

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

March 20, 2024

Pray

Father, we are thankful that you gave us one another to love, honor and serve. We ask that you show us the areas in our lives that we struggle with unforgiveness and bitterness. If our actions have wounded others, show us or how to make amends. Help us to surround ourselves with positive encouragers who will hold us accountable and who will speak the truth in love. Lord, root out the darkness and light up our lives with Your holy presence. Fill our soul with joy and peace that surpasses all understanding. You created us in Your own image, Lord. You know our thoughts before we speak them. You examine our hearts and see through our excuses and intentions. So today we are confessing our desperate need for You. But we need Your help. Just as You created the world out of nothing, Lord, create a clean heart out of our "nothingness." May your restoration include new boundaries around our lives. With Your restoration, Lord, perhaps we can help others find their way back to You again. Thank You, Jesus, for Your sweet forgiveness and promised restoration. In the Holy name of Jesus, Amen.

In Need of Prayer

Athelyn Buttrill
Patsy Daniel
Diane Harrison
Joyce & Bob Keilholtz
Kyler
Harley Ledford
Freida Lukjanczuk
Gracie Miller
J.R. & Amy Murray
Mattie & Milas Nicholson
Travis & Kathy
Pauline Turner

Rehab/Nursing Home

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

*Seek the LORD and his
strength; seek his presence
continually!*

1 Chron 16:11

INTERESTED where to Volunteer?

Scan the QR code to see the all of the areas to serve at McConnell, or go to:

mcconnellchurch.org/volunteer



Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Ashlyn Awtrey
Ebb & Lydia Boeckel
Carl Coleman
Patti Farmer
Shirley Moody
Nancy Stahl
Lynn Swanson
Eli Therrel
Karen Townsend
John Whitaker
Gary Young

Upcoming Surgeries

Bob Keilholtz, TBD
Russ Bennett, 4/10
Julia Stevens, 5/7

In the Hospital

Rob Viduna, CRH
Dea Hunter, CRH
Stanley Reaves, UGH

Events from the Church Calendar (3/21 - 3/27)

THURSDAY 3/21	9:30 a.m.	Book Study, "Mysteries of the Messiah", #233-FLC	MONDAY 3/25	8:00 - 11:30 am	Preschool Registration open to the public, daily thru 3/29
	10:00 am - Noon	GriefShare, #219-FLC		10:00 - 11:00 am	Prayer for the Country, #Prayer Room
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm		3:00 p.m.	Awana Clubs, FLC
	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Romans Book Study, #026-LL		7:00 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting, Choir Suite
	7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC			
SUNDAY 3/24	7:15 - 7:45 a.m.	The Orchestra Warm-up, Worship Center	TUESDAY 3/26	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill
	8:30 - Noon	PEAK Kids Worship—THE 8:30 & 11:00 (nursery available for all services)		10:00 - 11:00 am	Prayer Group, #026-LL
	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Library Open - before and after services		1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm
	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	THE 8:30 Worship with Choir & Orchestra	WEDNESDAY 3/27	10:00 am - Noon	Library Open (also 5:30—6:00 pm)
	9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	The Band Warm-up, Worship Center		3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Summit Students Hangout Time- The Lodge
	9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages		5:15 - 5:45 p.m.	EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC
	11:00 a.m.	THE 11:00 Worship with The Band		6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Summit Students, The Lodge
	5:00 p.m.	MMBC Men's Ministry, The Lodge		6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept.
	5:30 p.m.	Pathfinders: College & Young Adult Sm. Grp, FLC		6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Parents Small Group, #234-FLC
				6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Center
				6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Groups, Esther & TEL Classrooms
				6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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 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

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is thru the end of March. Prayer guides are available at the Information Station. 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 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.

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 Hiawassee 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 N. 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.

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	3/24	YTD
\$35,832.44	\$394,156.84	\$27,061.10	\$353,960.45
Annie Armstrong to Date: \$22,506.00			

Sunday, March 17th
Sunday School Attendance — 292
THE 8:30 Church Attendance — 295
THE 11:00 Church Attendance — 335