

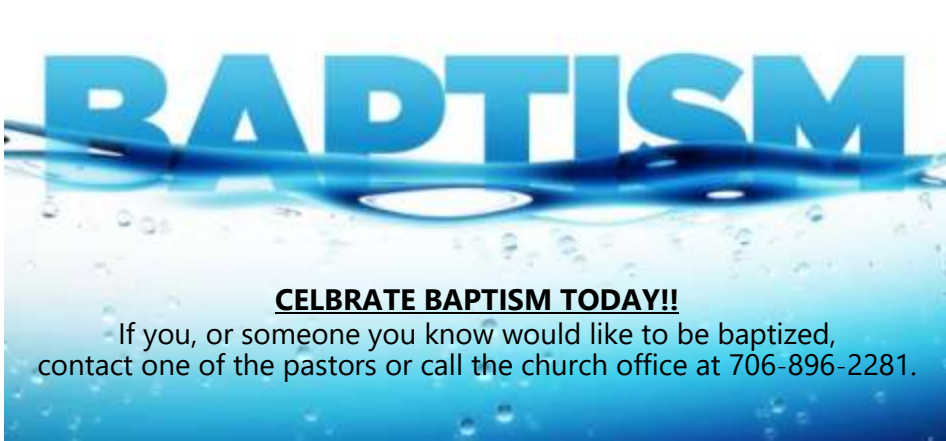
NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Cultivating Generational Gratitude

Ezra 3:10-13

Changing the Way We Think

NOTES:



CELBRATE BAPTISM TODAY!!

If you, or someone you know would like to be baptized, contact one of the pastors or call the church office at 706-896-2281.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE drop your connection cards in the offering stands outside of the Sanctuary.

IMPORTANT 2024 BUDGET DATES:

Sunday, 11/19, proposed budget distribution will be available at the Welcome desk after the Worship Service.

Wednesday, 11/29, Private discussion with Finance Committee at 5:30 pm, ML-132 (Esther Sunday School Classroom). Public discussion to follow at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center before Wednesday in the Word

Sunday, 12/3, Called Church Conference to vote on 2024 budget approval immediately following the morning worship service.

AWANA CLUBS - CHRISTMAS STORE

The Awana Clubs are seeking donations of new or gently used items for the **Awana Christmas Store** on December 11th. Men's items will be especially helpful! Clubbers have earned Awana Bucks to be able to shop for gifts for their parents, grandparents & siblings for Christmas. Collection bins are located in the FLC foyer, the Hope Lobby and the church office **during November**.

FREE! MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT 11/17 & 11/18

Mountain Community Chorus will perform two concerts at McConnell on Friday, 11/17 at 7:00 pm & Saturday, 11/18 at 3:00 pm. Directed by Terry Hooper and assisted by Laura Stookesbury, the chorus is made up of about 70 local singers who love to make music. The concert is free and has a wide variety of styles to be enjoyed. Small or generous donations are truly appreciated and are also tax deductible. Both concerts are in our Worship Center so mark your calendar and invite your friends!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH | 12/2

The McConnell Women's Ministry is planning a **"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"** Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available now **thru November 19th** in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. Tickets are \$15 each and seating is limited. We also need 35 hostesses to provide a centerpiece for each table; everything else will be provided. Call or text April Porter at 757-535-4058 if you are interested.

FIRST STEPS/NEW MEMBERS CLASS | 12/10

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 Sunday, December 10th, 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 office to register at 706-896-2281.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | 12/19

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm, in the Family Life Center. **Fewer donors than needed** gave this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Hurricane Idalia further strained the blood supply with blood drive cancellations and reduced blood and platelet donations in affected areas. Please visit www.redcross.org to make an appointment to donate.



My Prayer Request: Confidential May be shared with prayer groups

My prayer has been answered!

I give praise to God for:

Questions or Comments

Connection Card

Name: _____
 First Time Guest Second Time Guest Frequent Attendee Member
 Preferred Phone #: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Guest Of: _____ Zip: _____
 Age: ___Under 20 ___20's ___30's ___40's ___50's ___60's ___70's ___80's & up
 Check here if change in Address/Phone/E-Mail

I prayed to receive Christ today.
 I would like to talk with the Pastor
I would like more information on:
 Becoming a follower of Jesus
 Church membership
 Serving at McConnell
 First Steps / Newcomers Class
 Life Groups / Sunday School
 Children's Ministry / PEAK Kids
 Nursery
 Other
For more info, www.mcconnellchurch.org

Weekly Activities 11/12 - 11/18

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| SUNDAY | 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/Veteran Recognition/OCC |
| | 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. | Pathfinders—YHC Small Group, Hiawassee Park |
| | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | This is the Gospel-Discipleship Pathway, #233-FLC |
| MONDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room |
| | 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. | Awana Clubs, FLC |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Grill |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group, #026-LL |
| | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm |
| WEDNESDAY | 10:00 am - Noon | Library Open (also open from 5:30—6:00p.m.) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC |
| | 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. | EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC |
| | 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Summit Students - The Lodge |
| | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept. |
| | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Parents Small Group w/Pastor Danny, #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 Classrooms |
| | 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite |
| THURSDAY | 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 |
| | 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 |
| FRIDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Mountain Community Chorus Concert, Worship Center |
| SATURDAY | 9:00 a.m.—Noon | Matt's Ministry, Hayesville |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Mountain Community Chorus Concert, Worship Center |

HIAWASSEE CHRISTMAS PARADE

McConnell will be entering a float in this year's Christmas Parade on 12/2. If you are interested in volunteering call Steve Hutchison at 470-381-9839.

Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor
 Associate Pastor - Rev. Danny Byers
 Associate Pastor/Children & Discipleship - Rev. Steve Awtrey
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| Budget Required | | Budget Received | |
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| Weekly | YTD | 11/5 | YTD |
| \$30,629.90 | \$1,408,975.40 | \$60,984.32 | \$1,499,299.09 |

