

Mountain Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MCCONNELL BAPTIST CHURCH | AUGUST 2021



Special Guest Speaker



Join us on Sunday, August 15th at the morning worship service as we welcome guest speaker, **Rev. W. Thomas Hammond, Jr.** Rev. Hammond has a heart for evangelism, a love for pastors and a passion for reaching the lost. He has served as the executive director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board since 2019. Prior to that, he served as the lead pastor of Alpharetta First Baptist Church from 2013 – 2018. He

has also served as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention (2015-2017); and as a trustee at King's Ridge Christian School in Alpharetta, Truett McConnell University in Cleveland and Lifeway Christian Resources in Nashville. He is a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN with a Master of Divinity.

Called Church Conference

& Annual Corporate Meeting

Church Members - There will be a called church conference & annual corporate meeting immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, August 22nd for the purpose of voting to approve the Servants in Ministry, Corporate Officers & Deacons for the coming year.

Church Events

- **Aug 7th** - Awana Leader's Meeting, 9 am, FLC
- **Aug 8th** - Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering, 10:15 am, Worship Ctr
- **Aug 8th** - First Steps Class, **following the morning worship service, The Lodge**
- **Aug 11th** - Family Meals resume for Summit Students/PEAK Kids, 5:15 pm, FLC
- **Aug 12th** - Preschool Begins
- **Aug 15th** - Special Guest Speaker, 10:15 am, Worship Ctr.
- **Aug. 17th** - Thrive Moms, 6 pm, The Lodge
- **Aug 22nd** - Called Church Conference & Annual Corp Meeting, following morning worship service
- **Aug 23rd** - Awana Parents Meeting/Dinner, 5:15 pm, FLC
- **Aug 23rd** - Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm, Choir Suite
- **Aug 26th** - ESL Training, 7:00 pm, FLC-219
- **Aug 29th** - Family Worship Service, 10:15 am, Worship Ctr.

Awana Clubs

With the beginning of the Towns County School year, Awana Clubs will also begin. Kicking off the club year will be a meeting for the Awana Leaders with the Awana Missionary, Virginia Hamilton, on Saturday, August 7th, at 9 am. Regular Club meetings will resume on Mondays, from 3-5:15 pm, in the Family Life Center, beginning on August 16th. Tom Wade & the club leaders are looking forward to a fun & exciting year teaching the kids about Jesus and helping them memorize scripture.

On Monday, August 23rd, the Awana Leaders will host a Parent Dinner & Bible distribution following the weekly club meeting. If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Tom Wade, Awana Commander, at tgwade52@gmail.com.

Children/Youth Ministries

With the beginning of the Towns County School year, the family meals provided for parents & children/youth will resume on Wednesday, August 11th.

Summit Students will be back on their normal schedule with the church vans providing pick up from TC Schools at 3 pm, hang out time in The Lodge until supper at 5:15 pm. Praise & Worship will begin at 5:45 pm followed by small groups which end at 7:30 pm. Peak Kids will begin at 6 pm, following the family meal.

The Parent Small Group, facilitated by Pastor Danny, will continue each Wednesday that school is in session.

ESL Classes

The ESL Ministry Team, coordinated by Mary Dolvin, is excited to resume English as a Second Language (ESL) classes on Thursday, September 2nd at 7 pm in the Family Life Center. The students who attend are eager to learn English!

Volunteers in this ministry do not need to speak a foreign language or be professional teachers. If you speak English and love Jesus, we can teach you the rest! There will be a training session on Thursday evening, August 26th, at 7 pm in room 219 in the Family Life Center.

If you'd like to volunteer to help or just want to find out more about this ministry, please contact Mary Dolvin, phone 828-389-9451.

YHC Ministry

The YHC Ministry Team is collecting HE Laundry Pods thru August 15th to share with incoming YHC students at the YHC Community Fair on Monday, August 16th. Drop off your donation in the laundry baskets located at the main entrances to the Family Life Center, Drive Thru Portico, Welcome Center or the church office by Sunday, August 15th.

First Steps Class

For those new to the church or who want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Danny as he shares information about McConnell, who we are, and our vision. We meet in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service on August 8th. A light lunch will be served. This class is a prerequisite for joining the church. Please call the church office to register.

Preschool Open House

For the families who have enrolled a child or children in the Weekday Preschool, please plan to attend the Open House for your age group

Monday, August 9th - 9:00 - 10:30 am - 4 year olds
10:30 - 12:00 pm - 3 year olds

Tuesday, August 10th - 9:00-11:00 am - 2 year olds

Emily Winn, Preschool Director, and the teachers are looking forward to a new year of learning with their students!

Guest Pastor's Pen



Jeremy Pearson
Associate Pastor
Youth & Young Adults

Howdy church fam!

I just wanted to fill you in on some wonderful things that God is doing behind the scenes here at our amazing church. Following the vision of Pastor Steve our church is long-term and Kingdom focused. What I mean by that is we desire to see every church grow even in the future; not just here and now. We have been blessed to have so many talented young people come through our church doors that we have been able to train and equip. When we started the Youth Ministry Intern program we had no idea how amazing the outcome would be for our church and other churches.

Many of our past interns are serving in other churches right now! Austin Tibbetts was recently voted in as the Pastor of Youth and Families at Morris Hill Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Andrew Rogers is serving as a resident at Northpoint Community Church in Alpharetta, Georgia while he is attending Dallas Theological Seminary online. Our most recent intern, Jennie Williams is in the process of becoming a Youth Pastor of a Georgia church (We will announce and celebrate when we can.) We believe God allowed us to develop these amazing young men and women to send out to serve others.

We want to focus more attention on the ability to develop young leaders, so we are hiring a young leader to help do just that. Joseph Pope is a fine young man with many gifts and abilities in media and ministry. Joseph will become our Assistant Youth Pastor and

oversee our youth media along with developing student volunteers and interns. We want to produce more leaders the way we already have been.

We learned over the past year or so just how important technology and media is for us to do ministry. Joseph has an ever-growing knowledge of all things church media. He has been serving in a large church and has experience in broadcasting and video. Joseph will not just bless the church with his abilities, but he is another young leader that we desire to help grow into all that God has created him for. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Joseph, our intern program, and our church as God continues to lead us to help people find and follow Jesus.

Jeremy

Thrive Moms

Thrive Moms is a ministry for moms to encourage and inspire you to do more than *JUST SURVIVE* motherhood. *We believe God wants us to **thrive** and walk confidently in who He calls us to be as mothers.* We are a ministry seeking to serve, inspire, and empower imperfect moms with the perfect grace of Christ.

Any moms from the community with 12th grade children and under are welcome to join us at any time during the year. Each meeting looks a little different but all include dinner, fellowship and a time for sharing on issues relevant to moms and families today. Come spend time with other moms who can relate and support you!

We will meet on the third Tuesday of each month during the school year, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in The Lodge, beginning on August 17th.

Opportunities to serve with Thrive: Have you been blessed with a few extra minutes and a desire to serve our community? Please consider pouring some of your time into our Thrive ministry! For more information please contact Calah Pearson (706) 599-9144 or email thrivemomshiwasse@gmail.com

Servants in Ministry

August 1st

Welcome Desk - N. Dearborn, C. Nitzsche
Cart Drivers - Capt. D. Rabon
S. Berkstresser, T. Garrett, G. Boyd
PEAK Jr - P. Estrada Torres, A. Awtrey
PEAK Kids - E. Blair

August 8th

Welcome Desk - R. & C. Larson
Cart Drivers - Capt. R. Peterson
D. Willrich, P. Anderson, G. Denton
PEAK Jr - V. Awtrey, N. Altman
PEAK Kids - C. Pearson

August 15th

Welcome Desk - D. Harrison, J. McConnell
Cart Drivers - Capt. T. Wade
D. Belk, W. Nelson, G. Osborne
PEAK Jr - C. Chastain, C. Larson
PEAK Kids - J. & C. Shively

August 22nd

Welcome Desk - M. Stickeler, P. Hanks
Cart Drivers - Capt. R. Parker
T. Taylor, C. Nicholson, R. Hanks
PEAK Jr - S. Dyer, K. Reece
PEAK Kids - A. & D. Oliver

August 29th

Welcome Desk - M. Chaney, M. Ashley
Cart Drivers - Capt. D. Rabon
T. Turner, B. Grimsley, J. Brock
PEAK Jr - C. Weaver, D. Nelson
PEAK Kids - Family Worship Sunday

Online Church Directory

If you are a member or frequent attender and would like to be in our online church directory, please call the church office and we can help you with that. The online directory is an excellent tool to help put faces with names! It is easy to use and available on your smart phone, iPad, tablet or computer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission GA Offering during the month of September

Friday, Sep 3rd

**Alan Kendall & Friends Concert,
6:30 pm, Worship Ctr**

Monday, Sep 6th

Church Office Closed/Labor Day holiday

Sunday, Sep 26th

Men's Ministry, 6 pm, The Lodge

Monday, Sep 27th

Deacon's Meeting, 7 pm, Choir Suite

WELCOME



Angie & Bob
Williams