

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

October 11, 2023

Pray

Heavenly Father, your generosity toward us is a beautiful gift that is totally undeserved. You ask us to sacrificially extend that same generosity toward others. Even though we know that it is one of the fruits of the Spirit, we tend to fail in this endeavor, over and over again. We find it easy to give our money and possessions, yet we are indifferent when it comes down to our time, our attention, and our affection. Help us to be shrewdly generous as we walk in this world with those who don't yet know you. Show us how to use this powerful gift for those who need it, when they need it, without hesitation or manipulation. And we pray that our love we show, and humility we demonstrate, shows them who You are - the One and Only, True and Living God. In Jesus Holy name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Gene Brumbaugh
Pat Burgess
Brian & Stacia Childress
Larson Church
Vick Coker
Tim Craig
Izzy & Family
Diris Farmer
Brenlee Kitchens
Bob Shepherd

In the Hospital

Upcoming Surgeries

Bob Miller, 10/27
Stacia Childress, 11/2
Debbie Wade, 11/9

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Susan Adams
Ed Dearborn
Jim & Georgia Moultrie
Trudy Upshaw
Pat Wroten

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

Sympathy

Rick Jernigan, at the death of his wife, Lorraine.



Events from the Church Calendar (10/12 - 10/18)

THURSDAY 10/12	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 10/15	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/Parent-Child Dedication/Baptism 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Pathfinders-YHC Small Group, The Lodge 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This Is the Gospel, Choir Suite

MONDAY 10/16	10:00 a.m. Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Awana Clubs, FLC
TUESDAY 10/17	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 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Thrive Moms, The Lodge
WEDNESDAY 10/18	10:00 am - Noon Library Open (also 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.) 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. PEAK Kids Family Meal, FLC 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. PEAK Kids Edge, Children's Dept 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

PASTOR APPRECIATION

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is a time to let each of them know how much they are appreciated and to encourage them in their ministry. One way to do this is to write a personal note or card and leave in the basket at the Welcome Desk during the month of October or you can mail your cards to P.O. Box 235, Hiawassee, GA 30546. Another way to show your appreciation is to include them in your daily prayers all year long!

CANDY COLLECTION - FOR CANDY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy thru 10/29. 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

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available in the Welcome Center until we run out. 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/. If you do build online, please call the church office and let us know the number, so your boxes can be included in our count.

THIS IS THE GOSPEL BEGINS 10/15

Be part of a pilot group for our Discipleship Pathway course that is launching next Sunday, October 15th at 6:00 pm, in the Choir Suite. To register, scan the QR code on the poster in the Welcome Center, (at the Missions wall) or call the church office at 706-896-2281.

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, call Kelly Cherry, phone 423-243-8146.**

MCCONNELL MEN'S MINISTRY | 10/22

Men of all ages are invited to come to our McConnell Men's ministry on Sunday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Lodge. We meet monthly with dinner provided. This is a great outreach event, so invite someone to come with you!

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE | 10/25

The Quarterly Church Conference will be **Wednesday, 10/25**, at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center before the bible study. The Quarterly Financial Reports will be available at the Welcome Desk starting Sunday Oct 22nd.

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	10/8	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,255,825.90	\$20,137.00	\$1,243,248.68
Mission Georgia Offering to date: \$ 17,085.00			

Sunday, October 8
In Church Attendance — 441
Sunday School Attendance — 226