

WINTER 2026

A CHURCH ALIVE



Inside McConnell

HELPING PEOPLE FIND AND FOLLOW JESUS



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Welcome to McConnell Memorial Baptist Church!

We are a vibrant, multigenerational faith family located in the heart of the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Our mission is “To Help People Find and Follow Jesus”. During our weekend experiences, we engage God’s Truth through worship music and practical messages designed to empower you to apply Biblical wisdom to your daily life. We do this with two services: One blended, the other contemporary. Our goal is to create an environment where you can encounter God’s love and feel His transformative presence.

At McConnell, we believe that faith is a journey best shared. We offer numerous opportunities for you to deepen your faith and build meaningful connections. Our Sunday School Groups offer a supportive environment where you can connect with others on your spiritual journey, receive care, and find encouragement.

SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us not to forsake the gathering, as some are in the habit of doing, but to encourage one another all the more. There is something beautiful that happens when we gather to connect with God and others.

Our commitment every week is to create vibrant multigenerational experiences for everyone (no matter your faith background) to participate in connection with God's life-transforming power, presence and love- and to do this with others! We accomplish this by offering two services- 8:30 AM Blended Worship Service with choir and orchestra and 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service with the band.

We believe that there is a place here that is perfect for you, your family, friends, and co-workers, and we invite you to experience God's very

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 24-25

WEDNESDAY EXPERIENCE

Wednesday night we have multiple gatherings going on at once.
6:00 PM thru 7:30 PM:

- Peak Kids K-5th Grade in Family Life Center
- Summit Students 6th-12th Grade in The Lodge
- Parents' Group in the Family Life Center Room #233.

Wednesday in the Word with Pastor Steve Taylor meets in the choir suite from 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Women of the Word- 6:00 PM FLC Room #219

Prayer Groups meet 6:45 PM - 7:30 PM in #026LL



SUNDAYS | 8:30 AM BLENDED SERVICE & 11 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
MCCONNELLCHURCH.ORG/CHURCH-ONLINE

UPCOMING SERIES



When it comes to being the church, what are the values that define us as followers of Jesus Christ? At the core, what defines and guides our actions? In this series, you will discover the values that we believe define and guide our actions as the church at McConnell. These beliefs are biblical, foundational, and are non-negotiable to our existence.



None of us get to make up the rules when it comes to building God's Kingdom. Jesus does. Tom Mercer
Jesus designed a simple game plan for His Church to reach the world. And, for hundreds of years, the church stuck to that simple strategy. More recently, the Church seems to have lost the simplicity of that plan. But believers and churches around the world are rediscovering the oikos principle. Oikos is not a program. It's not an event. It's not an emphasis. It's learning to see and engage our world the way Jesus did.



Good Friday April 03, 2026
6 :00 PM In Worship Center
Join us for a solemn Good Friday service as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Through Scripture, prayer, worship, and reflection, we will pause to consider the depth of Christ's love and the meaning of the cross. This quiet, reflective service invites us to sit with the weight of the crucifixion and prepare our hearts for the hope of Easter.



Easter Sunday Services
Celebrate Easter with us as we rejoice in the hope and victory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through joyful worship, Scripture, and an encouraging message, we'll celebrate the new life and hope found in Him. All are welcome—come as you are and share in this special day of celebration.
Service Times:
8:30 AM Traditional
11:00 AM and 1:00 PM Contemporary
<https://www.mcconnellchurch.org/easter>

GET CONNECTED

*Interested in more information or
joining us as a member of McConnell?*

Signup for our "Connect Class"

January 18th

February 15th

March 14th

9:45 AM in the Conference Room

Connect with us!

At McConnell Church, we want to help you stay connected and informed about everything happening in our church family. Our Connection Card is the perfect way to do that! Whether you're a first-time guest, a regular attender, or looking to get involved, filling out a Connection Card allows us to keep you updated on events, ministries, and opportunities to grow in your faith. You can also request prayer or share how we can support you. Scan the QR Code below to fill out the connection card now, or find one in the pew pockets in the Worship Center. You can bring the filled out card or screen shot of your submission to the First Steps desk in the lobby for a gift from us!



Serve with us!

We recognize that for some people, volunteering their time is a great way to connect with God and others. Serving is an important part of getting involved in the community of any church.

WHERE CAN I SERVE?

Volunteers carry out their serving roles and tasks in various areas of shared ministry. From Peak Kids to the Production Team, there is a place for you.

NEED MORE INFO?

Scan the QR Code below to fill out a volunteer form. The form will give you options to choose a serving area that might interest you. Once we receive the form we will contact you with more information and answer any questions you may have.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

As a church, our purpose is to help people connect with God and others. The purpose of our Sunday School groups is to help people strengthen these connections and grow as disciples.

This reflects our desire to follow Jesus' command to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

Builders: We share burdens and blessings as we pray and study Scripture together, always with a view to live for God's purposes. We welcome all age groups! Location: Family Life Center, Room 234 Curriculum: Bible Studies for Life, Senior Adult

Esther, online & in person: A group of ladies who faithfully serve the church in prayer, encouragement and giving. Location: Worship Center, Main Level, Room 132 Curriculum: Bible Studies for Life, Senior Adult

Cornerstone: is composed of active retired people who want to interactively study God's word, learn from each other, and apply God's word to their daily lives. Location: Family Life Center, Room 231

Jabez: If you want to verbally participate or you want to sit and listen, either is fine. Support for each other is very evident. Location: Family Life Center, Room 233

Encouragers: We are the Encouragers, a lively and congenial group of senior adults who enjoy studying the Bible together, as well as developing deep and caring personal relationships. Location: Family Life Center, Room 230

Searchers: Diverse group with retirees, working folks, natives and those who have moved to Hiawassee. Location: Family Life Center, Room 219

Solid Rock: Book by book, verse by verse study of God's Word with opportunities for discussion. Location: Family Life Center, Room 224

T.E.L.: A wonderful class of ladies who love the Lord, are mission-minded and who care for one another. Location: Worship Center, Main Level, Room 127

S.O.S.: is an encouraging body of believers that enjoys interactive dialogue during our elective Bible studies. We endeavor to uncover the truths in God's Word as we collectively study and participate each week. Location: Worship Center, Upper Level, Room 226

Salt of the Earth: Multigenerational group of believers encouraging one another to live the life Jesus made the way for. Location: Worship Center Upper Level, Room 221

Hesed: A class for all ages. Diving into God's unwavering love by studying God's Word as well as various other Bible study books and videos." Location: Worship Center Upper Level Room 225

Seekers of the Word A multigenerational class of couples and singles passionate about studying God's Word through published Bible studies. We engage in meaningful discussions and grow together by learning from one another.. Location: behind Choir Suite.

PASTOR'S NOTE

A New Year Challenge

It's a new year. A blank page. A clean start. How will this year be different than the year before? Honestly, that depends on God, but it also depends a lot on you. What would you attempt to do for God's glory this year that you've never attempted before if you knew that you couldn't fail? That's a scary question isn't it. But since we are being honest and transparent here, that is exactly what Jesus promised his wide-eyed disciples right before he went to the cross. You don't believe me? Perhaps, you will believe Him. Or maybe you won't. That doesn't depend on me as much as it does you. So, here it is in black and white.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14: 12-13 (NIV)

Have you ever noticed how we love to water down this verse (as well as many others)? Why? Because we don't live up to it. Listen to some of the reasons we try to rationalize our lack of faith: Jesus means that we will do the kinds of works He does, compassionate good deeds, but with no miracles; or He means that the church as a whole will accomplish even more of His work throughout history. But none of these things is really what He said.

Jesus, our Risen Lord and King, implies that when He goes to the Father and sends His Spirit, our potential will be no more limited than that of His own. In other words, the sky's the limit. Or to quote Andrew Murry, "Your Christian life is to be continuous proof that God works in impossibilities.

The truth of the matter is that every aspect of Jesus' relationship with the Father is now made available to us through the Spirit. In the Gospels, God gives us a picture of what he can do when he clothes himself in human flesh, and that picture is Jesus. The thing that both scares and amazes us is that Jesus said that can also be a picture of us.

Here is your challenge and mine as we go into 2026. Do not be satisfied with a feckless, powerless faith that bears no resemblance to Jesus. It is not consistent with the teachings of Jesus or the New Testament as a whole. Ask Jesus to show you what this verse means, not by informing you but by demonstrating it in you.

Stretch your faith by making whatever adjustments you must make for this promise to be realized in your life. The work of God is not limited by our concept of weak, human flesh. The potential is amazing. Ask God to let you see it become a reality in your life and the lives of those around you. (Excerpt from Chris Tiegreen, One Year Sitting at His Feet Devotional)

In Christ,



Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



NEXT GENERATION

Peak Kids!
K through 5th Grade



We're on Facebook! Search "Peak Kids".

Sunday Praise & Worship is offered to children pre-school age through 5th grade. Children are checked in at the Children's Department and remain there for both Sunday School & PEAK Kids Worship. PEAK Kids offers children an energetic and fun Worship Service of their own filled with praise and God's word.

Wednesday Evening

FREE Family meal is provided at 5:00 PM

PEAK Check-in at 5:45 PM

PEAK Kids from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

NEXT GENERATION

Summit Students

6th through 12th Grade

**DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR,
EVERY WEDNESDAY 3-7:30 PM**

HANGOUT TIME 3-5:15 PM

FAMILY DINNER 5:15-6:00 PM

SERVICE & SMALL GROUP 6-7:30 PM

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesdays start back **January 7th** - our normal Wednesday night schedule kicks back off after school begins!

The WKND February 13-15th - Our local youth weekend retreat will be valentines weekend! **Sign-ups close February 4th.**

We are In desperate need of host homes! If you would be willing to allow a small group of middle and high schoolers stay at your house for the weekend, call Andrew!

**Scan for more
Information
about serving**



the
WKND
2026

**SIGN-UP
\$40**



FEBRUARY 13-15

BY THE HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS OF CHRIST, I' APPEAL TO YOU—I, PAUL, WHO AM "TIMID" WHEN FACE TO FACE WITH YOU, BUT "BOLD" TOWARD YOU WHEN AWAY! I BEG YOU THAT WHEN I COME I MAY NOT HAVE TO BE AS BOLD AS I EXPECT TO BE TOWARD SOME PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT WE LIVE BY THE STANDARDS OF THIS WORLD. FOR THOUGH WE LIVE IN THE WORLD, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES. THE WEAPONS WE FIGHT WITH ARE NOT THE WEAPONS OF THE WORLD. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE DIVINE POWER TO DEMOLISH STRONGHOLDS. WE DEMOLISH ARGUMENTS AND EVERY PRETENSION THAT SETS ITSELF AGAINST KNOWLEDGE OF AND WE TAKE EVERY PRISONER TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST. I HOPE YOU WILL BE READY FOR EVERY DISCIPLINE YOUR COMPLE



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MCCONNELL CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS

Our goal is simple but bold:
to equip young adults to walk in
the way of Jesus with
intentionality, depth, and
meaningful community.

**Every Sunday morning for Sunday
School**
9:45 - 10:45 AM in the choir suite.

Important Dates:

February 20-22 : SKI RETREAT

APRIL 17: SECRET CHURCH

MORE INFO ON OUR INSTAGRAM

To stay in the loop:

- **Follow us on Instagram**
@mcconnellyoungadults
- Scan the QR code below to
sign up for text alerts.



NEXT GENERATION



Mondays 3:15 PM thru 5:15 PM FLC

Upcoming Event!

AWANA GRAND PRIX | 3/29

All parents, grandparents, kids, and interested spectators are invited to the Awana Grand Prix on Sunday, March 29th 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 (K thru 12th grade) 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 parents and leaders will have a soup/chili cook-off, so come enjoy this and cheer the racers on! If you would like to compete with your best soup or chili, please bring it to the Family Life Center by 4:30 pm on Sunday, March 30th. Call Tom Wade at (478) 285-0031

McConnell Preschool 2 thru 4 year-olds

Weekday Preschool 2026-2027 Registration
Serving ages 2-5 (must be age 2 by June 1)

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in March!

Registration Dates:

March 2-13: Priority Registration for Church Members and Current Enrollees

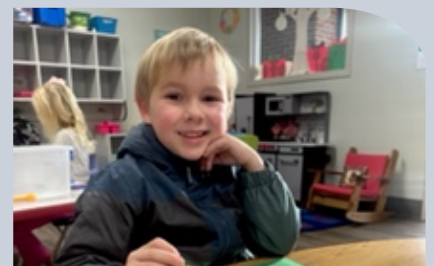
March 16 at 8:30 AM: Registration opens for Non-Members

\$35 Registration Fee due at time of registration

- Christ-centered environment where children grow in faith and knowledge
- Hands-on learning through play and exploration
- Preparation for academic readiness in kindergarten
- Loving teachers who nurture each child as a gift from God

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6

Spaces are limited-we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining our preschool family and securing your child's spot today. For details about tuition fees, days, times please call: Director Emily Winn at 706-896-2281 Ext 1018





MINISTRIES

Women's Ministry

**Creating opportunities for women to connect with God,
one another, and their community.**

IF: Gathering One Day Conference

For over a decade, IF:Gathering has been about one thing—women gathering to know God and make Him known.

In 2026, we're coming together for IF:One Night: one powerful evening of worship, teaching, and prayer, live from Dallas and streaming for free everywhere.

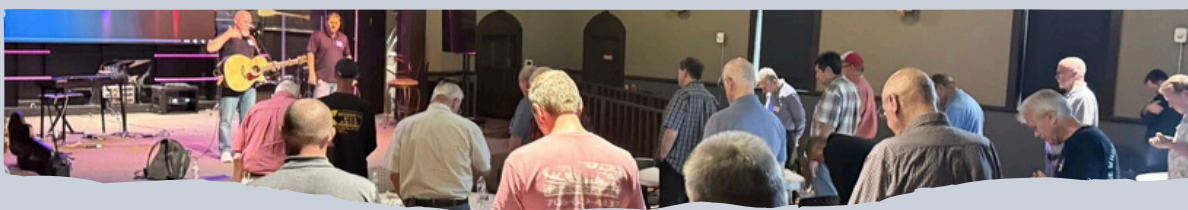
February 28 2026

The Lodge at McConnell

9am-3pm

Doors open at 8:30





MINISTRIES

Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry at McConnell is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, building strong relationships, and encouraging men to live out their faith with purpose. Through Bible studies, fellowship events, and service projects, we strive to support one another in our walk with Christ and in our roles as husbands, fathers, and leaders.

Men's Ministry Gathering Dates:

Sunday January 18th at 5:00pm in the Lodge

Sunday February 15th at 5:00pm in the Lodge

Sunday March 15th at 5:00pm in the Lodge

Men's Conference

2026

APRIL 24-25
McConnell Baptist Church

FRIDAY 6:00PM-9:00PM
SATURDAY 9:00AM-12:00PM

Scott Dawson
Founder & CEO of Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association

www.mcconnellchurch.org/mensconference

MINISTRIES

Thrive Moms

A community for moms to encourage and inspire you to do more than JUST SURVIVE motherhood. We believe God wants us to THRIVE and walk confidently in who He calls us to be as mothers.

Thrive Mom Dates:

Jan. 20th in the Lodge at 6:00 PM

Feb. 24th in the Lodge at 6:00 PM

Mar. 17th in the Lodge at 6:00 PM



Singles Ministry

McConnell Singles Ministry is providing opportunities for single adults to gather and grow spiritually with other singles.

Our goal and hope are to help your faith in Christ mature amid life experiences and expanding interests!

Find us on Facebook “McConnell Singles” for details on our upcoming monthly and quarterly events!



We're on Facebook! “McConnell Singles”



Short Term Mission Trips
Serving Regional Neighbors

Short Term Mission Trips: Reaching Out, Building “REGIONAL” Bridges.

Our Short Term Mission Trips take us to “NEIGHBORING REGIONS,” where we partner with qualified local organizations and individuals to address specific needs. These one to five day trips are usually a few hours drive from our church. These trips are arranged by our team leaders and allow us to use our unique skills and labor to make a tangible impact on the lives of others. Click on the link below to view our new Short Term Mission Trip promotional video.

MISSIONS MINISTRIES



Samaritan's Purse offers DISASTER RELIEF to “ALL AREAS.”

Samaritan's Purse offers disaster relief to “ALL AREAS.” These trips are organized by Samaritan's Purse and offer McConnell the opportunity to send our teams to work in the areas of need. These trips are usually overnight five day trips and occur anywhere that a disaster strikes.



MISSIONS MINISTRIES



When is it okay to ask for help?

Why is it so difficult to ask for help? For many, the thought of needing assistance feels like a sign of weakness. We worry about being a burden, or that our request will be seen as an admission of failure. In a world that often celebrates independence and self being sufficient, turning to others can feel like a last resort.

But the Bible tells us a different story. In Acts 20:35, we read that Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." While this is often interpreted as a call to generosity, it also highlights the profound blessing that comes with helping others. When we allow someone to help us, we are offering them a sacred opportunity to live out their faith. We are giving them the chance to be a blessing, to put love into action, and to experience the joy of giving.

Just as there is a blessing in giving, there is a profound blessing in receiving. When we humbly accept help, we are not only acknowledging our own need but also affirming the goodness and generosity of others. We are creating a space for community, for shared burdens, and for Christ's love to flow between us.

It's a beautiful cycle: we give and are blessed, and we receive and, in doing so, we bless others.

So, how do we navigate this journey of giving and receiving?

- Turn to the Holy Spirit: When you are faced with a burden that feels too heavy to carry alone, or when you are in a position to help someone, seek guidance from the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom, and for the courage to either extend a hand or humbly accept one.
- Embrace Humility: Recognize that every one of us has a time when the load becomes too heavy. There is no shame in admitting you need help, and no pride in believing you can do it all alone.
- See It as a Shared Blessing: Remember that giving and receiving are two sides of the same coin. When we allow others to help us, we are giving them a gift—the gift of being able to live out their faith and experience the true joy of giving.

Let us be a community that not only gives generously but also receives graciously, always turning to Jesus Christ as our guide. If you need help with household projects that seem too difficult, please contact the church office for GraceWorks assistance.

WAYS TO
GET
INVOLVED





GriefShare Grief Support Group

Grief is a painful and confusing process, no matter the circumstances. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people who have experienced loss can find understanding, encouragement, and support. This 13-week program helps participants learn what is normal in grief, what to expect in the days ahead, and healthy ways to cope with grief's many emotions and challenges.

Each weekly meeting includes a video featuring experienced counselors, pastors, and healthcare professionals, along with real-life stories from people who have walked through grief. Following the video, participants gather in small groups for discussion, support, and personal application. Each attendee will also receive a workbook filled with helpful exercises to use at home.

Topics include managing emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; navigating changes in life and relationships; and finding hope when grief feels overwhelming. Many participants share that GriefShare provides comfort and relief by offering guidance in a space where others truly understand.

Whether your loss is recent or happened some time ago, you are welcome. If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, we invite you to attend.

The next 13-week session begins January 29, meeting Thursdays from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room 219 of the Family Life Center.

For more information or to register for McConnell Baptist Church's GriefShare group, visit GriefShare.org or contact the church office.

You may also contact Kimberly Hales, GriefShare Program Director, at 248-318-3286 or kimberlyannshadwick@gmail.com.

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Building Legacy

We are grateful for all God has done in and through McConnell. He is using our church to reach lost souls in Towns County widows, young families, and those seeking hope because of your faithfulness and willingness to follow where God leads. Thank you for the way you steward your time, prayers, and finances. Your obedience is making a lasting impact locally and beyond.

One of God's greatest blessings over the past several years has been the steady growth of young families and children. Each Sunday, our halls are filled with strollers, energy, and young hearts learning about Jesus. What a privilege it is to see the next generation thriving at McConnell.

With this blessing comes a challenge we can no longer ignore: we are out of space. Our children's and youth ministries are stretching beyond capacity, and while our volunteers continue to adapt, we recognize the need for a long-term solution.

Our leadership team, staff, and Long-Range Planning Committee have been prayerfully evaluating options for a future next-generation building. What once seemed like a distant hope has now become a fast-approaching reality. Before taking any formal steps, we believe the most important step is to seek God together in prayer.

A Call to Prayer: "Lord, What Would You Have Us Build?"

Over the coming weeks, we ask our entire church family to pray for clarity, unity, provision, and courage as we discern God's direction and invest in the future of our children and youth.

Introducing Building Legacy

This future initiative is about more than expanding space—it is about making room for the next generation to encounter Christ. Building Legacy is an investment in lives yet to be changed and a testimony of faith for those who will come after us.

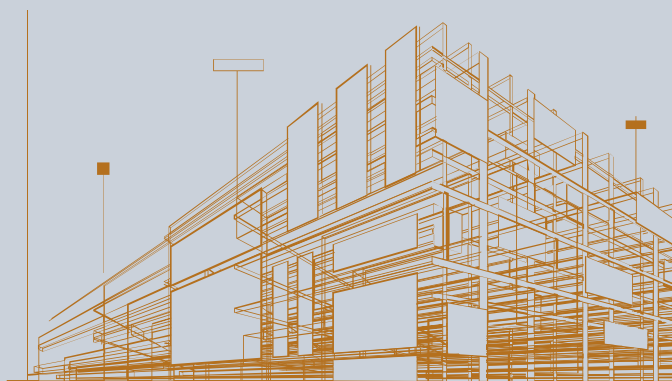
In the months ahead, we will share more details, timelines, and opportunities to participate.

For now, we ask you to:

- Pray earnestly
- Give faithfully as the Lord leads
- Prepare your heart for what God is going to do

God has been faithful, and we trust He will continue to lead us. We stand on the shoulders of those who built before us—now it is our turn to build for those coming behind us.

**Let's seek the Lord together.
Let's trust Him together.
Let's build legacy—together.**



GENEROSITY

Why?

Giving is first and foremost an act of worship. When we give, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God—and we trust Him with what He's placed in our hands.

The Bible teaches us that generosity:

- Aligns our hearts with God's heart
- Grows our faith and dependence on Him
- Advances the mission of the Church to reach people and make disciples



**YOU CAN'T
OUTGIVE GOD**

What?

2 options: General or Restricted

Tithe or offering is typically considered unrestricted, meaning that the church uses it as needed within the bounds of the budget. Giving an unrestricted gift is the best way to support the church as a whole without singling out a specific ministry.

Sometimes, we feel called to give above-and-beyond our regular offering in order to support a specific ministry. To do so, leave a memo on your gift with the title of the ministry you'd like to support. This "restricts" those funds to be used specifically in that ministry. Certain ministry leaders, pastors, or committees handle funds for each restricted account. For example, Pastor Andrew decides how to use funds in the youth fund.

2025 Review

2025 Required \$ 1,970,852.00

2025 Received (General Fund). \$ 2,105,673.99

Exceeded Budget by \$134,821.99

2025 Expenses \$ (1,849,792.46)

Exceeded Expenses by \$255,881.53

How?

Online / Physically

The simplest thing to do is to put your offering in an envelope and drop it by our offering towers. Alternatively, you may mail your offering to PO Box 235 in Hiawassee, GA.

The other option is online – Just visit McConnellChurch.org and click Give. You'll then be able to connect your card or bank account and be able to set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Thank you!

Thank you for your faithful & consistent generosity. While giving is an act of obedience and a spiritual discipline, it is also what our church depends on to operate and to minister effectively. Because of your generosity, we are able to do more ministry and give more away—locally and globally.

We don't have a few people who give a lot.

We have a lot of people who give faithfully.

Questions?

If you have any questions about giving, spiritual or financial, we'd love to talk with you. Please contact our Financial Administrator, Merritt Turner, at merritt@mcconnellchurch.org or call the church..

A HOUSE OF PRAYER

A HOUSE OF PRAYER: His house, My house, Your house.

“ My house shall be called a house of prayer ...” Matthew 21:13

As we reflect on the amazing year and a half that we have just been through and are preparing to enter into the New Year, I will be the first to tell you that God has been good to us and deserves all the praise and glory due Him. Everything we have seen God do at McConnell over the past year has not been the result of our clever imaginations or great leadership but is a direct response from our Heavenly Father to the prayers of McConnell's people.

When we seek God's face, his will, and his priorities for his church, God listens, responds, and sometimes does more than we could have ever hoped for or imagined. And yet, we have wondered what might have happened if we had made prayer a higher priority, not just at church but also at home? Would we have seen even greater things happening in our families, our church, our county, our nation, and our world? Would His kingdom have advanced in even greater power ways than we have seen? We believe the answer is yes, we would've. While we do not claim to know all that God has in store for us in 2026, we are sure of one thing. God wants prayer to be one of our highest priorities at McConnell. Nothing of eternal significance is going to happen apart from prayer other than lost not knowing Jesus as their savior and missing heaven.

Think about this with us for a minute. When Jesus said, “My house will be called a house of prayer...”, he wasn't just speaking of the Temple at Jerusalem. He was standing in it. The Temple was his house, a house of prayer and worship for the nations, and not just his people. It's clear that God wants not only the church to be a house of prayer but his people to be a people of prayer as well. I also believe the implication goes way beyond what we do when we come to church on a Sunday morning. He also wants my house and your house to be houses of prayer as well.

With the new year in front of us, here are a few of the ways we can weave prayer into the very fabric of all we do at McConnell: expand existing corporate prayer opportunities at every event, create new prayer experiences throughout the year, and integrate more prayer moments into our weekly gatherings. The new year is a perfect time of year to ask and seek our Lord for additional opportunities.

God has given us multiple opportunities to wrap everything we do here in our church with prayer. The question is...“Will we take advantage of them?” Let us make prayer our priority and make McConnell Baptist Church, His very house, a house of prayer! Listed below are just some of the ways we can prioritize prayer more effectively in our church with our existing prayer opportunities that you can get involved with.

WEEKLY SCHEDULED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER:

- Monday:** 12:00-1:00 PM, Kingdom Prayer Group, Room #219-FLC
- Tuesday:** 7:00 AM, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Mary's Southern Gril.
10:00 AM, Churchwide Prayer Group, Room #206-LL
- Wednesday:** Prayer Groups, Conference Room #2, Women's Group #026-LL
- Sunday:** 8:30-10:50 AM, Individual Prayer for Services in Worship Center
- Daily:** Prayer walk the church campus and pray for our church and for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit's power.

Tut Brown, Kingdom Prayer Coordinator
Pastor Steve, Lead Pastor



JANUARY

SUNDAY

**JAN
11**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER JENNIFER BROMMET
5:00 PM IN THE LODGE BRING FINGER FOOD OR DESERT.

55+ SENIOR BREAKFAST

8:30 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THUR

**JAN
15**

SUN

**JAN
18**

MEN'S MINISTRY

5:00 PM IN THE LODGE

BAPTISM SUNDAY

SPECIAL BAPTISM SUNDAY IN BOTH SERVICES

THUR

**JAN
18**

TUE

**JAN
20**

THRIVE MOMS

6:00 PM IN THE LODGE

PARENT NIGHT OUT/SPECIAL NEEDS

FOR PARENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
5:30-7:30PM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TUE

**JAN
27**

END OF THE YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS AND GIVING ENVELOPES INFO:

If you made a donation of any amount in 2025, you will receive a contribution statement via mail or email around the end of January. We prefer to send it via email, so please make sure that we have your correct, most up-to-date email address on file. If you prefer to have it physically, you can always request to have it mailed as well. We will default to mailing statements to those who do not have email addresses on file. Please make sure that we have your mailing address on file if this is your preference.

Secondly, we have not received giving envelopes from our supplier for 2026. We hope to be able to distribute them to you on Sunday, January 18th. In the meantime, please recycle any old giving envelopes you may have — scratch out the old date and write the correct one at the top. Please be sure to include your name on the envelope if you want a correct contribution statement for 2026, as the actual number on each envelope set that you receive each year may change. If you don't have any extra giving envelopes from previous years, envelopes are available in the worship center.

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FEBRUARY - MARCH

SUN
**FEB
1**

LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING THIS SPECIAL SERVICE

BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP 1-706-896-2281

SUN
**FEB
8**

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HYMN SING

2:00 PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

THE WKND AND WKND SUNDAY SERVICES

YOUTH CONFERENCE WKND AT MCCONNELL WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

FRI-SUN
**FEB
13-15**

SUN
**FEB
15**

MEN'S MINISTRY

5:00 PM IN THE LODGE

55+ SENIOR BREAKFAST

8:30 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THUR
**FEB
19**

SAT
**FEB
28**

IF:GATHERING ONE DAY CONFERENCE

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM IN THE LODGE (SEE WOMEN'S MINISTRY PAGE TO REGISTER)

MEN'S MINISTRY

5:00 PM IN THE LODGE

SUN
**MAR
15**

TUE
**MAR
17**

THRIVE MOMS

6:00 PM IN THE LODGE

55+ SENIOR BREAKFAST

8:30 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THUR
**MAR
19**

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Core Values

FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE

As followers of Jesus, we are called to share the hope we've found in Him. We actively seek to bring others to Christ and help them discover His life-changing love.

SAVE PEOPLE SERVE PEOPLE

We believe that when people experience the love of Christ, it inspires them to serve others. Our mission is to reach beyond ourselves and make a difference in our community and beyond.

GROWING PEOPLE CHANGE

Spiritual growth brings transformation. We're committed to nurturing faith in ways that lead to real and lasting change, allowing God to shape us more into the image of Christ.

YOU CANNOT DO LIVE ALONE

We believe in the power of community. Life is better together, and we encourage building meaningful relationships that support, encourage, and strengthen us in our faith journey.

YOU CANNOT OUTGIVE GOD

We embrace a spirit of generosity, knowing that God is abundantly generous toward us. Whether it's our time, talents, or resources, we trust that giving to others reflects God's heart and that He will always provide more than we can imagine.