

MARCH 24, 2024

# Close Isn't Close Enough

Pr. 4:23, Luke 19:28-44

Wk 4 - The Heart Matters



### VBS 2024 VOLUNTEERS MEETING TODAY

Calling all VBS volunteers! VBS 2024 is June 24th - 28th. If you have committed to serve, or are interested in serving at VBS 2024, come to a short informational meeting today, immediately following **THE 11:00 Worship Service** in the Children's dept. Call or text Pastor Steve A. for more info at 205-567-7729.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

There are two scholarships available 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. Applications for the Ray Nicholson Scholarship must be completed & submitted to the church office **by noon on Friday, 4/5. The FJH Scholarship is due Monday, 4/1.**

### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

**Prayer guides are still available at the Information Station.** Special offering envelopes are available in the pew pockets 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

Preschool registration for the 2024/25 school year is open to the public thru 3/29, at 8:30 a.m. daily. Call Emily Winn, Preschool Director for more info 706-896-2281.

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | 3/29

The Friday before Easter is called **Good Friday**. It is a day to reflect and commemorate Jesus' willing sacrifice and terrible suffering on the cross to bear the fury of God's wrath and remove the guilt of our sins from us. Join our pastors on **Friday, March 29th, at 6 pm** in the Worship Center for this special service with the Lord's Supper. (The church offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday.)

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE | 3/31

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at the annual Sunrise Service at Hamilton Gardens at 7:00 a.m. This early morning, outdoor service will be hosted by Hiwassee United Methodist Church with the message by Rev. Fred Whitley. A love offering will be taken and all proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE | 3/31

Following the sunrise service, McConnell will continue the celebration at THE 8:30 and THE 11:00 am morning service. All Sunday School classes will meet as scheduled. The choir & band, under the direction of Chris Adams & Tyler Moody, will present special music. Come worship with us!

### RUNNING INTO SUMMER 5K BLAIRSVILLE | 4/20

There will be a North GA FCA 5K run/walk fundraiser at Meeks Park on 4/20 at 8:30 am. This will help raise scholarship funds for athletes to attend FCA summer camps. If interested, pick up a flyer at the Information Station.

### MARCH MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

Redemption Point Center is a faith based recovery center in Blairsville, GA directed by Matt Pankey and his wife, Ashley. After God rescued him in 2014 from a life bound by addiction, Matt felt called to minister to those still trapped by addiction so that they may be set free through the power of Jesus Christ. Please pray for Matt and his family as they walk in obedience to God's call on their life. Pray for those in our community who are battling addiction that they may be set free through the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.  
For more information, please visit their website at [onelifelineministry.com](http://onelifelineministry.com).



**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

Next 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 3/24 - 3/30

<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:15 - 7:45 a.m.	The Orchestra Warm-up, Worship Center
	8:30 - Noon	PEAK Kids Worship—THE 8:30 and THE 11:00 (nursery available for all services)
	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Library Open - before and after services
	<b>8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>THE 8:30 Worship with Choir &amp; Orchestra</b>
	9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	The Band Warm-up, Worship Center
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>THE 11:00 Worship with The Band</b>
	5:00 p.m.	MMBC Men's Ministry, The Lodge
	5:30 p.m.	Pathfinders: College & Young Adult Sm. Grp, FLC
	8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	MMBC Preschool Reg. open to the Public, daily thru 3/29
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer for our Country, call church for details
	3:00 p.m.	Awana Clubs, FLC
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting, Choir Suite
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Grill
	10:00 a.m.	Churchwide Prayer Group, #026-LL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Room
	10:00 am - Noon	Library Open (also open from 5:30—6:00 p.m.)
	5:15 - 5:45 p.m.	EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC
	3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Summit Students - The Lodge
	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parents Small Group w/Pastor Danny, #233-FLC
	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Ctr
	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, TEL & Esther Classrooms
	6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Book Study, "Mysteries of the Messiah", #233-FLC
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10:00 a.m.	GriefShare, #219-FLC
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
	6:30 p.m.	Romans Book Study, #042-LL
	7:00 p.m.	ESL (English as 2nd Language), #219-FLC
	Closed	The church office will be closed in observance of Good Friday.
6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service, Worship Center	

### Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor - Rev. Steven Taylor  
 Associate Pastor - Rev. Danny Byers  
 Executive Pastor & Interim Pastor of Students/Young Adults - Rev. Jeremy Pearson  
 Associate Pastor/Children & Discipleship - Rev. Steve Awtry  
 Minister of Music and Worship - Rev. Chris Adams  
 Assistant Worship Leader and AV Director - Tyler Moody  
 P.O. Box 235 ~ 84 Church Street ~ Hiawassee, GA 30546  
 Office 706.896.2281~ Email: [info@mcconnellchurch.org](mailto:info@mcconnellchurch.org)  
 Confidential & Public Prayer Requests: 706-896-2281

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	3/17	YTD
\$35,832.44	\$394,156.84	\$27,061.10	\$353,960.45
Annie Armstrong to Date: <b>\$22,506.00</b>			

