



| SUMMER 2026 |



INSIDE MCCONNELL

HELPING PEOPLE FIND AND FOLLOW
JESUS

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WE ARE
CALLED TO SHARE THE HOPE WE'VE
FOUND IN HIM.



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

Welcome to
McConnell 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 Connect Groups offer a supportive environment where you can connect with others on your spiritual journey, receive care, and find encouragement.



UPCOMING SERIES



A NEW HEART: THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL **SBCS: June 28th - July 26th**

God desires to change our hearts for his glory. Ezekiel 36:26 says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." For the lost, this change is repentance and a new heart. For the believer, it's an encouraged heart to continue even when serving God is not easy.

Join us as we examine how the book of Ezekiel is relevant to believers today. For those of us who have grown complacent or cold in our walk with God, "A New Heart" outlines how God desires to bring us closer to him.

THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT: THE BOOK OF ACTS

SBCS: August 2nd - August 30th

We believe the church is the body of Christ on earth, working toward fulfilling its calling to prepare humanity for Christ's return and entry into the kingdom of heaven.

Understanding when and how the church was built helps us better fulfill that calling. This series examines the early church's life and originals described in the book of Acts.



YOU BELONG: **THE GREAT INVITATION OF THE GOSPEL** **September 6th - October 12th**

Have you ever felt as if you didn't belong?

If you have, you're not alone and God doesn't want you to spend your life apart from Him or His family. The great invitation of the Gospel is open to anyone, anywhere, and at any time; to join the household of faith and become a child of God. This series will not only challenge us to go deeper into our relationship with

God but also to go and proclaim the Good News to others. No matter what you have done or left undone, the Father is ready to welcome you home.



2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEACON'S MEETING

CHOIR SUITE
6:00 P.M.

9TH

13TH

17TH

SAMARITAN'S PURSE REBUILD MISSION TRIP
BOONE, NC

FAMILY COOKOUT

FLC
6:00 P.M.

15TH

16TH

60+ SENIOR BREAKFAST
FLC
8:30 A.M.

MCCONNELL 101

CONFERENCE ROOM

19TH

28TH

4TH

KIDS CAMP
LOOK-UP LODGE, SC

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

CHOIR SUITE
6:00 P.M.

29TH

JULY

ESL LEADER MEETING

7:00 P.M.

219 - FLC

4TH

6-
7TH

MMBC PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

PRESCHOOL (CONTACT EMILY WINN FOR MORE DETAILS)

PROMOTION SUNDAY

6TH GRADE STUDENT-PARENT LUNCH

THE LODGE

11:00 A.M.

9TH

10TH

AWANA LEADER MEETING

FLC

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

PEAK/SUMMIT FAMILY MEALS BEGIN

5:15 P.M.

THE BIG GAME SHOW

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH FOR ALL AGES!

6:00 P.M.

12TH

13TH

DEACON'S MEETING

CHOIR SUITE

6:00 P.M.

MCCONNELL 101

CONFERENCE ROOM

9:45 A.M.

16TH

18TH

THRIVE MOMS

THE LODGE

6:00 P.M.

60+ SENIOR BREAKFAST

FLC

8:30 A.M.

20TH

AUGUST

SPARK CONFERENCE

4:00 P.M..

30TH

6TH

BIG INVITE SUNDAY

BRING A FRIEND!

DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WORSHIP CENTER AT 6:00 P.M.

THRIVE MOMS

THE LODGE

6:00 P.M.

15TH

ALL MONTH - MISSION GEORGIA OFFERING

GOAL: \$17,500



 **MISSION GEORGIA**



Worship WITH US

SUNDAY:

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 presence.

WEDNESDAY:

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

- Peak Kids Pre K-5th Grade in Family Life Center
- Summit Students 6th-12th Grade in The Lodge
- Discipleship 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

Nursery Available during all services

Celebrate Recovery: UL - #221 & UL - #224

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



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

Signup for our "Connect Class" the 3rd Sunday

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 all 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 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.



Groups and Classes at
9:45



LOOKING FOR A GROUP?

Start Here —



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

THERE IS A GROUP FOR YOU!

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 219 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 Hiawasse. Location: Family Life Center, Room 234

Solid Rock: Book by book, verse by verse study of God's Word with opportunities for discussion. Location: Upper Level, 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.

The Way: New Here? The Way is the group for you! Location: The Lodge.





EVERYTHING YOU NEED. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

Whether you're looking for your next step, catching up on a sermon, or checking out what's happening this week, our new website makes it easy to stay connected.

- Watch Messages
- Discover Events
- Join a Group
- Find Ways to Serve
- Give Online
- Plan Your Visit

Scan to explore



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PEAK KIDS

K - 5th Grade

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

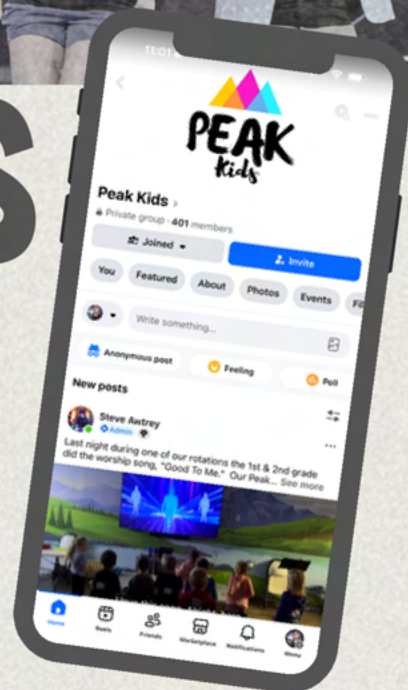
Sunday Morning:

Nursery available for all services

Sunday School for 9:45 - 10:45 AM

Peak Kids Worship at 11:00 AM

(Only during school year)



We're on Facebook!
Search "Peak Kids"

MEET YOUR PEAK KIDS TEAM



Steve Awtrey
Children's Pastor



Virginia Awtrey
Children's Ministry Assistant



Shelby Dyer
Nursery Director

OUR TEAM IS PASSIONATE ABOUT INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES AS THEY GROW TOGETHER IN THEIR WALK WITH JESUS.

Upcoming Events and More Information

www.mcconnellchurch.org/kids



Scan for more
Information
about serving



summit STUDENTS

6th - 12th Grade

(Only during school year)

WEDNESDAYS

3:00 PM - Vans in front of the school transporting students to the church

3:00-5:00 PM - Hangout Time in the Lodge

5:00-6:00 PM - Family Meal

6:00-7:30 PM - Student Service & Small Groups

7:30 PM - Parent Pickup

SUNDAYS

9:30-10:45 AM - Sunday School & Donuts

Meet Your Leaders



Andrew Rogers
Youth and Young
Adults Pastor



Brelan Sieveking
Youth Assistant



www.mcconnellchurch.com/students

Mondays 3:15 PM thru 5:15 PM FLC

Helping Kids Build a Strong Foundation in God's Word

At McConnell Baptist Church, one of the most exciting ministries for children and students is our Awana program. Awana stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," taken from the powerful words of Scripture:

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." — 2 Timothy 2:15

What is Awana? K-12th grade students meet at 3:15 - 5:15 during the school year in the FLC on campus to learn scripture, play high energy games and learn life changing Bible stories.

For more information contact our children's pastor,

children@mcconnellchurch.org.

MCYA

MCCONNELL CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS

We believe young adults are called to live fully devoted lives for Jesus, rooted in His truth and strengthened through biblical community. We see a generation of young adults growing into mature disciples who love God, serve others, and boldly live out their faith in their homes, workplaces, churches, and communities wherever He leads them.

SUMMER 2026

Throughout the summer, we'll host pop-up events and gatherings designed to help young adults connect and build community. Follow us on social media or sign up for text alerts to stay up to date on upcoming events.

To stay in the loop:

- Follow us on Instagram
[@mcconnellyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/mcconnellyoungadults)
- Scan the QR code below to sign up for text alerts.



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McConnell Preschool

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS

WHY CHOOSE US?

As a ministry of McConnell Memorial Baptist Church, our mission to provide a high-quality preschool education in a loving, Christian environment. Each child is celebrated as a unique creation of God, and we are committed to nurturing every child's growth through developmentally appropriate, rewarding, and positive experiences. These experiences help build self-esteem and prepare children for a confident transition to kindergarten.

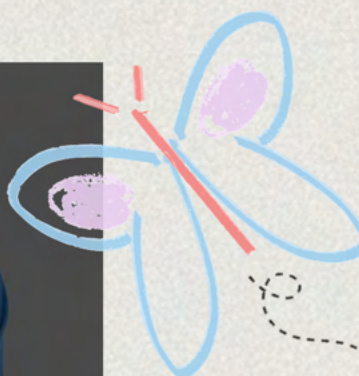
Our program emphasizes Christian values such as loving, caring, and sharing, which are learned through developing relationships with teachers and peers. We strive to meet the emotional, spiritual, and social needs of every child entrusted to our care.

For details about tuition fees, days, times please call:
Director Emily Winn at 706-896-2281 Ext 1018

<https://www.mcconnellchurch.org/preschool>



Emily Winn
Preschool Director





MISSIONS MINISTRIES

mcconnellchurch.org/missions



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.



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.

BLESSING IN GIVING

At McConnell, we believe we are called to do life together. That is why the GraceWorks ministry exists, to demonstrate the love of Christ through serving others.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

As you may know, our church has a ministry called GraceWorks. We have a team of men and women who feel deeply called by God to serve others through their hands by: fixing porches, clearing landscaping, painting, or taking care of simple handyman repairs.



Here is our dilemma: We have willing hands, but we lack homes to serve. We know that asking for help can sometimes feel difficult. We often tell ourselves, "I can manage," or "I don't want to trouble anyone." But we want you to know that when you allow us to come and help with a project, you aren't being a burden, you are answering the prayers of our volunteers who want to share the love of Christ.

Is there a squeaky door, an overgrown bush, or a repair project you've been putting off? Please let us take that weight off your shoulders. There is no cost, and certainly no judgment. We are simply a group of brothers and sisters in Christ who want to ensure your home is a place of rest, not a source of stress.

If you have a project in mind, or even if you aren't sure if it's something we can do, please let us know. We would love to come by and take a look.

In His Service,
The GraceWorks Ministry Team

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INVOLVED**





GriefShare®

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. (Begins 8/27)

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.



A LOVE DOES MINISTRY

SOUP'S ON! provides simple soup and baked goods, in a nice napkin-lined basket with a personal greeting card, to anyone in the community who can be blessed...for any reason. The recipient remains anonymous. The soups are homemade, frozen in labeled containers, and donated to the freezer by members of the ministry team. Each basket, recipient, and soup maker are covered in prayer for God's will, His honor, and love in each of their lives.

INTERESTED?

Contact Linda Herreid - 770-598-5259, or email: lindaherreid@gmail.com

"Don't work for the food that passes away but for the food that stays on into eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." John 6:27a

BENEVOLENCE

McConnell's benevolence ministry serves people in our community who need financial assistance - medical bills, late payments, or otherwise.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 that

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me."

McConnell is not just a church in Towns County - we are a church for Towns County. Serving those around us just another way that we get to share the love of Christ.

To qualify for assistance, one must meet certain criteria. This is done not just to verify those seeking assistance, it's also to create a fair environment where those that need help the most aren't turned away. Pastors meet with candidates in order to pray for them and to discern the extent of help required.

Pastor Austin Tibbetts and our administrative staff play the biggest role in making sure that benevolence is carried out properly. Questions about this ministry can be directed to him, and applications for help are always available at the church office.

The benevolence ministry is purely funded out of the above-and-beyond generosity of our members. When you give a gift to the benevolence fund, you can rest assured that 100% of your gift goes to someone in need. After the recent cold season, the balance is running low. We typically receive benevolence offering when we partake in the Lord's supper, but you can always designate a gift online or by writing on your giving envelope.

Any questions about financial stewardship can be directed to our financial administrator,



Merritt Turner

Merritt@McConnellChurch.org
706-896-2281

GENEROSITY

A quick vocabulary lesson:

In church, you'll hear words like *tithe* and *offering* thrown around a lot. But what do they really mean? And how might it change our mindset on what's expected of us as believers?

Tithe - Most of us think tithing means giving a tenth of our income, but it really means to give the first and best of what we have to offer. This might include giving your time and talents, not just money.

Offering - This constitutes sacrificial, above-and-beyond gifts. The Spirit will often tug on our hearts for specific causes that are separate from the general church budget. That's why we offer designated funds - like for Celebrate Recovery or Missions - to allow you to give as the Spirit leads you.

Remember...

As Jesus taught, it's not so much about what you do, but about why you do it. Giving thousands upon thousands won't mean a thing to God if it's done with an insincere heart.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
-2 Corinthians 9:7

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\$ 986,242.85	QTD Received
\$ (49,618.65)	



Questions?

If you have any questions about giving - spiritual or otherwise - we'd love to talk with you. You can reach our Financial Administrator Merritt Turner via email at merritt@mcconnellchurch.org or by calling the church office.

Pastor's Note

INTO DEEP WATERS

"And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.'" Luke 5:4 (ESV)

Can you remember the last time you got in over your head?

I can, more often than I'd like to admit. The most memorable was in third grade at the YMCA during swimming lessons. Because I could swim in the shallow end where my feet touched the bottom, I thought I could really swim. I couldn't; I just didn't know it yet.

During free time, the instructor said, "Everyone who can swim can jump off the diving board in the deep end." I jumped, expecting to push off the bottom and come up near the side. I didn't realize it was 12 feet deep. When my feet never touched bottom, I panicked. If the bus driver hadn't seen me and jumped in... clothes, shoes, and all, I might not have made it.

For a while, I stayed in the shallows. But in time, I learned to swim, and I learned how easy it is to fear water that feels deeper than I can handle.

That experience became a picture of something deeper.

Our fear of the deep isn't only physical... it's spiritual, too. In life, we prefer what is familiar and comfortable. We make plans around our experience, strengths, and abilities. We resist situations that feel beyond us. But if you are going to follow Christ, the deep is exactly where He will lead you.

Just ask Peter. We see this in Luke 5:4-11.

After a fruitless night of fishing, Jesus told Peter to put out into deep water and let down the nets again. Everything Peter knew told him it was pointless. But Jesus often leads us beyond what we know and beyond what we can do on our own. He calls us into deeper places where we must depend on Him.

That is how faith works. If we follow Him, Jesus will place us where we must depend entirely on Him. He knows the deep, not just the shallows, and we can trust Him. Even so, the deep can be frightening when your feet can't touch the bottom. But we cannot avoid the deep and obey Jesus at the same time.

Right now, where is Jesus calling you to go deeper?

When Jesus leads us into deep waters, He does not send us alone. So the next time you feel in over your head, remember: the Lord has not misplaced you. He is teaching you to depend on Him, His Word, and His power.

Go deeper, that's where the catch is.

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Pastor Steve
Lead Pastor



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FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE

SAVED PEOPLE SERVE PEOPLE

GROWING PEOPLE CHANGE

YOU CANT DO LIFE ALONE

YOU CAN'T OUTGIVE GOD

