

PSALM 145:18-19

# The Wednesday Connection

November 8, 2023

## Pray

Heavenly father, we are blessed to know that you want us to be mission driven, and that you have given us a foundation based on unity. We are thankful that it was your design for us to be better at serving you together than apart. Forgive us when you find us together but not united. We know the enemy wants to divide us and break us apart, so open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit's leading and show us how to stand firm in the foundation and love of Jesus Christ. Watch over us and keep us ever mindful for the reason you want us united. Unite us with a common mission and a common enemy. Oh Lord, remind us to glorify you and exalt your name together! In Christ's Holy name, amen.

### In Need of Prayer

Angela  
Tricia Ashley  
James Batye family  
Susan DeVries' Family  
Ron Dodd  
Rich E.  
Rich G.  
Leslie Grizzle  
Dewey Hudman family  
Kim Jordan family  
Max K.  
Kathy & Travis  
Kelsie  
Kyler  
Carole & Don Malcolm  
J.R Murray family  
Patty Nesbitt  
Adam P.  
Ina Penland  
Dan R  
Sydney  
Andrew Taylor  
Jackie West Brumbaugh

### Upcoming Surgeries

Debbie Wade, 11/9  
Diris Farmer, 11/9

### Rehab/Nursing Home

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

*Make every effort to keep  
the unity of the Spirit  
through the bond of peace.*

*Ephesians 4:3*

### In the Hospital

Rene Garn, UGH

### Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Doug Shively  
Bob Miller  
Glenn Wright

### Sympathy

**Manita Berrong, Jacob & Haley Thornton, and Chandler & Hannah York and families** at the death of Manita's sister and Haley & Hannah's grandmother, Jimmie Hamon.

**Gene & Susan Boyd**, at the death of Susan's mother, Hilda McGriff.

# Events from the Church Calendar (11/9 - 11/15)

<b>THURSDAY</b> 11/9	9:00 - 11:00a.m.	Missions Committee Mtg, Conf. Rm.
	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
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11/11	8:30 a.m.	Church Grounds Workday, MMBC
	9:00 am - Noon	Team to Matt's Ministry, Hayesville
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11/12		Mission Team Lv, Advent Christian Village
	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
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship/Veteran Recognition</b>
	5:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Pathfinders-YHC Small Group, Hiawassee Park
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	This Is the Gospel, #233-FLC

<b>OCC Collection Week</b>	<b>11/13—11/17</b>	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Covered Drive Thru
	<b>11/18—11/19</b>	12 pm - 4:00 pm, Covered Drive Thru
	<b>11/20</b>	9:00 am - 11:00 am, Covered Drive Thru
<b>MONDAY</b> 11/13	10:00 - 11:00 am 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room Awana Clubs, FLC
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11/14	7:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 am 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill Prayer Group, #026-LL Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11/15	10:00 am - Noon	Library Open (also 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC
	3:00 - 5:15 p.m.	Summit Students Hangout Time, The 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, Worship Ctr
6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Rooms	
6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AWANA CLUBS - CHRISTMAS STORE

The Awana Clubs are seeking donations of new or VERY 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 the month of November**.

### CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY | 11/11

Wayne Hundley & the Grounds Committee are coordinating a church grounds work day on Saturday, November 11th, 8:30 am until noon. Bring a 5-gallon bucket and your yard tools (rakes, wheelbarrows, blowers, etc.). Come prepared to help dig up or pull weeds, clean up the fall leaves, and prepare our grounds for winter! What a great opportunity to serve and be outdoors! Questions or want to sign up? Call the church office at 706-896-2281.

### OCC SHOEBOXES DUE 11/12

Filled shoeboxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 12th. McConnell Church will also serve as a regional drop off center for Samaritan's Purse from November 13th through November 20th. If you would like to serve in this ministry, contact Cheryl Peebles at [mtns4me2@gmail.com](mailto:mtns4me2@gmail.com) or the church office at 706-896-2281.

### VETERAN RECOGNITION, 11/12

Thank you for your service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength do not go unnoticed, and we will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given to the country. We thank you very much for your service, for your time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country.

### 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 will be available **starting October 29th thru November 19th** in the Worship Center on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service. They are \$15 each and seating is limited. 35 table hostess are needed, if interested, call April Porter at: 757-535-4058.

Budget Required		Budget Received		Sunday, November 5	
Weekly	YTD	11/5	YTD	In Church Attendance — 492	
\$30,629.90	\$1,408,975.40	\$60,984.32	\$1,499,299.09	Sunday School Attendance — 295	