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A Note from Pastor Larry

Church family,

As we move closer to welcoming our next Lead Pastor, I believe God is calling us to do more than simply wait. He is calling us to prepare.

Throughout Scripture, God often prepared His people before a new season of ministry began. Before Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land, the people prepared themselves. Before Jesus began His public ministry, John the Baptist called people to prepare their hearts. Preparation has always been an important part of God's work.

Today, we find ourselves in a similar moment.

Our Pastor Search Team continues its important work, and we remain committed to praying for God's wisdom and guidance. At the same time, we can begin preparing ourselves for the future God has planned for Connection Point Church.

How do we prepare? We prepare spiritually by seeking the Lord through prayer and spending time in His Word. We prepare relationally by strengthening our commitment to one another and serving together in unity. We prepare practically by faithfully giving, volunteering, and supporting the ministries that help people take their next step with Jesus.

The staff is already preparing behind the scenes, but the greatest preparation happens when an entire church family embraces the future with faith and expectation.

I believe God has been faithful throughout this transition, and I believe He is preparing us for a new chapter of ministry. Let's be ready to welcome our new pastor and his family with open hearts, willing hands, and a renewed commitment to the mission God has given us.

The best way to prepare for tomorrow is to be faithful today.

Blessings,
Pastor Larry

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

Lead Pastor Search Update

NOW ENTERING THE INTERVIEW STAGE

Last month, the Lead Pastor Search Team shared that after prayerfully reviewing 118 resumes, they narrowed the field to 13 candidates. We are grateful to report that after reviewing questionnaire responses from those candidates, the team has now identified its top three candidates. The next phase of the process includes background checks, reference checks, reviewing Gifts of Grace assessments, and scheduling interviews.

As we enter this stage, it is difficult to predict a specific timeline. If you don't hear frequent updates, please don't assume that progress has slowed. Much of the work during this phase takes place behind the scenes and requires careful evaluation and coordination.

Like many of you, we are eager to welcome the man God is preparing to become our next Lead Pastor. At the same time, we want to follow the Lord's timing rather than rush the process. We are thankful that God has already allowed this search to move more quickly than many churches experience, and we trust Him to continue directing each step.

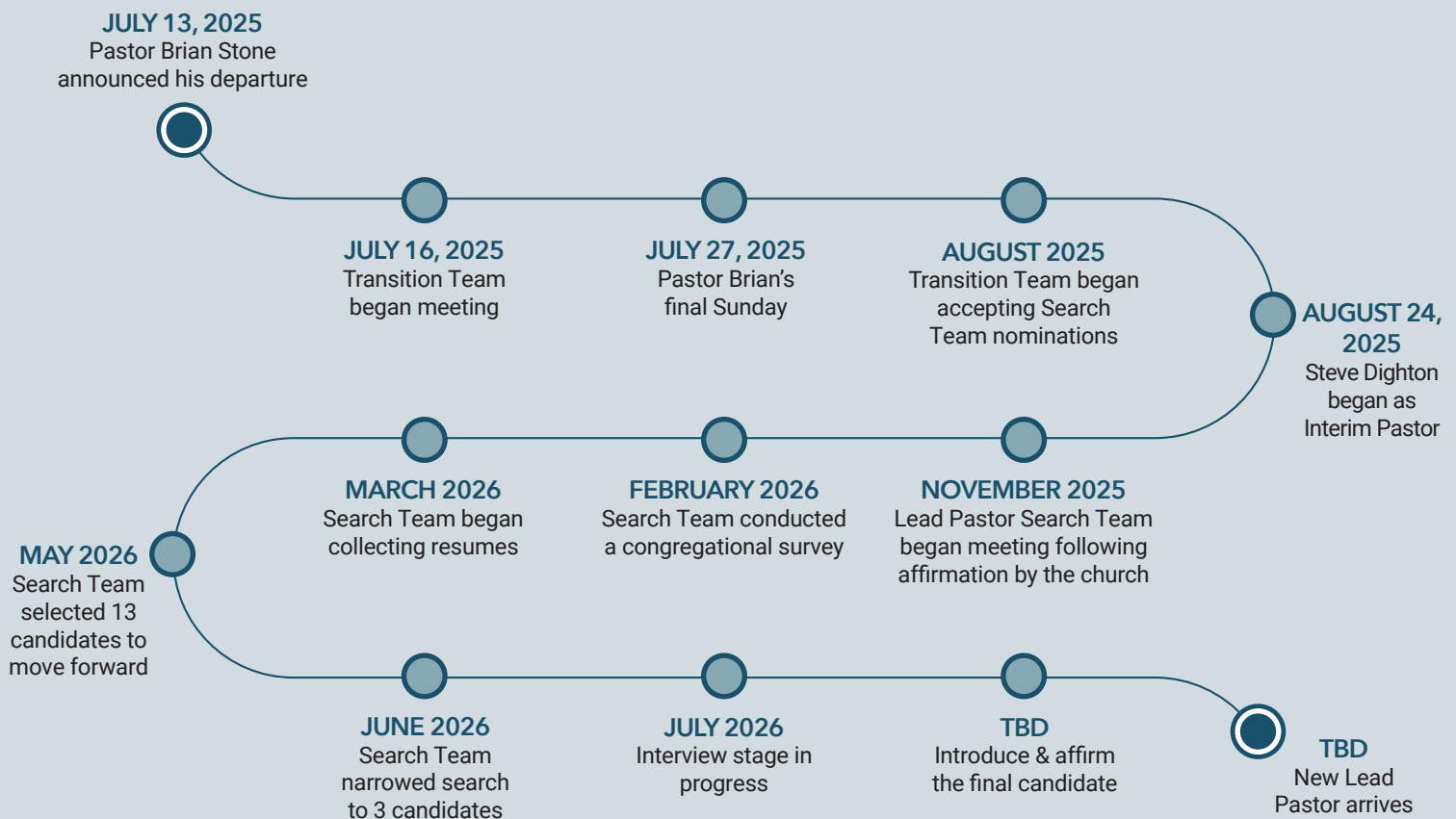
Please continue praying faithfully for the Lead Pastor Search Team. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom, discernment, and unity as they seek to identify the man He has already chosen to shepherd Connection Point Church into its next season of ministry.

As we continue this journey together, we also want to help prepare our church for the weeks ahead. On the following pages, you'll find information about what to expect as the search process continues, along with practical ways you can begin preparing your heart and our church family to welcome the man God is calling to serve as our next Lead Pastor.



REFLECTING ON OUR TRANSITION SEASON

As we look back over the past year, we have much to celebrate. God has faithfully guided Connection Point through each step of this pastoral transition, providing wisdom, unity, and clear direction along the way. The timeline below highlights key milestones we've already experienced and the important steps that still lie ahead. Our search continues to progress on a timeline that is consistent with the average Southern Baptist pastoral transition, and we remain confident that God will faithfully lead us through every step still to come.



Ways to Pray

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR OUR NEXT LEAD PASTOR

While the Search Team continues its work, every one of us has an opportunity to prepare for the next season of ministry at Connection Point Church. One of the greatest ways we can do that is through prayer. As we seek the Lord together, let's ask Him to prepare our next pastor, our church staff, our church family, and our own hearts for the work He is already doing.



Pray for Our Next Lead Pastor

Ask God to...

- Give him wisdom and discernment as he seeks God's will for his family and ministry.
- Protect his marriage, children, and spiritual walk during this season of transition.
- Give him courage, humility, and confidence to lead according to God's Word.
- Prepare him to love, shepherd, and faithfully preach to the people of Connection Point Church.
- Guide every practical detail, including conversations, decisions, travel, moving, and timing, according to His perfect plan.

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." — Proverbs 16:9



Pray for Our Church Family

Ask God to...

- Continue to unite us around our mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.
- Fill our church with excitement, expectancy, and faith as we anticipate this next chapter.
- Help us welcome our next pastor and his family with genuine love and hospitality.
- Keep us faithful in worship, Life Groups, serving, giving, and sharing the gospel throughout this transition.

"Maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." — Ephesians 4:3



Pray for Our Church Staff

Ask God to...

- Give our pastors and staff wisdom as they prepare to welcome and serve alongside our next Lead Pastor.
- Strengthen unity and encourage one another during this season of transition.
- Help them faithfully carry out the ministries God has entrusted to them while preparing for what lies ahead.
- Build relationships marked by trust, humility, and a shared commitment to the mission of the church.

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." — Philippians 2:2



Pray for Yourself

Ask God to...

- Prepare your heart to receive the leadership He provides.
- Give you a spirit of humility, encouragement, and grace.
- Help you embrace the opportunities and changes that come with a new season of ministry.
- Show you how He wants you to use your gifts to strengthen His church.
- Deepen your trust that God's timing and His plans are always best.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5

What's Next?

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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 is now conducting background checks, checking references, reviewing Gifts of Grace assessments, and scheduling interviews. 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. If you have not yet completed Starting Point, we encourage you to take that next step before then.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP & STARTING POINT CLASSES

As we've prepared for the future of our church, we've also taken a fresh look at some of our membership processes. In doing so, we realized there are people who intended to become members but never completed Starting Point. We've strengthened our follow-up process so everyone who desires to become an Active Member has a clear path to take that next step.

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, completing Starting Point is part of becoming an Active Member at Connection Point Church. Church membership is much more than having your name on a list. It's a meaningful commitment to a local church family as we worship together, encourage one another, serve side by side, and carry out Christ's mission.

As we prayerfully anticipate welcoming our next Lead Pastor, Active Members who are 16 years of age or older will have the privilege of affirming the Search Team's recommendation. If you have not yet completed Starting Point, we encourage you to take that next step so your voice can be part of this important moment in the life of our church.

There are two upcoming opportunities to participate in a Starting Point membership class:

- **Sunday, July 19 @ 11:00-12:30** in the Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, July 26 @ 11:00-12:30** in the Fellowship Hall

Choose the date that works best for you and register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

If you have questions about your membership status, email Robin Moore at robin.moore@connectionpoint.tv or call the church office at 816-353-1994.



CREATE-A-CAMP

July 27-31

8:30am-2:00pm

for kids 3 years through 5th grade

Create-A-Camp is a mash up of all things kids love! It is Vacation Bible School, Fine Arts Camp, and Sports Camp all rolled into one. No more running all over town week after week, paying fee after fee to get your kid involved in summer activities. We're having one awesome weeklong camp where your kids will get strong Biblical teaching as well as quality instruction in sports and arts.

Your child will get to create their own camp experience by choosing two activities to excel in everyday. They will also get the added bonus each day to explore other activities. Create-A-Camp includes daily age graded small group Bible study classes. Opening and closing worship rallies will excite kiddos, and campers will express themselves in a musical performance the whole family will enjoy.

See full details and register at connectionpoint.tv/createacamp.

Camper registration closes on Thursday, July 23!



It's not too late to volunteer!

It takes almost 250 volunteers to make Create-A-Camp possible, and we need YOU on the team? No experience required. We just ask that you have completed 6th grade (2025-26 school year) or older and have a heart to serve and have fun with some amazing kids at camp. All volunteers are required attend a training session before Create-A-Camp. Volunteers 18+ are required to fill out a background check. Sign up to volunteer at connectionpoint.tv/createacamp.

The final Create-A-Camp volunteer training is Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00pm in Kid City.

Donate Snacks

Help us provide snacks for our Create-A-Camp campers. We're collecting individually packaged snacks such as Cheez-Its, fruit snacks, pretzels, animal crackers, Goldfish, chips, and Oreos to keep the campers and volunteers fueled throughout the week. Please do not donate popcorn, candy, chocolate, or peanut items. Drop off donations by Sunday, July 19, in a blue Create-A-Camp bucket at the Connect Center, the ROC lobby, or Kid City Check-In.



Learn more at [CONNECTIONPOINT.TV/createacamp](https://connectionpoint.tv/createacamp)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Triple L

Tuesday, July 21

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, a chicken pot pie lunch, and a program featuring Janie Paul, The Hat Lady, 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.

Summer Camp

July 13-18

Summer Camp is July 13–18 at Eagle Sky of the Ozarks for students who have completed grades 3–12. This unified camp experience brings Kids and Student Ministries together for a week of worship, friendships, and focused time in God's Word. Cost is \$450. Register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Starting Point Membership Class

Choose from:

Sunday, July 19

Sunday, July 26

Starting Point is an opportunity for new members, associate members, and those thinking about membership, to spend time with our pastors and staff and learn who Connection Point is and where we are headed. It will also help us get to know you and help you feel at home. Join us for one of our upcoming Starting Point classes. Choose either Sunday, July 19, or Sunday, July 26, at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

First & Fast Gathering

Sunday, August 2

Gather with your church family on 1st Sundays at 5:00pm for First & Fast—a powerful time to seek the Lord, realign our hearts, refocus our faith, and remind ourselves that our strength comes from Him alone. Brandon Taylor will lead us in worship as we pray with unity and expectation for what God wants to do in and through our church. *We will not meet on Sunday, July 5, due to the holiday weekend.* Learn more about fasting at connectionpoint.tv/fast.

Women on Mission

Thursday, August 6

You are a woman on mission! 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.

Discipleship Launch

Saturday, August 8

Our annual Discipleship Launch training event for Discipleship Ministry leaders and volunteers is coming up on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 9:00am in the Atrium. Save the date and watch for more details coming soon.

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 in a few weeks! 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.

2:7 Discipleship Info

Sunday, August 23

Looking to strengthen your roots and produce lasting growth? Join us for The 2:7 Series, an 11-week discipleship class. We have Sunday and Wednesday sessions beginning this fall. New to 2:7? Come to an informational meeting on Sunday, August 23, at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn more.

MIDWEEK Returns

Wednesday, August 26

All MIDWEEK activities return on Wednesday, August 26! No matter your age or interest, we have opportunities for you to worship, grow, and serve! Learn about these MIDWEEK activities at connectionpoint.tv/events:

MIDWEEK Dinner
MIDWEEK Preschool
MIDWEEK Kids
MIDWEEK Students
MIDWEEK Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal
Orchestra Rehearsal

Coming this Fall

We have even more opportunities for you to connect, worship, grow, serve, give, and go with your church family! Save the dates and watch for more details about these and other upcoming events:

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26

Tee Up for Hope Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 10

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12

Kids & Student Choirs

Sunday, September 13

Operation Christmas Child Collection

All September

Now Hiring Preschool Teachers

Little Learners Preschool at Connection Point Church is now hiring part-time support teachers for all ages, as well as Bible Buddies, Spanish, and Creative Movement teachers. Applicants must have experience working with children and a heart for helping them grow in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. For more information or to apply, contact PJ Null at pj.null@connectionpoint.tv.

**For more events, visit
connectionpoint.tv/events**

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.**

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

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



GIVING UPDATE

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

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$2,546,985.42

as of Thursday, July 2, 2026

Fiscal Year to Date Goal: \$2,851,906.59

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WORSHIP UPDATE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

June Total Average: 736

9:30 Worship Service: 638

Online: 98



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