

Mountain Messenger

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New Sunday Morning Experience

Hello, McConnell Family!

The countdown has begun! We're overjoyed that our upcoming schedule change starts on March 17. It's not just a change; it's a dynamic shift to elevate the impact and reach of our Sunday Morning Experience. Get ready!

Here's the inside scoop on our brand-new schedule:

THE 8:30 with The Choir and Orchestra

Kickstart your Sunday morning with the worship led by our choir and orchestra.

9:45-10:45 AM Sunday School

The heartbeat of our community! Join a Sunday School session from 9:45 to 10:45 AM for an enriching exploration of God's teachings. There's something for everyone, from the young to the young at heart. Looking for a group? See the *Information Station (formerly the Welcome Center)* for options.

THE 11:00 with The Band

This service is designed to uplift your spirits in a vibrant and contemporary setting. Join Pastor Steve as he leads us into a time to connect and apply God's Word to our lives.

We understand the importance of family, so our Children's Ministry and Nursery will be available at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. Your little ones will have a blast while you enjoy the worship services.

Questions, thoughts, or just want to chat about these exciting changes? Reach out to any member of our pastoral staff or support team. We're here for you every step of the way.

This isn't just a schedule adjustment; it's an invitation to a richer, more engaging McConnell experience. Mark March 17th on your calendar and let's embark on this thrilling journey together!

Stay tuned for more details as we gear up for this exciting new chapter!

In Anticipation,

Your Pastors & Team

The WKND

The WKND is an annual high-energy event for middle and high school students. The WKND will focus on helping students go deeper in their faith through relevant teaching, worship, and group discussions. Nick Hurst will be returning to teach and preaching Sunday morning. This year Blake Goss and his team will lead worship for the event and Sunday morning!

All of our sessions and meals will take place on the church campus with the exception of recreation time, which will be at the high school football field. Students will be staying at "host homes" provided by our church members. They will be staying with their group determined by grade and gender. Small group leaders will be trained and vetted college students provided by SWAT ministries.

Did you know that even if you can't be involved in The WKND by volunteering or by sending a student, you can still play an integral part in the spiritual success of this weekend? You can PRAY. Don't underestimate your value as a prayer partner in this event. In order to help you pray, we've put together a guide of specific requests for the week. Make sure you pick one up in the lobby or church office.

Scholarships

Graduating from high school and heading off to college can be a challenging time, for both parents & students. McConnell offers scholarships for qualifying graduating high school seniors from Towns, Union & Clay counties who plan to pursue additional education.

Watch for more information coming in the March Mountain Messenger. In general, applications will be available in the church office during the month of March. The Scholarship Committee will interview applicants in April and scholarships will be awarded in May.

First Steps Class

If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Steve & Pastor Danny as they share information about McConnell, who we are, and our vision. Meet in The Lodge immediately following the morning worship service on **February 11th** for a light lunch. This class is a prerequisite for joining the church. Call the church office at 706-896-2281 to register.

Thank You!

Our church family
generously
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Lottie Moon
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for 2023.

Welcome



Shandra Claxton



Donald & Betty
Reinhardt

Sympathy to

Steve & Virginia Awtrey & family, at the death of Steve's dad, Charles Awtrey.

Pat & Patty Nesbitt, at the death of Pat's mother, Sharon Nesbitt.

Preschool Registration

March 4th—March 15th Registration open to current enrollees & McConnell members for the 2024-2025 school year.

Registration opens to the public **March 18th - March 29th.**



Hello, McConnell Family!

Excitement is in the air as we gear up for a monumental shift in our Sunday schedule on **March 17th**. But hold on tight because this isn't just about adjusting times; it's about unlocking the incredible potential for outreach, connection, and growth!

Invest and Invite: A Personal Touch

At the heart of this transformation lies the powerful concept of "Invest and Invite." We believe in investing in relationships and extending heartfelt invitations to those around us. While we'll be spreading the word through newspapers, radio, and social media, the most impactful invitations are personal ones.

Yes, we'll utilize various channels to promote our new schedule, but nothing beats the personal touch. Your genuine invitation might be the key that unlocks a life-transforming journey for someone seeking hope, community, and purpose.

Starting February 18th, invitation cards will be available in the lobby. Take one, and prayerfully extend an invitation to at least one person every week. It's a small act with the potential to make a profound impact on someone's life.

Serve and Impact: Opportunities for Everyone

As we expand our services, we also expand opportunities for involvement. We firmly believe there's a place for everyone to serve and make a difference. Whether you're tech-savvy, love working with kids, or have a friendly smile to share, there's a spot for you! Your contribution can play a vital role in creating an impactful Sunday morning experience for both newcomers and longtime members alike.

How to Get Involved

Guest Services: Be the welcoming face that sets the tone for someone's visit.

Production: Bring our services to life through your behind-the-scenes contributions.

Nursery and Children's Ministry: Help create a safe and engaging environment for our youngest members.

Remember, this isn't just a schedule adjustment; it's an invitation to be part of something bigger, to connect with those around us, and to make a lasting impact in our community.

As we eagerly anticipate this new chapter, let's join hands, invest in relationships, extend invitations, and find joy in serving. March forward with us, and let's make our Sunday mornings an experience that helps people find and follow Jesus!

In Unity and Anticipation,

Your McConnell Pastors!

New Book Study Begins

Romans by Dr. David Jeremiah

Join Ed Dearborn for this book study which is open to all adults & youth. The study will begin on Thursday, February 29th, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, in the Choir Suite.

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Station (formerly the Welcome Desk) and there will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 18th, in the TEL Sunday School Classroom, Worship Center Main Level, Room 127.

In order to have study guides for you by the first class session, the last date to register is February 18th.

2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements were sent by email to those with an email address on file on January 23, 2024. If you did not receive this email, please check your spam or junk folder. For those without an email address on file, the statements were mailed on January 24th.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY

February 4

Welcome Desk - M. Ashley, M. Chaney
Cart Drivers - Captain—D. Rabon
S. Jette, W. Benson, S. Berkstresser
PEAK Kids - TBD
PEAK Jr - TBD

February 11

Welcome Desk - S. & R. Moody
Cart Drivers - Captain - R. Peterson
J. Church, R. Parker, W. Nelson
PEAK Kids - TBD
PEAK Jr - TBD

February 18

Welcome Desk - L. & R. Robinson
Cart Drivers - Captain – D. Rabon
G. Boyd, R. Signor, G. Denton
PEAK Kids - TBD
PEAK Jr - TBD

February 25

Welcome Desk - O. & K. Dickerson
Cart Drivers - Captain — D. Rabon
R. Signor, J. Hyatt, B. Grimsley
PEAK Jr - TBD
PEAK Kids—TBD

Church Events

- Feb 1st—Griefshare Support Group, 10 am, Family Life Ctr, Rm 219
- Feb 1st—Soup's On Fellowship, 1 pm, The Lodge
- Feb 4th—Senior Breakfast, 8 am, Family Life Ctr
- Feb 6th—Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 am, Family Life Ctr, Rm 219
- Feb 9th—Father/Daughter Date Night—6 pm, The Lodge
- Feb 11th —First Steps Class, 11:45 am, The Lodge
- Feb 11th—Men's Super Bowl Party, The Lodge, 6 pm
- Feb 13th—Thrive Moms (*Note Change in Date*), 6 pm, The Lodge
- Feb 18th—Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering, 10:15 am, Worship Ctr.
- Feb 21st
Church Office Closed for inservice.
No Wednesday Evening Services or Activities (TC School Winter Break)
- Feb 23-25th—The WKND, The Lodge

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3rd—10th—Annie Armstrong Offering Week of Prayer

March 17th

THE 8:30 Worship Service (choir & orchestra)

9:45 am —Sunday School for all ages

THE 11:00 Worship Service (with band)

4:30 pm—Awana Grand Prix

6:00PM—Men's Ministry

March 29th—Good Friday Service, 6 pm

March 31st

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am, Hamilton Gardens

The 8:30 Worship Service (choir & orchestra)

9:45 am —Sunday School for all ages

The 11:00 Worship Service (with band)

Vacation Bible School—Save the Date!

June 24th-June 28th, 9 am until noon

Family Worship & VBS Sunday, June 30th.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please let us know where you would like to volunteer. Visit this link or scan the QR Code with your phone.

<https://mcconnellchurch.org/volunteer/>

