Our fall spiritual growth campaign "You're Not the Boss of Me" begins Sunday, October 13th through November 17th. Be sure to sign up for a small group and enjoy building relationships with one another. We're better when we do life together!

Candy at the Courthouse

The annual **Candy at the Courthouse** event will be Thursday, October 31st, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Towns County Courthouse. Drop by our McConnell table and help distribute yummy treats to our community kids! During the month of October, donations of individually wrapped candy may be left in the collection bins in the FLC foyer, drive thru foyer, Welcome Center or you may drop off at the church office.

Church Events

- Oct 3 - Sons of Jubal Concerts, 4 pm & 7 pm
- Oct 6 - Lord's Supper, 10:15 am
- Oct 6 - Church by the Lake, 6 pm
- Oct 12 - Corn Maze, Blairsville, 11 am
- Oct 13 - First Steps Class, The Lodge, 11:45 am
- Oct 13 - "You're Not the Boss of Me" Small Groups begin
- Oct 31 - Candy at the Courthouse, 5:30 pm

Operation Christmas Child

Let's fill 500 Shoeboxes this year!

It's time to get ready to pack a shoebox with fun and exciting gifts for a special child who God has already chosen to receive the box you pack! Empty shoeboxes will be available on Sunday, October 6th. It's easy, get your empty box from the Welcome Center area and look inside for the instruction brochure.

Use this brochure as your guide to decide if you want to prepare a box for a boy or girl and what age range you'd like to choose. You may also pick up a knitted cap, knitted by the Stitch & Chat ladies, to include in your shoebox. Pray for the child as you fill the shoebox! Make sure you cut out the boy or girl label and place the label on the box.

Pastor Appreciation

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15

October is **Pastor Appreciation** month. If you would like to write a personal note of thanks or give a card of appreciation to our pastors, please feel free to drop your cards off in the basket at the Welcome Desk during the month. This is a great opportunity for you to encourage them and let them know you appreciate all they do.

Church by the Lake

**Camo Night at GA Mtn Fairgrounds,
Lower Pavilion, Sunday, October 6th, 6 pm**
(No evening service at the church)

As cooler weather approaches, take this opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with your church family as we fellowship by the lake! Feel free to wear your favorite hunting/camouflage gear, bring your lawn chair and your favorite finger food to share!

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"



Corn Maze Adventure

Saturday, October 12th, 11 am

Parents & Kids,

Meet Pastor Steve Awtrey at 4482 Town Creek School Rd (500 feet from Alexander's Store) in Blairsville for an adventure at the corn maze. There is a \$10 charge for this event.

New To Our Family



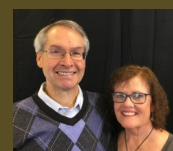
Debbie Leonhardt



Dave & Ramona
Rabon



Kelly Scaggs &
Max Steckelberg



Don & Beth
Spaeth

Our Deepest Sympathy to

Allen & Peggy Driskell, at the death of Peggy's son, R. Tim Locke & her sister.

Dave & Kim Burger, at the death of Dave's mother, Martha Burger.

John Noon, at the death of his brother, Howie.

Pastor's Pen



When is the last time these thoughts crossed your mind: "I can't believe I said that. Why did I do that? Where did that come from?"

If we're honest with ourselves, more often than we would like to admit. Our emotions can get the best of all of us. If we're not careful, things like anger, lust, greed, fear, and envy can shape our actions much more than we want them to. Monitoring our behavior isn't enough.



We need to monitor our hearts. That's what our Spiritual Growth Campaign, ***You're Not the Boss of Me!*** for the fall is all about.

Beginning on Oct. 13 and going through Nov. 17th, we will be tackling our emotions to make sure that we rule over them rather than letting them rule over us. From the Sunday morning message to small groups that will be meeting in the homes, we will see what the Bible has to say about making sure that our emotions don't get the best of us... or bring out the worst in us.

If you would like to be part of a Small Group for the campaign, make sure that you sign up at the Connections Table in the lobby on Sept. 29th and Oct. 3rd. Small Groups will be meeting in an area near you and also at the church on Wednesday and Sunday Nights. The Small Groups will fill up fast so make sure that you sign up ASAP to be a part of a group that fits your schedule.

We will not be having our regular Sunday Night services in the sanctuary during the campaign but for those who are not attending a Small Group during the study, you can attend a group that will be held in the Lodge during the regular service times. Please plan to park on the bankside of the church and enter through the front of the Lodge for the duration of the campaign.

Ministry News

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Church Prayer Room Ministry

Coordinator: Dea Hunter

One of the most important things we can do for others is PRAY! McConnell has a confidential prayer line, 706-896-0806, which is open for the church and the community to call. Volunteers are needed to come into the prayer room and pray for these requests and, in some cases, send a short handwritten note to the person being prayed for. Much can be accomplished in just an hour each week! Won't you consider volunteering in this ministry?

Library

Coordinator: Patsy Daniel

The library has received some new books if you are looking for something to read. 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.

Osborn Cemetery Ministry

Coordinator: Walter Berg, Wayne & Dianne Nelson

On Wednesdays, through November 13th, a representative from the Osborn Cemetery Ministry Team will be available at the church office from 1-3 pm to answer any questions you may have related to the cemetery or columbarium.

Grounds Team

Coordinator: Shane Giles

Our grounds team is responsible for keeping the church grounds beautiful, no matter the season! If you enjoy working outside and have a desire to help keep our grounds maintained, please consider joining the grounds team for a work day (just one Saturday morning) coming up in November.

October Servants in Ministry

Greeter Team - #2 Security - S. Giles

Ushers

Morning: L. Wroten, Head Usher

Balcony Usher: D. Shively

A. Driskell, H. Goddard, J. Kelley, S. Ledford,
D. Oliver, J. Wagener

Evening: R. Moody, Head Usher

G. Denton

October 6th

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - C. Pearson, V. Awtrey, A. Awtrey, B. Adams

FIRST TOUCH - A. & A. Lawrence

WELCOME DESK - B. & J. Cone

WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - C. Baggett

D. Bennett, W. Benson, A. Kloock

October 13th

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - S. Adams, L. Alwine, K. Townsend, D. Sims

FIRST TOUCH - R. & S. Moody

WELCOME DESK - L. Shook, G. & C. Gooding,

WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - D. Wilson

G. Smith, T. Garrett, G. Boyd

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

Find us on 

October 20th

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - J. Shook, J. Cone, P. Miller, K. McRoberts

FIRST TOUCH - K. & M. Joyner

WELCOME DESK - L. & R. Wark

WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - R. Bennett

T. Bouma, J. Church, B. Miller

October 27th

INFANTS & 2 YR OLDS, 3 & 4 YR OLDS

LT - C. Therrel, S. Childress, M. Thomson, S. David

FIRST TOUCH - B. & J. Crowder

WELCOME DESK - P. Driskell & N. Dearborn

WELCOME CARTS - Capt. - R. Parkman

D. White, KD White, R. Moody

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The 2020 Proposed Budget will be available at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

2020 Proposed Budget Discussion will be Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Private discussion from 5 - 6 pm, in the Family Life Center, room 219. Public discussion from 6-6:30 pm in room 231.

The vote to approve the 2020 Proposed Budget will take place Sunday, December 8, 2019, following the morning worship service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, November 1st-2nd

Summit Students - DNOW Local Weekend

Monday, November 4th

Awana Parents Dinner & Bibles

Saturday, November 9th

Landscape Work Day

Sunday, November 17th

Celebration Café

Scholastic Book Fair (thru 11/22)

Friday & Sunday, December 6th & 8th

Choir Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 7th

Women's Christmas Brunch

Hiawasse Baptist Association Revival

Sunday, October 13th

Speaker: Donnie Jarrard

6 pm, Woods Grove Baptist Church

Monday, October 14th

Speaker: TBD

Time TBD, Cornerstone Baptist Church

Tuesday, October 15th

Speaker: Steve Merck

7 pm, Enotah Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 16th

Speaker: Steve Taylor

7 pm, Macedonia Baptist Church

Watch the Sunday Bulletin for any updates!