

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Moments of Surrender

Luke 1:26-38, 9:27, Romans 12:1-2

When Unexpected Moments Become Holy Moments

NOTES:

Horizontal lines for notes.

I never thought this would happen ... I have no idea what to do next. Have you ever had a moment like that? You're face to face with a choice that feels bigger than you, and how you respond might change your life. How do you know what to do? This Christmas season and beyond, let's learn how to turn life's unexpected moments into Holy Moments.

2023 Advent Series

Holy Moments

Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM thru Dec. 24th

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AWANA CLUBS - CHRISTMAS WRAPPERS | 12/11

AWANA clubs is having their annual Christmas store on Monday, December 11th from 3:00-5:15 PM. They are in need of 30 to 40 volunteers to help the clubbers wrap Christmas presents that they purchase for their family members using Awana Bucks that they have earned each week. If interested, call Tom Wade at 478-285-0031. Please bring a pair of scissors and a big smile!!!!

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 offering envelopes in the pew pockets. Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for this year is \$40,000.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA | 12/17

The McConnell Church Choir will perform The Promise of Christmas on Sunday, December 17th, 6:00 pm in Worship Center. Promise is a wonderful word! It is a word full of hope, expectation, assurance, and anticipation. The promise of God Himself was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus—our Messiah, our Savior, our Lord. Come experience the promise with us and bring a friend! For those who can't be with us in person, or are homebound, this service will be live-streamed. Nursery provided for birth to 2 years old only.

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.

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 Sunday, 12/31/2023, to be included with your 2023 contributions. You may give online at: https://mcconnellchurch.org/give/

NEW—MCCONNELL JOB OPPORTUNITY!



We are seeking a highly motivated and experienced part-time Worship Assistant to help support and facilitate our new second service beginning in 2024. Must be musical, technical, and comfortable in front of a crowd. To apply, scan the QR code here or go to https://www.mcconnellchurch.org/job-opportunities. Call the church office with any questions at: 706-896-2281.

HOPE ROOM CLOTHES CLOSET NEWS

The Hope Room is accepting donations of GENTLY used clean winter coats and cold weather attire for all ages: infant to adult. We are open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm so our community can stock up on warm winter clothing for their families. We are so thankful for your generosity!



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: _____ Zip: _____
 Guest Of: _____
 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 12/10 - 12/16

SUNDAY	8:15 a.m.	Band Rehearsal, Worship Center
	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/Advent Wk 2
	11:45 a.m.	First Steps/Newcomers Class, The Lodge
MONDAY	10:00 a.m.	Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room
	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Awana Store/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 5:30—6:00 pm)
	3:00 - 5:00 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.	Summit Students Christmas, The Lodge
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept.
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parents Small Group, #234-FLC
	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Choir Suite
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir & Band Rehearsal, Worship Center
	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, LL-025 & LL-026
THURSDAY	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

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY and CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

- There will be no Sunday Schools on 12/24.
- Our Sunday Morning Worship Service is at 10:15 am.
- Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 6:00 pm. We will observe the Lord's Supper and a benevolence offering will be taken at the end of the service. Nursery provided for birth to 2 years old only.

Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor
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Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	12/10	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,531,495.00	\$49,766.18	\$1,630,442.27

