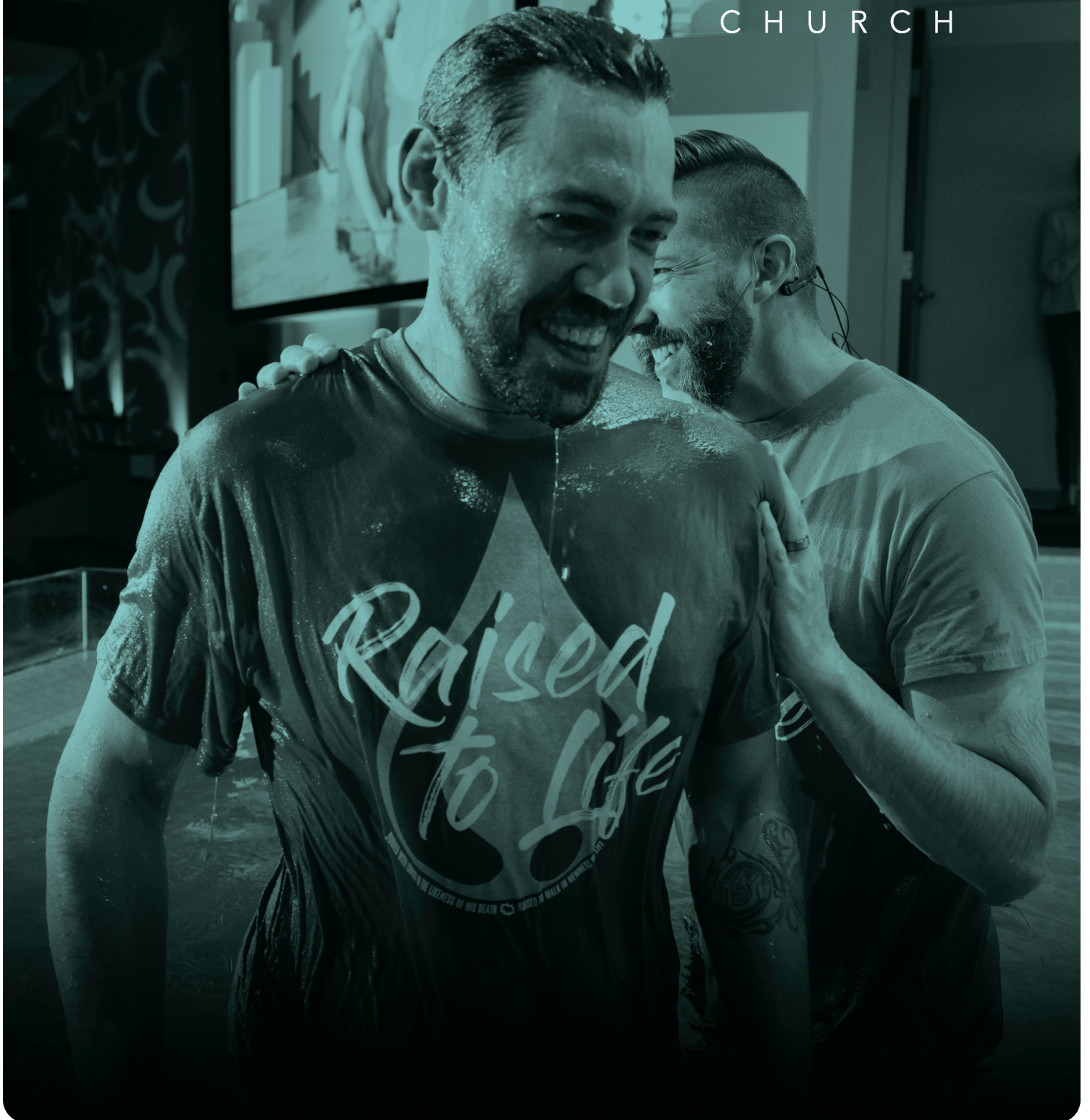


AUGUST 2026

@ CONNECTIONPOINT
CHURCH





A Note from Pastor Larry

Church family,

One year ago, we stepped into an unexpected season of transition. While we didn't know exactly what the road ahead would look like, we knew this much: God would be faithful. Looking back today, I can say with confidence that He has been.

Over the past year, I have been deeply encouraged by the unity of our church family. Together, we have committed ourselves to seeking the Lord through monthly prayer and fasting, trusting Him to lead every step of this journey. That spirit of faith has strengthened our church and reminded us that our confidence has never rested in a person, but in our faithful God.

Even during this season of transition, God has continued to work in powerful ways. It has been a joy to see lives transformed through our Starting Point membership class as people have placed their faith in Christ, followed Him in baptism, and become part of the Connection Point family. These are reminders that the mission of the church has never paused because God has never stopped working.

As I write this, our Pastor Search Team has completed interviews and is prayerfully moving toward recommending our next Lead Pastor. We are excited about what God is doing and ask that you continue praying for wisdom, unity, and clarity as we anticipate this important next step.

August also marks the beginning of a new ministry season. As families return to school and our fall ministries begin, let's embrace this fresh start with renewed faith, willing hearts, and a readiness to serve. I believe God has been preparing not only our next pastor but also our church for an exciting new chapter of ministry.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your unwavering commitment to what God is doing at Connection Point Church. The best is not behind us. By God's grace, I believe it is still ahead.

Blessings,
Pastor Larry

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FIRST-TIME GUESTS

PRAYER

LIFE GROUPS

EVENTS

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SUNDAY RESOURCES



Stop by the Connect Center in the lobby so we can say hello!

Pastor Search Process

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

The Lead Pastor Search Team continues to make steady progress as they seek the man God is preparing to become our next Lead Pastor. Over the past month, the team completed its first round of candidate interviews and has been prayerfully evaluating each conversation and seeking the Lord's direction.

As a church family, your role in this process remains just as important as ever. While the Pastor Search Team continues its work, we invite you to continue yours by praying faithfully for God's guidance. Every step of this journey has been marked by His faithfulness, and we trust He will continue to direct the path ahead according to His perfect timing.

Please continue praying for the Lead Pastor Search Team. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom, discernment, and unity as they continue following His leading. Pray also for the man God is calling to serve as our next Lead Pastor and for his family, that He would continue preparing them for the ministry that lies ahead.

As we shared with you last month, every pastor search is unique, but we want to help prepare our church for what you can generally expect as we move toward calling our next Lead Pastor.



CURRENT PHASE

The Search Team has interviewed the top three candidates. The team is now determining which candidates will move forward and scheduling on-site visits to their current churches. Because much of this work takes place behind the scenes and requires careful evaluation and coordination, it is difficult to predict a specific timeline. As the process becomes more focused on a single candidate, confidentiality also becomes increasingly important for both the candidate and the churches involved. If you don't hear frequent updates, please don't assume that progress has slowed.



CHURCH UPDATES

As significant milestones are reached, we will share updates with our church family during our worship services and through our regular church communications.



INTRODUCING THE CANDIDATE

If you've never experienced a pastoral transition, you may not know what to expect. Once the Search Team has identified its final candidate, he will be invited to preach during one of our Sunday morning worship services. This is commonly referred to as preaching in view of a call. To protect both the candidate and the churches involved, his identity will remain confidential until the appropriate time.

If schedules allow, we hope to provide opportunities that weekend for our church family to meet our prospective Lead Pastor and his family before the church votes. We'll communicate any opportunities once plans have been made.



SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Following that worship service, we will hold a Special Called Business Meeting for the purpose of affirming the Search Team's recommendation. Every attendee will receive a ballot. In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, only ballots cast by Active Members who are 16 years of age or older will be counted.



NEXT STEPS

Following an affirmative vote, we will share the timeline for welcoming our new Lead Pastor and begin preparing together for this exciting new season of ministry. We are grateful for the way God has guided our church throughout this process, and we look forward with great anticipation to what He has in store for Connection Point Church.

STRONG FINISH → = STRONG START

Every story on these pages is evidence of God's faithfulness and your generosity.

Together, we have the opportunity to finish this ministry year strong so we can begin the next one fully resourced, ready to welcome our next Lead Pastor, and prepared for even greater ministry impact.

BECAUSE YOU GAVE...



NEW PEOPLE ARE FINDING COMMUNITY.

Our Connect Team welcomes new guests nearly every Sunday, and more than **100** first-time guests have connected with a Life Group in 2026. Every new face represents someone taking another step toward Christ and meaningful relationships.



LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED.

Since March, **11** people have taken the step of baptism, publicly declaring their faith in Christ, with more preparing to be baptized this month.



PEOPLE ARE FINDING THEIR CHURCH FAMILY.

This summer, **44** people participated in Starting Point to learn more about Connection Point and church membership. Even more exciting, two people trusted Christ as their Savior during the class.



THE GOSPEL IS REACHING PEOPLE.

At our June First & Fast prayer gathering, a woman came looking for help. One of our deacons shared the hope of the gospel, and she placed her faith in Jesus Christ that evening.



KIDS EXPERIENCED AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER.

Create-A-Camp welcomed **365** campers, made possible by **256** incredible volunteers who invested their time, energy, and love into the next generation.



FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WERE BLESSED.

Our campus became home to SOAR Camp, serving hundreds of children, teens, and adults with special needs while providing encouragement and support for their families.



BECAUSE YOU GAVE... HOPE REACHED OUR COMMUNITY.



1,875

families received groceries, clothing, toiletries, and household essentials.



154

families received emergency financial assistance.



133

children celebrated Christmas through Hope Network.



18

schools received school supplies.



1

family experiencing homelessness received a vehicle.



\$10,000

grant awarded to strengthen our Hope Network ministry.



EVERY STORY CONTINUES

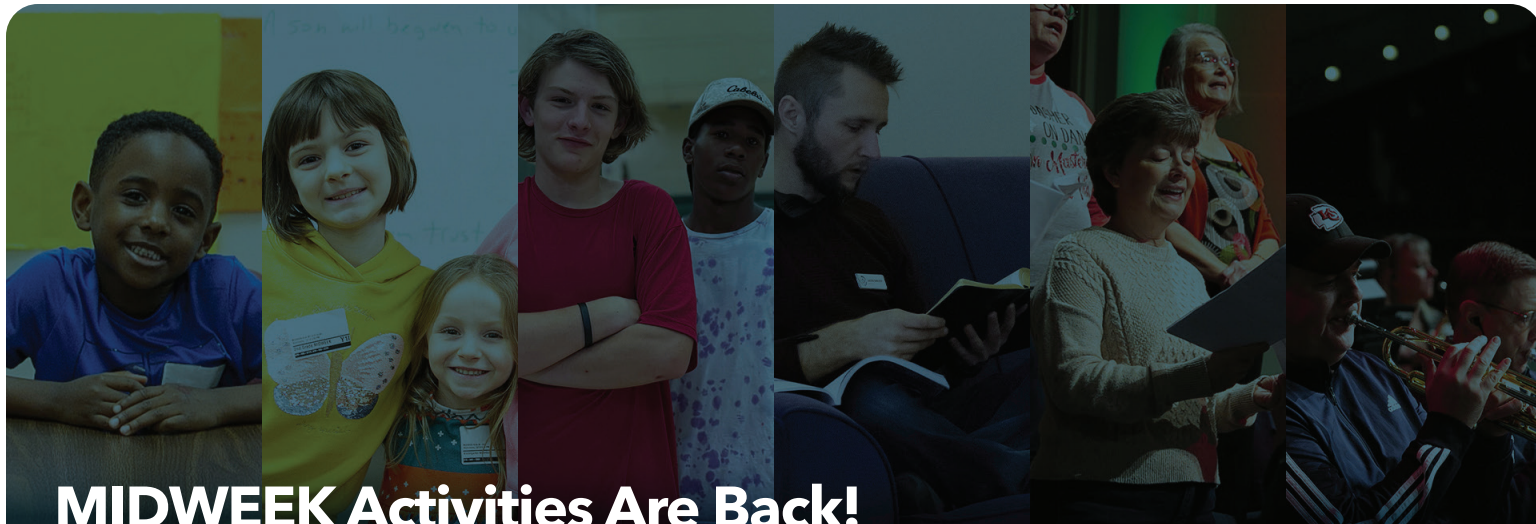
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FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

Everything you've just read happened because God worked through the faithful generosity of His people. Every meal served, every camper welcomed, every family cared for, every guest greeted, every person baptized, and every life transformed is part of a much bigger story that God is writing through Connection Point.

As we approach September 30, we have an opportunity to finish this ministry year strong. Every gift between now and September 30 helps us begin the next ministry year from a position of strength instead of spending months catching up. It also prepares us to welcome our next Lead Pastor with momentum, fully resourced, and ready to run together from day one.

If God leads you to make an above-and-beyond gift in addition to your regular tithes and offerings, you can give at connectionpoint.tv/give.



MIDWEEK Activities Are Back!

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
beginning August 26

All MIDWEEK activities return on **Wednesday, August 26**, at 6:30pm! No matter your age or interest, we have opportunities for you to worship, grow, and serve! Learn more about the MIDWEEK activities below at connectionpoint.tv/midweek.

MIDWEEK Preschool

We've designed a fun and interactive MIDWEEK experience for 3-year-olds through PreK (5 years) to help them learn about God while engaging in creative activities. Your little ones will participate in large group worship and small group learning that encourages movement, creativity, and exploration.

MIDWEEK Kids

K-5th graders are in for an exciting night of worship, games, activities, and Bible study, all designed just for them! Whether participating in large or small group activities or just hanging out, at MIDWEEK, your child will be pointed toward a connection with Jesus and one another.

MIDWEEK Students

6th-12th graders, this is your night! MIDWEEK Students is a high-energy experience featuring live worship, engaging teaching, games, and time to connect with friends. Arrive early to hang out, grab a snack, and play some games.

MIDWEEK Bible Study

Join us in the Atrium for an in-depth study of God's Word led by a rotation of speakers. This is a great opportunity for adults to grow spiritually and connect with others in the church community.

Choir Rehearsal

Lift your voice in worship with our adult choir! Our adult choir leads in worship every Sunday and rehearses Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm in the choir room. No audition is required. For more information, email Rick Moore at rick.moore@connectionpoint.tv.

Orchestra Rehearsal

Use your musical gifts to glorify God in our orchestra! Open to musicians ages 14 to 99 with at least 3-4 years of experience, the orchestra rehearses every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in the Worship Center and plays in Sunday worship. For details, contact Bryan Nelson at bryanknelson@gmail.com.

Come Early for MIDWEEK Dinner

Bring your whole family or come on your own—there's a seat for you! Dinner is served in the Atrium from 4:30-6:00pm before activities begin. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 816-268-1534 and leave a message by 2:00pm each Wednesday to reserve your spot.

2:7 Series Discipleship Classes

Looking to grow deeper in your walk with Christ? The 2:7 Series is an 11-week discipleship journey designed to help you build lasting spiritual habits and strengthen your relationship with God. Through Scripture, discussion, and practical application, you'll grow alongside others as you learn what it means to follow Jesus more intentionally. Join us for *Growing Strong in God's Family*, the first book in this proven discipleship series. Choose from two sessions:

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm beginning September 9

Sundays @ 5:00pm beginning September 13

Learn more and sign up at connectionpoint.tv/events.

2:7 Info Meeting. Want to know more before you sign up? Come to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, August 23, at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn more.

2:7
DISCIPLESHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS



Women on Mission

**Thursday, August 6 &
Monday, August 24**

Learn how others are living out the Great Commission and how you can too. Women on Mission meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall. Choose from two sessions: 1st Thursdays at 9:30am and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm. At the 1st Thursday meeting this month, Lynne Baker will share on the topic of mental health.

Junior Bible Quiz

Wednesday, August 12

Help your K–5th grader grow in their knowledge of God's Word through Junior Bible Quiz! Beginning Wednesday, August 12, quizzers will meet each week at 5:30pm in Kid City to learn more than 500 Bible facts, memorize Scripture, and build a strong biblical foundation. Throughout the semester, they'll also have the opportunity to participate in monthly quiz matches with other churches.

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 16

Your kids and teens are getting promoted this month! Everyone in our preschool, kids, and student ministries will move up to the next grade level in their Life Groups on Sunday, August 16. Watch for more information from our Kids and Student Ministries to learn more about what this means for your child.

Triple L

Tuesday, August 18

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, a taco salad lunch, and a program featuring music from The 3 Guys, at Triple L on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:30am in the Atrium. Cost is \$8. RSVP by calling Barbara Griffin at 816-847-7138.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday & Sunday Sessions

Join us for *Friends & Sisters*, a five-week Bible study, as we explore what God's Word teaches about building Christ-centered friendships and strengthening our relationships as sisters in Christ. Join us Wednesday mornings beginning August 26 at 9:30am or Sunday evenings beginning September 13 at 5:00pm. Learn more and register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Tee Up for Hope Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 10

Join us at Adams Pointe Golf Course on Thursday, September 10, as we raise funds for Hope Network at the Tee Up for Hope Golf Tournament. Funds raised will help keep people in our community housed by supporting critical needs for food, rent, utilities, and vehicle repair. Learn more and register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Precept Bible Study

Thursday, September 10

Discover what God's Word teaches about sound doctrine, faithful leadership, and living as the family of God. Join us for a study of 1 Timothy as we explore Paul's practical instruction for the church and how it applies to our lives today. This Precept Bible study begins Thursday, September 10, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. Learn more and sign up at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12

Gather with other men for breakfast and encouragement at our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 12, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. You'll enjoy a great meal, meaningful conversation, and a message from a guest speaker. Bring a friend and join us!

Kids & Student Choir

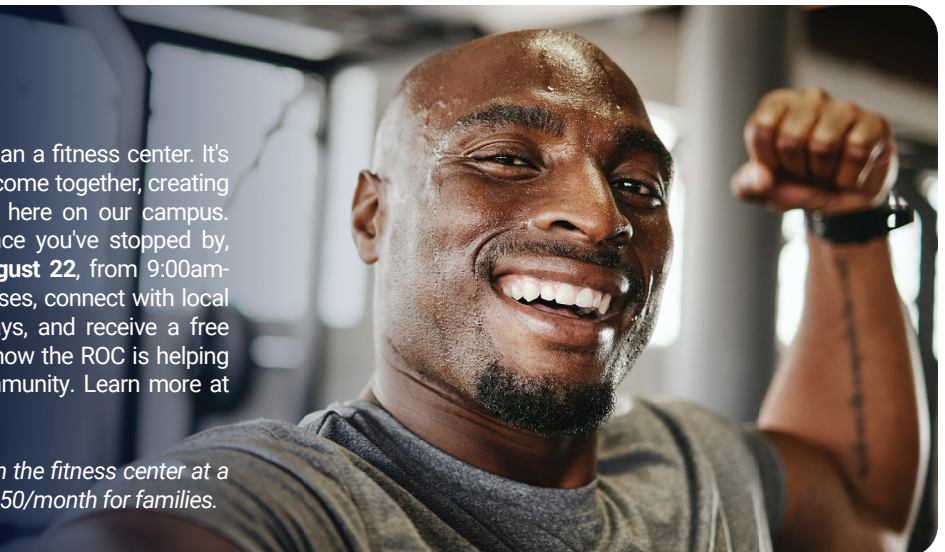
Sunday, September 13

Connection Kids Choir and Student Choir kick off Sunday, September 13, at 5:00pm! Children ages 3 through 5th grade will discover the joy of worship through music, rhythm, and movement. Students in grades 6-12 will grow in worship, build friendships, and develop music skills. All choirs will prepare to share worship with our church family and beyond.

More Than a Fitness Center Free Wellness Event @ The ROC

The ROC—our Recreation Outreach Center—is more than a fitness center. It's a place where healthy living and community outreach come together, creating opportunities to build relationships with people right here on our campus. Whether you've never visited or it's been a while since you've stopped by, join us for our Free Wellness Event on **Saturday, August 22**, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Tour the facility, sample group exercise classes, connect with local wellness partners, enjoy snacks, enter raffle giveaways, and receive a free 7-day trial membership. Invite a friend and come see how the ROC is helping people stay healthy while building bridges to our community. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Don't forget: Connection Point Church members can join the fitness center at a discounted rate – \$12.50/month for individuals and \$19.50/month for families.



what's next?

Whether this is your first visit or you've been attending for years, you may be asking yourself, "Where do I go from here?" You're ready for your next step. Maybe you'd like to talk to someone about following Christ, joining a Life Group, becoming a church member, getting baptized, or something else. Stop by the Connect Center to talk with us or visit us at connectionpoint.tv/connect. If you are looking for consistent opportunities to stay connected with the Connection Point family, be sure to join us every Sunday:

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Join us for a powerful, multigenerational worship experience **every Sunday at 9:30am** in the Worship Center. You'll hear biblical teaching that speaks to real life and experience dynamic music led by our choir and orchestra, all in a welcoming atmosphere for every age. ASL interpretation is available for the deaf and hard of hearing, and Kid City Jr. provides nursery care for children from birth through age five. Come just as you are and discover a place where you'll be encouraged and equipped to grow in your faith.

Connect with a Life Group

Life Groups are a great opportunity to meet new people, build friendships, and grow in your faith and knowledge of God's Word. Each group is made up of people just like you! Find the group that is right for you based on gender, age group, life stage, and schedule. Life Groups meet on Sundays at 8:15 am, Sundays at 11:00am, and during the week. **To find your group, stop by the Connect Center this morning or visit connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups.**

MIDWEEK - Wednesday Activities

Wednesday evenings are a great midweek opportunity to dig a little deeper at Connection Point. No matter your age—whether you want to learn, build community, or serve—there's a place for you at MIDWEEK on Wednesdays **beginning August 26** at 6:30pm. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/midweek.

Childcare (ages 0-3)

Preschool (ages 3-5)

Kids (K-5th grade)

Students (6th-12th grade)

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Upcoming Menu

26 – Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

Find events, resources, and more ways to get connected at connectionpoint.tv

GIVING UPDATE

Total Annual Goal: **\$3,802,542.00**

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$2,784,567.10

as of Thursday, July 30, 2026

Fiscal Year to Date Goal: \$3,144,409.83

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP

WORSHIP UPDATE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

July Total Average: **724**

9:30 Worship Service: 617

Online: 107

WAYS TO GIVE

"Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

- **IN PERSON** via offering plate or giving box
- **ONLINE** at connectionpoint.tv
- **TEXT** the word GIVE to 816-306-1994
- **MAIL** to 10500 E 350 Hwy, Raytown, MO 64138



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