

PSALM 145:18-19

The Wednesday Connection

April 17, 2024

Pray

Father, we see Your goodness, and we watch as You answer prayers and change lives all around us. And even though we know that You are sovereign, we hold back, and consequently forfeit the fullness of Your blessings. But You created us to be choosers, and You allow us to take our Christian experience as far as we want it to go. So, we ask for Your power to give us the boldness to evangelize, and to do it well. We thank You for giving Jesus as our example to connect with the lost. Like Him, we want to reach to the very core of people, but we need You to remind us to check our motives. Our own hearts should break for those who are lost and then equip us to draw them into Your family. Supply us with the patience we need to listen, discernment to care for their needs, and then give us the tools we need to ask questions. Help us to intentionally cross lines to stir up the emotions so transformation takes place. And we give You the glory, in Jesus name, amen.

In Need of Prayer

Anonymous
Betty Bledsoe
Mike Emerson
CT Evans
Max K
Bob Keilholtz
Diane Harrison
Sharon Harmon
Debbie Leonhardt
Phyllis Miller
Melissa Naylor
Adam P
Deborah & Pete P.
Malakhi Perez
Joan Shields
Charles White

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

*For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:30

Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Lilly Adams
Russ Bennett

In the Hospital

Stacia Childress, NEGA

Upcoming Surgeries

Edna Wright, 4/23
Julia Stevens, 4/25
Glenn Wright, TBD
Diane Harrison, TBD

BAPTISM

**This Sunday
Morning**

Events from the Church Calendar (4/18 - 4/24)

THURSDAY 4/18	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 am - Noon 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	Special Olympics, UCHS Football Field Book Study, "Mysteries of the Messiah", #233-FLC GriefShare, #219-FLC Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm Romans Book Study, #026-LL ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC	MONDAY 4/22	10:00 - 11:00 am 3:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Prayer for the Country, call for details Awana Clubs, FLC Band Practice, Worship Center
SATURDAY 4/20	9:00 a.m. Noon—2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Camp Hosanna Cleanup Meet The Candidate Drop-in, FLC Averi Rountree Bridal Shower, The Lodge	TUESDAY 4/23	7:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 am 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Bfst, Mary's Southern Grill Prayer Group, #026-LL Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm Red Cross Blood Drive, FLC
SUNDAY 4/21	7:15 - 7:45 a.m. 8:30 - Noon 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Orchestra Warm-up, Worship Center PEAK Kids Worship—THE 8:30 & 11:00 (nursery available for all services) Library Open before & after both services THE 8:30 Worship with Choir & Orchestra The Band Warm-up, Worship Center Sunday School for all ages THE 11:00 Worship with The Band MMBC Men's Ministry Fish Fry, Kimsey Farm, 390 Kimsey Rd. Hiawassee	WEDNESDAY 4/24	10:00 am - Noon 1:00 p.m. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. 6:45 - 7:30 p.m. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.	Library Open (also 5:30—6:00 pm) Teresa Roth Memorial Service, Worship Ctr Summit Students Hangout Time- The Lodge EDGE & Summit Family Meal, FLC Summit Students, The Lodge PEAK Kid's EDGE - Children's Dept. Parents Small Group, #234-FLC Quarterly Church Conference , followed by Wednesday in the Word w/Pastor Steve, Worship Center Prayer Groups, Esther & TEL Classrooms Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS / 4/18

The annual Special Olympics is **Thursday, April 18**, at the Union County High School football field. McConnell Deacons are providing lunch that day for the Special Olympics children, their families, and volunteers (350-400 people!). If you'd like to help or just cheer on the athletes, come to the field between 9:00-9:30 a.m. We'll be serving lunch at 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Harry Gilbert at: 706-455-6482.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CAMP HOSANNA CABIN CLEANING | 4/20

The Hiawassee Baptist Association will help Camp Hosanna get ready for summer camp on Saturday, April 20th; 9:00 am—noon. Each church will take a cabin, and help with cleaning the bath houses, so bring your cleaning supplies and be prepared to work together. Info about Camp Hosanna is at <http://www.camphosanna.org/about.html>. Address: 2201 Pope Rd. Hia.

BAPTISM | 4/21



We will have baptism on Sunday morning, April 21st. If you, or someone you know would like to be baptized, scan the QR code here to register or contact the church office at 706-896-2281.

MEN'S MINISTRY FISH FRY | 4/21

Calling all men! Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21st at 5:00 pm for our Men's Ministry Fish Fry! We'll meet at Jimmy Kimsey's property at 390 Kimsey Cove Rd, Hiawassee, for a night of fun, food & fellowship. Spread the word & invite someone new. Contact Steve Awtry for more information at children@mcconnellchurch.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 4/23

Our annual Spring blood drive, Tuesday **April 23rd from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**, helps ensure that blood products are readily available for patients in need at a time when the need is critical. Please visit www.redcross.org and enter zip code 30546 to make your appointment now, or [click here](#).

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT AT MMBC | 4/26 & 4/27

The spring concert of the Mountain Community Chorus will be held on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Center at McConnell. This group is composed of wonderful people from various occupations and ages. The one common interest they all share is a love of choral singing. *The performance is free, donations are appreciated!*

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	4/14	YTD
\$35,832.44	\$537,486.60	\$33,314.43	\$484,203.44

Sunday, April 14th
Sunday School Attendance — 304
THE 8:30 Church Attendance — 293
THE 11:00 Church Attendance — 254