

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

December 20, 2023

Pray

Lord, we give all praise and honor and glory to You, our God and Father – for You came to be WITH us! You are with us on the mountaintops and we thank You for the blessings we receive in that place. You are also with us as we struggle in the valleys and we are grateful that You use that place for us to come to know You intimately. We ask Your forgiveness when we find the struggle is too great for us and we lose sight of You. We doubt, we fear, and our faith waivers when we see the valley as an interruption too great to bear. We ask for Your help to remember that our strength is in You and You alone! Help us to set our minds on the pathway You have set before us which ultimately brings us to the place of peace in Your plan. Prod us gently when our minds stray, because what we think about matters. In Jesus name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Barbara (Rudder)
Elwood Bingaman
Diris Farmer
Nancy Franza
Kyler
Brandon & Kayla Lloyd
Penny Lloyd
Russell Moody
J.R. & Amy Murray
Vicky Owens
Lennie Poteat
Travis & Kathy

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

Rob Chassner
Phil Heard
Patty Nesbitt
Pat Nesbitt's mom
Jerry Nichols
Kathy Taylor

*For we walk by faith,
not by sight
2 Cor 5:7*

In the Hospital

Norma Barco, UGA
Russ Bennett, Piedmont Atl.
Cliff Hood, FL
Debbie Leonhardt, CRH
Joe Rogers, CRH

Upcoming Surgeries

Diane Harrison, 12/26
Susan Harkness, 12/28
Marcia Mauldin, 12/28
Martha Miller, 1/5

PEGGY WEST DRISKELL MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, December 30th at 11:00 am for Peggy West Driskell in the Worship Center. There will be no family visitation beforehand.

Events from the Church Calendar (12/21 - 12/27)

THURSDAY 12/21	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC
SUNDAY 12/24	9:45 a.m. 10:15 - 11:30 am 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Deacon Huddle, The Lodge No Sunday School Today PEAK Kids Worship Morning Worship/Advent Wk 4 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering, Worship Ctr.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS & UPDATES
The church office will be closed from
Monday, December 25rd thru Monday, January 1st.
We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.

In order to give our dedicated volunteers and staff much-needed time with their families for the holiday, we will be closed the week after Christmas and New Year's Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY

The AWANA leaders want to thank each of you who donated items for the Christmas Store. Also want to thank all of those who showed up to wrap gifts with the kids, and to help in the kitchen. In doing so you are helping the church reach boys, girls, and their families for Christ.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We will continue to collect Lottie Moon donations thru the end of December. Pick up your prayer guide at the Welcome Desk and offering envelopes in the pew pockets. ***Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for this year is \$40,000.***

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>

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.



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 SCHEDULE

- 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.*

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	12/17	YTD
\$30,629.90	\$1,592,754.80	\$27,799.26	\$1,711,565.73

Sunday, December 17
In Church Attendance — 391
Sunday School Attendance — 222
Cantata—479