

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

12/11/2022

Prelude of Praise

Welcome/Greeting

Worship

Message

*Letting Go of Bitterness*

Heb. 12:14-15, Eph. 4:31-32, Rms 12:21

Time of Decision

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We will continue to collect Lottie Moon donations thru the month of December. Pick up your prayer guide at the Worship Center and your offering envelopes in the pew pockets.

**Our 2022 goal is \$35,000.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PLEASE drop your connection cards in the buckets on your way out of the Sanctuary.*

### THRIVE MOMS | 12/13

Come spend time with other moms who can relate and support you! This month, in order to accommodate Christmas plans, we will meet on Tues, 12/13, 6:00-7:30 pm, in The Lodge. Dinner will be served. To RSVP, text "thrive" to 706-995-7515. For more info call or text Calah Pearson at (706) 599-9144 or email [thrivemomshiawasee@gmail.com](mailto:thrivemomshiawasee@gmail.com).

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA - LOVE WAS BORN A KING | 12/18

When a mix-up on the church calendar puts a ministry to the homeless in the same place at the same time with the choir's dress rehearsal for their Christmas program, things get chaotic! *Love was Born a King* poignantly and sensitively deals with the plight of the homeless, drawing on the responsibility of God's people to minister and care for those in need. And, in the course of helping others, we just might find ourselves being ministered to in the process! Join us on **Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.** and bring a friend. For those who can't be with us in person, or are homebound, this service will be live-streamed.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | 12/20

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, December 20th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, in the Family Life Center. There's currently an urgent need for blood donors of all blood types. Our annual Christmas blood drive helps ensure that blood products are readily available for patients in need at a time when the need is critical. Please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to make an appointment to donate.

### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your year-end financial contributions may be given any time in December. Mailed or online financial contributions must be postmarked or given online through our website on or before Saturday, 12/31/2022, to be included with your 2022 contributions. You may give online at: <https://mconnellchurch.org/give/>.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE | 12/24

Join us in the Worship Center on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm for a special candlelight service and observance of the Lord's Supper. A benevolence offering will be taken. Nursery provided for birth to 2 years old only.

### CHRISTMAS DAY | 12/25

Join us online only for our special Home for Christmas morning worship service. This service will be broadcast at our usual time, 10:15 am, on both Facebook & You Tube. There will be NO services at the church on Christmas day. Enjoy being home with your family & loved ones.

### NEW! BOOK STUDY | 1/19

A new book study, *Escape the Coming Night* (The Book of Revelation) by Dr. David Jeremiah is coming in January! This study, facilitated by Ed Dearborn, will meet on Thursdays, beginning on January 19, 2023, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in the Choir Suite LL-042. This class is open to co-ed adults & teens. Call or text Ed at (863) 610-8155 or email [wvfr.mr.ed@gmail.com](mailto:wvfr.mr.ed@gmail.com). **Deadline is January 8th.**

## Weekly Activities 12/11 - 12/17

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/11/22	8:15 a.m. 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>10:15 a.m.</b> 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Band Rehearsal Library Open (also before and after services) Sunday School for ALL ages/Nursery Available PEAK Kids Worship <b>Morning Worship Service</b> Band Practice, Worship Center PEAK & Summit Volunteers Appreciation Lunch, FLC Jerry Armstrong Visitation at Banister Funeral Home Jerry Armstrong Funeral at McConnell, Worship Ctr.
<b>MONDAY</b> 12/12/22	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Prayer for the Country, #219-FLC Prayer for Moral/Civic Concerns, #219-FLC Awana Clubs/Awana Store, FLC
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/13/22	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Grill Churchwide Prayer Group, #026-LL Hope Room Clothes Closet, Open to public Thrive Moms, The Lodge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12/14/22	10:00 am - Noon 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Library Open Library Open EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC Summit Students - The Lodge PEAK Kid's EDGE Christmas Party- Children's Dept. Parents Small Group w/Pastor Danny, #233-FLC Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Ctr Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Classrooms Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12/15/22	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Open to Public ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12/16/2022	6:30 p.m.	Summit Students Dodgeball, FLC

### *Pastoral Staff*

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor

Associate Pastor - Rev. Danny Byers

Associate Pastor/Children & Discipleship - Rev. Steve Awtrey

Associate Pastor of Students/Young Adults - Rev. Jeremy Pearson

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12/4/2022	Budget		Moving Mountains	
	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	Since last pmt.
<b>Required</b>	\$27,535.19	\$1,349,224.31	\$7,286.43	\$7,286.43
				<b>To Date</b>
<b>Received</b>	\$40,671.42	\$1,548,191.11	\$16,480.17	\$517,819.70

# Travel Light



**ADVENT SERIES**  
*Wk3 Letting Go of Bitterness*