

DECEMBER 17, 2023

*From Lambs to Lions*

Luke 2:8-20

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. 24<sup>th</sup>**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA | TONIGHT**

The McConnell Church Choir will perform *The Promise of Christmas* tonight at 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.

**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.**

**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](http://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.

**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.

**Merry Christmas from your Church Staff.  
We love each and every one of you!**



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](http://www.mcconnellchurch.org)

## Weekly Activities 12/17 - 12/23

<b>SUNDAY</b>	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
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Worship/Advent Wk 3</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata, Worship Center
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill
	10:00 - 11:00 am	Prayer Group, #026-LL
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
	1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive, FLC
	5:30 - 7:30pm	Christmas Art Class (3rd-5th), The Lodge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00 am - Noon	Library Open
		<b>No Wednesday Evening Services/Activities</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
	7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The ESL Ministry Team, coordinated by Mary Dolvin and Paola Estrada, is in need of more teachers and childcare workers. They meet each Thursday night at 7pm in the Family Life Center. **Volunteers in this ministry do not need to speak a foreign language or be professional teachers.** If you speak English and love Jesus, we can teach you the rest! Contact Paola at 706-970-7823 for more info.

Pastoral Staff  
 Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor  
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Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	12/10	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,562,124.90	\$53,324.20	\$1,683,766.47

