

The Wednesday Connection

June 17, 2026

Sunday's Summary

The sermon explored the often-overlooked reality that even families who deeply love God still experience pain, problems, and pressure. Through the story of Hannah and Elkanah from 1 Samuel 1, we discovered that real love isn't the picture-perfect image we see on social media—it's messy, requires sacrifice, and demands that we invite God into our struggles rather than run from them. Hannah's years of heartbreak over infertility remind us that prayer may not always change our circumstances immediately, but it will always change us when we come honestly before God.

Recovery from Surgery/Illness

Jerry Nichols
Farrah Taylor
Elbert Powell
Gary Fowler
Shirley Moody
Eddie Roach
Bram Miller
Courtney Chastain
Craig Stevens

In Need of Prayer

Danny & Martha Meeks
Wanda Branch
Lynn Akins
Allen & Helen Partridge
Vanda Edmiston
Allen
Audrey Morrison
Mike Emerson
Mary Thomas
Arnie Kloock
Andy Borem
Don Meyer
Ron & Marleen Dodd
Jim Harrison
Dennis Kelsey



Nursing Home

CRNH: Alice Cunningham, Don Cooper, Lottie Dotson, Marie Gregory, Connie Lake, Georgia Moultrie, Joan Shields, Freddie Vann, Barbara Van Nus, Jack Oliver, Joy Rutledge, & Barbara Lamm

Hayesville House: Kay Yandell

Union NH: Flora Jean Roberts, Stacia Childress

Homebound

At home: Lynn Blumreich, Joyce Tilly, Truett Shook, Homer & Jeanine Goddard, , Modean Lyons, Leon & Jean Champion, Flora McNabb, Billye Jones, Rene Garn, Winston & Diris Farmer, Pat Burgess, Sandy Turner, Sue Heinisch, Jim Moultrie, Patsy Daniel and Cheryl Marshall

Brasstown:

Pat Smith, Roy Cole, Tommy & Virginia Tatum, Beverly Bode, Esther Marion, & Margie Kimsey Jones

Hospice Care

Maxine Lewis (Angela Buckner's sister)

In the Hospital/Rehab

Audrey Morrison, CHI
Sandra Bonnett, NEGA





Sympathy

The family of Judy Woods
Ron and Linda Robinson at the death of Lindas sister Marianne.
Sue Ackert, at the death of her husband, Dick.

Upcoming Surgeries

Karen Townsend, TBD
Molly Sieveking, TBD
Sarah Parker, Portland OR.
Sybil Davis, 6/24, UGH

Events from the Church Calendar (6/18– 6/24)

THURSDAY 6/18 	8:30 am Senior Breakfast 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm 6:00—7:30 pm Men’s Table Group, #022– LL 6:00—7:30 pm Book of John Study, Conf Rm #2 6:00 – 7:30 Deacons Meeting, Choir Suite 7:00—9:00 pm ESL (English as 2nd Language), FLC	MONDAY 6/22 TUESDAY 6/23 WEDNESDAY 6/24	9:00– noon VBS DAILY MONDAY-FRIDAY 12:00 Kingdom Prayer Group, #219-FLC   7:00 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Sundance 10:00 am Churchwide Prayer Group, #026-LL 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hope Room Clothes Closet, Hope Rm 4:00– 6:00 Library Open 6:45 - 8:00 Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
FRIDAY 6/19	Closed Church Office Closed		
Saturday 6/20	9:00-12:00 Matt’s Ministry, Hayesville, NC 1:00 Carol Chandler Memorial Service		
SUNDAY 6/21 	8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Library Open (also 10:30 - 11:00 am) 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. THE 8:30 Worship Service 9:45-10:45 Connect Class 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am - Noon PEAK Kids Worship (3 yrs old—5th grade) 11:00 am - Noon THE 11:00 Worship Service <i>(nursery is available for all services)</i>		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Our VBS Registration is open for kids and volunteers! Join Pastor Steve Awtrey and his VBS team for a fun-filled, fast-paced week of “**illumination Station**”, June 22nd thru June 26th, 9:00 am - noon. Help us be prepared & successful by pre-registering your kids online now! Go to <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=72744> for the link on the main page. If you would like to serve in VBS this year, go to the same link and register as a volunteer. Call the church for info: 706-896-2281.

55+ SENIOR BREAKFAST | 6/18

McConnell Seniors over 55! Join us **Thursday, June 18th at 8:30 AM** for the **Senior Breakfast**—Bring a friend!

CAROL CHANDLER MEMORIAL SVC. | 6/20

There will be a memorial service for Carol Chandler on Saturday June 20th at 2:00 in the Worship Center.

NEW MEMBERS: CONNECT CLASS | 6/21

If you are new to the church or want information on joining the church, please join Pastor Jeremy & Pastor Austin as they share information about McConnell’s vision. The class will be held on June 21st , at 9:45 a.m., in the church conference room. Coffee & Donuts will be served. ***This class is a prerequisite for joining the church.*** [Register online](#) or call the church office at 706-896-2281.

MCCONNELL LIBRARY NEWS: NEW HOURS

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (before and after both services)

Budget Required		Budget Received	
Weekly	YTD	6/14	YTD
\$ 39,763.90	\$ 955,183.68	\$ 26,426.18	\$ 929,455.90
Give by clicking here: https://mcconnellchurch.churchcenter.com/giving			
Building Legacy to date		\$ 59,600.46	

Attendance for Sunday, 6/14
Sunday School— 363
The 8:30 Worship Service—333
The 11 Worship Service—375