

PSALM 145:18-19

# The Wednesday Connection

December 13, 2023

## Pray

Father, thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit who helps us have eyes to see and discern when others are trying to deceive us. However, when deception is paired with flattery and lies, we tend to fall into the trap of those who mean to do us harm. Oh Lord, keep us ever vigilant from the schemes of our enemy the devil! Remind us each day to put on the armor that only you supply that protects us from his plan to destroy us. Keep our eyes, our ears, and our hearts focused on you and your word, so when our enemy tries to create confusion and doubt, we can hold fast to the truth even when it hurts. For we have the surety that knowing your will comes from knowing your heart, and if we trust in you, and NOT ourselves, you will make our paths straight. We know for certain that our own wisdom will fail us when it comes to spiritual matters. Keep us on our guard in Jesus name, amen.

### In Need of Prayer

Betty Ann  
Elwood Bingaman  
Susan De Vries' parents  
Allan Driskell family  
Diane Harrison  
Haley Ledford  
Sawyer Giddens  
Spencer Van Zee  
Patty Nesbitt  
Lennie Poteat  
Joe Rogers

### Rehab/Nursing Home

Marie Gregory, 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

### Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Cyndi Larson  
Norma Barco  
Benny Cone  
Kelley Harris  
Bob Keilholtz

*In my distress  
I called to the Lord  
and he answered me.  
Psalm 120:1*

### In the Hospital

Rob Chassner, NEGA  
Cliff Hood, FL

### Upcoming Surgeries

Jerry Nichols, 12/13  
Kathy Taylor, 12/19  
Marcia Mauldin, 12/28  
Martha Miller, 1/5

### Sympathy

Allan Driskell, at the death of his wife, Peggy West Driskell  
Homer & Jeanine Goddard, at the death of Homer's daughter, Lisa Goddard  
The family of Gloria Cook  
Bob & Kathy Hill, at the death of Kathy's mother, Hazel Thomas.

# Events from the Church Calendar (12/14 - 12/20)

**THURSDAY** 12/14  
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm  
 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC

**FRIDAY** 12/15  
 8:00—9:00 a.m. Preschool Parent Breakfast Drop-in, MMBC Preschool

**SATURDAY** 12/16  
 9:00 a.m.—Noon MMBC Team to Matt’s Ministry, Hayesville  
 5:30 p.m. TC Sheriff Christmas Parade, Main Street

**SUNDAY** 12/17  
 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/Advent Wk 3**  
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata, Worship Center

**MONDAY** 12/18  
 10:00 - 11:00 am Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room

**TUESDAY** 12/19  
 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

**WEDNESDAY** 12/20  
 10:00 am - Noon Library Open (**also 5:30—6:00 pm**)

**No Wednesday Evening Services or Activities**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions (December 3rd—10th) each year for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. Will you join your heart to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel and to make a donation to this ministry during the month of December? ***Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Budget Required		Budget Received		Sunday, December 10
Weekly	YTD	12/10	YTD	In Church Attendance — 409
\$30,629.90	\$1,562,124.90	\$53,324.20	\$1,683,766.47	Sunday School Attendance — 249