PSALM 145 18 - 19

The Wednesday Connection

February 28, 2024

Pray

Father, we give you praise for freeing us from the burden of our slavery to sin. You have entrusted us with the power to choose – and we know that, spiritually, this is of the utmost importance! Help us to remember what you have done, and how you fought for us and kept your promises. Help us to stay true to the word, keeping it on our heart and mind, and to always be obedient. After we have tasted freedom, help us to stand firm so we are not burdened again by the yoke of slavery to sin. For we know that the enemy has the ability to attack us in so many subtle ways. Remind us to examine ourselves often, to look back at our journey with you, and to be careful that we are not confused with those who are worldly. Lord, we are desperate for you and we cling to you. We want to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth to those in this world who need you. Guide our steps in Jesus' name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Marlon Dragton Bob Keilholtz Diane Harrison Debbie Louder Janie McConnell family Shirley Moody Milas & Mattie Nicholson Wesley & Sarah Scruggs Nancy Stahl

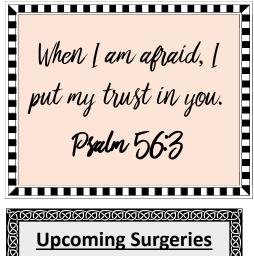
In the Hospital

Rob Viduna, CRH Shirley Hood, FL Mary Joyce Kimsey, CRH

Rehab/Nursing Home

Bill & Lynn Blumreich, at home Alice Cunningham, CRNH Marie Gregory, CRNH David & Yolanda Keating, at home Connie Lake, CRNH Georgia Moultrie, CRNH Flora Jean Roberts, Union NH Joan Shields, CRNH Barbara Van Nus, CRNH Pat Wright, CRNH Kay Yandell, Hayesville House

Recovery from Surgery/Illness Garland Hill



Rob Viduna, 3/5 Gary Young, 3/5 Nancy Stahl, 3/6 Bob Keilholtz, 3/12 Julia Stevens, 5/7

INTERESTED where to Volunteer? Scan the QR code to see the all of the areas to serve at McConnell, or go to: <u>mcconnellchurch.org/volunteer</u>



Sympathy

Sylvia Chassner, at the death of her husband, Rob.Shirley Hood, at the death of her husband, Cliff.Tom & Maria Stimens and family, at the death of Tom's father, Mr. Stimens.

Events from the Church Calendar (2/29 - 3/6)

| THURSDAY 2/29 | 10:00 am - Noon 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. | GriefShare, #219-FLC Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm Romans Book Study, #026-LL ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC | TUESDAY 3/5 | 7:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 am 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. | Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill Prayer Group, #026-LL Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm Alz. & Dementia Support Group, #219-FLC |
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| SUNDAY 3/3 | 8:15 - 9:00 am 8:30 - 9:00 am 9:00 - 10:00 am 9:00 - 11:30 am | Band Rehearsal, Worship Center Library Open - before and after services Sunday School for all ages PEAK Kids Sunday School & Worship (nursery available) Morning Worship/Annie Armstrong | WEDNESDAY 3/6 | 10:00 am - Noon 10:00 am 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. | Library Open (also 5:30—6:00 pm) Community Quilting Group, #219-FLC Summit Students Hangout Time- The Lodge EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC Summit Students, The Lodge |
| | Month of March | Week of Prayer thru 3/10 Ray Nicholson & FJH Scholarship Applications Available, Church Office | | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. | Summit Students, The Lodge PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept. Parents Small Group, #234-FLC Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Center |
| MONDAY 3/4 | 8:00 - 11:30 am 10:00 - 11:00 am 3:00 p.m. | Preschool Reg. for Current Enrollees and Church Members, daily thru 3/15 Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room Awana Clubs, FLC | | 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. | Prayer Groups, Esther & TEL Classrooms Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE | Beginning in March

There are two scholarships available during the month of March to graduating high school seniors - the Ray Nicholson Scholarship, which is available to Towns, Union & Clay County students and the Frances Johnston Hirschy Memorial Nursing Scholarship, which is available to Towns & Clay County students pursuing a nursing degree. Applications are available in the church office, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. until noon. Applications for both scholarships must be **completed & submitted to the church office by noon on Friday, April 5th, 2024.**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER & EASTER OFFERING | 3/3-3/10

The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer is March 3rd thru March 10th. Prayer guides will be available at the Information Station on March 3rd. One hundred percent of gifts given to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Special Annie Armstrong offering envelopes will be available in the pew pockets starting March 3rd thru March 31st. You can also designate Annie Armstrong in your online donation or in the memo line of your check. Our 2024 goal is \$25,000.

MCCONNELL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25 | Begins 3/4

Preschool registration for the 2024/25 school year begins Monday, 3/4 and runs thru 3/15 at 8:00 a.m. daily, for church members and current enrollees. Registration will be open to the public starting Monday, 3/18 thru 3/29, at 8:30 a.m. daily. Call Emily Winn, Preschool Director for more info at 706-896-2281.

AWANA GRAND PRIX

All parents, grandparents, kids, and interested spectators are invited to the **Awana Grand Prix** on **Sunday, March 17th** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This is a fun & exciting Pinewood Derby style racing event that is about more than building a race car! It helps to build a bond between kids and their parents as they work together to build the best car ever! It's not only about winning the race, but winning moms, dads and kids to Christ. The leaders will have a soup/chili cook off for dinner, so come and enjoy this, and cheer the racers on! All parents are invited to bring their soup or chili as well!

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY | 3/21

Mark your calendars for Thursdays beginning March 21st, 9:45-11:45. This 6-week study will allow us to explore Jesus starting in Genesis. "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jason Sobel will open our eyes to fill in the connections we may have missed between the NT and OT. For more information about the study, or to sign-up and order your book, contact Paula Roach at: <u>pmroach1959@gmail.com</u> or call/text at: 770-883-2694

| Sunday, February 25th | Budget Received | | Budget Required | |
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| In Church Attendance — 411 | YTD | 2/25 | YTD | Weekly |
| Sunday School Attendance — 246 | \$248,782.20 | \$26,229.16 | \$286,659.52 | \$35,832.44 |