

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

September 27, 2023

Pray

Father, we see Your goodness, and we watch as You answer prayers and change lives all around us. And even though we know that You are sovereign, we hold back, and consequently forfeit the fullness of Your blessings. But You created us to be choosers, and You allow us to take our Christian experience as far as we want it to go. So, we ask for Your power to give us the boldness to evangelize, and to do it well. We thank You for giving Jesus as our example to connect with the lost. Like Him, we want to reach to the very core of people, but we need You to remind us to check our motives. Our own hearts should break for those who are lost and then equip us to draw them into Your family. Supply us with the patience we need to listen, discernment to care for their needs, and then give us the tools we need to ask questions. Help us to intentionally cross lines to stir up the emotions so transformation takes place. And we give You the glory, in Jesus name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Mary Ables
Raelyn Byers
Lauren Byers
Kate Cone
Mary Dolvin
Elwood
Lou Howell
Richard & Karen Kelley
Wanda MacKenzie
Jim & Georgia Moultrie
Glenda Parker
Brian Schrage
Rick Tapley
Brenda Thomas
Ina Wagener
Betty White

In the Hospital

Georgia Moultrie, NEGA
Trudy Upshaw, NEGA

Upcoming Surgeries

Stacia Childress, 11/2
Debbie Wade, 12/19
Pat Wroten, 10/8
Glenn Wright, October

Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Stacia Childress
Jordyn Cooper
Sam Hanvey
Martha Miller
Henry Powers

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

Rehab/Nursing Home

Peggy Driskell, CRNH
David & Yolanda Keating, at home
Connie Lake, CRNH
Flora Jean Roberts, Union NH
Barbara Van Nus, CRNH
Pat Wright, CRNH
Kay Yandell, Hayesville House

Grieving Families

Cheryl Hooper family
Helga Peters family
Richard & John Kelley
Jan McCombs
Carol Barry
James Batye
Allan Driskell/Becky Wentzel
Gloria Wilson/Boone

Sympathy

Richard & Karen and John & Angie Kelley, at the death of their sister-in-law, Wanda Kelley.

Events from the Church Calendar (9/28 - 10/4)

THURSDAY
9/28
9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Better—Ladies Bible Study, #233-FLC
10:00 am - noon GriefShare, #219-FLC
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. My Estate Roadmap, The Lodge
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. "Escape the Coming Night" Bible Study, #LL-042 Choir Suite
7:00 - 9:15 p.m. ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC

SUNDAY
10/1
8:15 a.m. Band Rehearsal, Worship Ctr.
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Library Open - before and after services
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:15 - 11:30 am PEAK Kids Worship
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship/Gideon Speaker/Note Burning
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Fest, FLC and Outside
5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Pathfinders-YHC Small Group, The Lodge

MONDAY
10/2
10:00 a.m. Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room
3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Awana Clubs, FLC

TUESDAY
10/3
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group, #026-LL
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Alz/Dementia Support Group, #219-FLC

WEDNESDAY
10/4
10:00 am - Noon Library Open (also 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.)
10 am - 3:00pm Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Connect Team Meeting, Conf. Room #2
3:00 - 5:15 p.m. Summit Students Hangout Time, Lodge
5:15 - 5:45 p.m. EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. PEAK Kids Edge, Children's Dept
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Summit Students, The Lodge
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents Small Group, #233-FLC
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Ctr
6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Rooms
6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCCONNELL FALL FAMILY FEST—10/1

Invite your friends and neighbors to an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship starting at 4:00 pm on 10/1.

Bring a dessert to share and register for the gift basket to be given away at the end of the day!

We look forward to seeing you there for the **McConnell Fall Family Fest!**

BLAIRSVILLE LIFE CHAIN 2023 | 10/1

Now more than ever, we need to stand united in proclaiming the love of God and supporting the dignity of every life. Everyone is invited to participate in the Blairsville Life Chain on October 1st from 2:00 -3:00 pm. We will meet at the Park and Ride located at the intersection of HWY 515/76 and HWY 129. For more information call Carrie Powers at 863-224-1149.

CANDY COLLECTION - FOR CANDY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS | 10/1

We will begin accepting donations of individually wrapped candy starting Sunday, Oct 1st. Look for the bins located in the FLC, Drive-thru Portico Lobby, and the Office Lobby. The Candy at the Fairgrounds community outreach is on **Tuesday, 10/31** from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

OCC SHOEBOXES | 10/8

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be available in the Welcome Center on Sunday, October 8th. Begin preparing now by praying for the child(ren) who will receive the shoebox you pack just for them! Please also include a \$10 donation per shoebox to help cover shipping costs. **The deadline to return your filled shoeboxes is Sunday, November 12th.** You may also **Build a Box** online at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

FIRST STEPS/NEW MEMBERS CLASS - 10/8

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's vision. The class will be held on October 8th, at 11:45 a.m., in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service. A light lunch will be served. **This class is a prerequisite for joining the church.** [Register online](#) or call the church 706-896-2281.

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION | 10/15

Parent Child Dedication is Sunday, October 15th. Contact the church office by October 1st to sign up or [click here to register online](#).

AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS | 10/19

McConnell will host the AARP Smart Driver class on Thursday October 19th, from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. There are no tests and no driving. **Class size is limited** and the class is facilitated by a trained volunteer instructor. Lunch is bring-your-own and will be limited to 30 minutes. Cost for the course is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Check with your auto insurance company to see if you can save on your car insurance by taking this class. **To register, contact Kelly Cherry, phone 423-243-8146.**

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	9/24	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,194,566.10	\$46,169.55	\$1,175,736.18
Mission Georgia Offering to date: \$ 12,195.00			

Sunday, September 24
In Church Attendance — 445
Sunday School Attendance — 260