



Mountain Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MCCONNELL BAPTIST CHURCH |

FEBRUARY 2022

Focus on WMU

February is WMU Focus month! Come find out what we are all about!

The Nannie Rose Tatham WMU Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM in the choir room. At our February 3rd meeting we will once again be making Valentines for residents of Chatuge Nursing Home and Brasstown Manor Retirement Home. Come help us with this worthwhile project!

Our vision is to challenge believers to understand and be involved in the mission of God – which is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ. We do this in several ways:

- Pray for missionaries and missions
- Mission action & witnessing
- Studying, learning, & supporting missions
- Participating in the work of our church & denomination

Contact the church office for more information.

Support Group

The Towns County Alzheimer's & related Dementias Support Group is now facilitated by Shannon Larsen. Meetings are usually held here at McConnell each month. However, per a directive from the Alzheimer's Association, their meetings are now **online only** for the foreseeable future due to the omicron covid variant.

If you'd like to attend their meetings online, please email Shannon at Shannon.Larsen@homesteadhospice.net.

Church Events

- Feb 3rd - WMU Meeting, 10:00 am, LL-042
- Feb 13th – First Steps Class, 11:45 am, The Lodge
- Feb 15th – Thrive Moms, 6:00 PM, The Lodge
- Feb 21st - TC School Holiday - No Awana Clubs, Preschool Closed
- Feb 27th - Deacon Huddle, 8:30 am, Office Lobby
- Feb 27th - Men's Ministry, 6:00 pm, The Lodge

Church Phonetree

When there are church-wide notifications that need to be sent to all active McConnell church members, our pastors use an automated phonetree system which allows the calls to go out quickly. If you attend church here and would like to be included in these calls, please contact Connie at the church office.

Contribution Statements

The 2021 Contribution Statements were emailed to those who have email addresses on file on 1/13/2022 and mailed by USPS mail to those who don't have a email address by 1/31/2022. If you do not receive your 2021 Contribution Statement, by email or USPS mail, please contact Cindy Clem at 706-896-2281.

Ray Nicholson Scholarship

Beginning in March, applications will be available in the Church Office, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon, for the Ray Nicholson Scholarship. Applications must be completed & submitted by the deadline to be considered.

The Ray Nicholson Scholarship, to benefit graduating seniors from Towns, Union, & Clay Counties, was established in 1975 in memory of Ray Nicholson, a longtime resident and educator of Towns County and a loyal church member. Donations to this scholarship fund may be made at any time by designating Ray Nicholson scholarship on your check or online donation.

First Steps Class

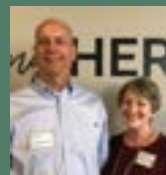
If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Steve & Pastor Danny as they share information about McConnell, who we are, and our vision. Meet in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service on February 13th for a light lunch. This class is a prerequisite for joining the church. Call the church office at 706-896-2281 to register.

Job Opportunity

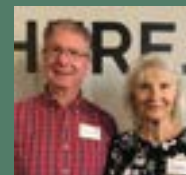
McConnell is seeking a motivated, dependable & capable individual to serve as Facilities Manager.

If interested, please contact James Sanderson, Chairman of the Personnel Committee at jimigsu@gmail.com

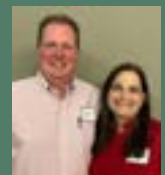
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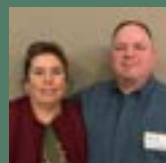
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Alexander



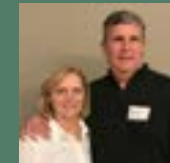
David & Susan
Butler



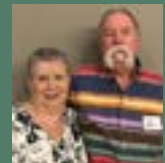
Chad & Angela
Hodges



Matt & Kimberly
Nichols



Bayne & Betsy
Parker



Lee & Donna
Tallent



Rex & Gail
Thayer



Pastor's Pen

Steve Taylor
Lead Pastor



February is the time of year when people's attention starts turning towards love and relationships. With New Year's Day in our review mirror and Valentine's Day being

just around the corner, it left me wondering what kind of goals have you set for yourself when it comes to your relationships? Are they where you would like them to be, or do you want them to be better? Let's be honest.

We all want great relationships but finding or having the perfect relationship isn't as easy as people would want you to believe on social media. It doesn't matter whether it's friendship, dating, or marriage, the real secret to having great relationships goes far deeper than just having a catchy hashtag and an airbrushed picture.

The truth is that good relationships and great marriages don't just happen. They require both wisdom and hard work. It is knowing and doing. If we are honest with ourselves, we fall short on both ends. We don't know what to do to make our relationships better, and too often we aren't willing to make the investments necessary to move our relationships to the next level.

It doesn't matter if you're just friends, dating, or married, you've probably got some room to improve. That's why February is the perfect time for us to focus on improving our relationships. If you are looking and longing for some biblical council on how to improve your most important relationships, I hope you will join us for our next series as we talk about RELATIONSHIP GOALS from a biblical perspective.

Chasing Daylight

Pastor Steven



Preschool Registration

Registration opens for McConnell Church members & currently enrolled students beginning March 7th at 8 am, in the Preschool area.

Registration opens for the general public beginning March 21st at 8:30 am in the lobby at the drive thru entrance.

Sympathy to

Lilly & Randall Adams, at the death of her brother, James Harold Gibson.

Eb & Lydia Boeckel, at the death of Eb's sister, Erika Leitman.

Debbe Craig & family, at the death of their mother, Carolyn Albury.

Rene Garn, Beth & Don Spaeth, at the death of Rene's husband & Beth's father, Wayne Garn.

Homer & Jeanine Goddard, at the death of Homer's sister, Pat Jennings.

The family of **Jean Grady**.

Susan Harkness, at the death of her brother, Rick Hammond.

Paul Hixson, at the death of his wife, Audrey Hixson.

Steve Messner, at the death of his mother, Jeannie Messner.

Eddie & Paula Roach, at the death of Eddie's father, Charles Roach.

Mary Taylor, at the death of her sister, Sally Sutton.

Trace Vaughn, at the death of his brother, Tommy Childers.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

February 6th

Welcome Desk - P. & R. Hanks
Cart Drivers - Captain- D. Rabon
R. Parker, G. Denton, C. Nicholson
PEAK Jr - P. Estrada, S. Kendall
PEAK Kids - L. Grimsley

February 13th

Welcome Desk - L. & R. Wark
Cart Drivers - Captain- P. Anderson
S. Berkstresser, J. McConnell, G. Osborne
PEAK Jr - V. Awtrey, C. Armstrong
PEAK Kids - J. & C. Shively

February 20th

Welcome Desk - A. & B. Williams
Cart Drivers - Captain- T. Wade
D. Biggs, D. Oliver, B. Grimsley
PEAK Jr - C. Chastain, C. Larson
PEAK Kids - N. Dearborn

February 27th

Welcome Desk - M. Ashley & M. Chaney
Cart Drivers - Captain- T. Taylor
W. Benson, J. Hyatt, J. Kimball
PEAK Jr - S. Dyer, P. Hundley
PEAK Kids - J. & L. Ledford

FIND YOUR PLACE!

The Nominating Committee will begin working soon to find volunteers willing to serve on committees, programs, Sunday School & ministry teams for our next church year, which begins on September 1st.

Please help this group with their tasks by letting them know if you are interested in serving on a committee or ministry team, teaching Sunday School or being a substitute teacher in Sunday School. If there are openings in the area of your interest, they will try to accommodate your request or help you get connected with the appropriate ministry team leader.

It's easy to volunteer, just call the church office and leave your name & contact info and your information will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

Now is the time to find your place of service!

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

While we are hoping that we are past the inclement weather for this winter, we do want to remind you that during periods of inclement weather, the church office & pastoral staff may work from home if road conditions are hazardous. As long as we have electricity/internet, we do receive messages left on the church phones and any emails sent to us. We will return calls/emails as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 6th - March 13th
Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

Sunday, March 14th
Daylight Saving Time Change

Tuesday, March 15th
Thrive Moms

Sunday, March 20th
Awana Grand Prix

Thank You!

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of \$55,825 exceeded the \$33,000 goal set by the Missions Committee this year!

Your generosity supports international missionaries and furthers His Kingdom!