

MARCH 2026

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CHURCH





A Note from Pastor Larry

Church family,

March is a “GO” month for us at Connection Point. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” That command still defines who we are and why we exist. We are a sent people, serving a sending Savior.

On March 15, we will hold our annual missions fair, where we will highlight the missionaries and mission efforts we support both locally and globally. I encourage you to come ready to listen, learn, and ask the Lord how He might be leading you to pray, give, and go in a fresh way.

March is also a month of preparation as we look ahead to Good Friday and Easter in early April. Easter remains one of the greatest invitation opportunities of the year. Let’s begin praying now for family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who need the hope of Christ, and let’s be intentional about inviting them to join us.

Finally, with the World Cup soccer tournament coming to Kansas City this summer, the nations will literally be coming to us. Throughout March and beyond, we will share our missional and strategic response as a church to this unique Kingdom opportunity.

Let’s embrace the call. Let’s be faithful. Let’s go.

Blessings,
Pastor Larry

Where We Are in the Pastor Search Process

As the Lead Pastor Search Team continues its work, we wanted to take a moment to remind you of the phases of the search process—and share where we are right now.

The process began with and continues with prayer, seeking the Lord together and asking Him to guide every step. From there, the team conducted a church-wide survey to better understand the spiritual needs of our church and the qualities you believe are most important in our next Lead Pastor.

That survey has now concluded, and we want to sincerely thank you for participating. Your thoughtful responses matter. What you shared will help the search team carefully evaluate candidates in light of who we are as a church and what we believe God is calling us to in this next season.

Currently, the team is analyzing the survey submissions, finalizing the job description, and determining the details of how they will advertise the position and conduct the search. Once those steps are complete, the team will begin receiving and reviewing resumes.

What to Expect Next

There may be seasons in this process that feel quiet from the outside. Please know that even when updates are less frequent, meaningful work is happening behind the scenes.

Our next major milestone will likely be the public promotion of the finalized job description. From there, the team will begin the careful work of reviewing candidates through interviews and evaluation.

When the time comes to present a candidate, the church family will be informed and invited to participate in that process. We remain committed to keeping you updated at every significant stage.

Your Role

Your role continues to be vital. More than strategy, timelines, or processes, we need the Lord’s guidance. Please continue to pray for our Lead Pastor Search Team, unity in our church, and the man God is preparing to serve as our next Lead Pastor. You can pick up a prayer guide at the Connect Center or download one at connectionpoint.tv/pastorsearch.

Thank You

Progress is being made, and as a church, we are trusting the Lord in every step. Thank you for your trust, your participation, and your prayers. If you have questions about the process, you can reach the team anytime at pastorsearch@connectionpoint.tv.



EASTER

2026

Easter is more than just a day—it's a season to reflect, prepare, and celebrate the life-changing hope we have in Jesus! In the weeks leading up to Easter, we invite you to take intentional steps in your faith by inviting others, preparing your heart, and worshiping with us as we remember Christ's sacrifice and rejoice in His victory. Explore the opportunities below to make this Resurrection Sunday meaningful—not just for yourself, but for those around you. Let's step into this season with expectant hearts, ready to experience and share the hope of Jesus!

Prepare

PRAY FOR EVERY HEART

Before we invite, before we gather, before we celebrate—we pray. As we approach Resurrection Sunday, let's cover every invitation, every conversation, and every heart in prayer. Pray for those who will receive an invitation—that God will open their hearts to say "yes" and join us. Pray for our church—that we will boldly and faithfully extend the invitation to those who need to hear the hope of the gospel. Pray for every person who attends—that they will encounter the life-changing power of Christ's resurrection and leave forever transformed. Let's ask God to move in ways only He can this Easter!

PASSION WEEK DEVOTIONAL

As we journey toward Easter, take time to reflect on the final days of Jesus' life, His sacrificial death, and His glorious resurrection. Our Passion Week Devotional, written by our pastors and staff, will guide you through Scripture, discussion, reflection, and prayer—helping you and your family prepare your hearts for the celebration of Easter. Pick up a printed copy on Palm Sunday, March 29, or follow along with the daily digital version, which will be linked at connectionpoint.tv. Let's walk through this sacred week together, drawing closer to Christ and the power of His resurrection!

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION

The most effective way to bring someone to church is still through a personal invitation. In fact, studies show nearly 70–80% of people who attend church for the first time do so because someone they know invited them. That means your voice matters more than you think. In Luke 14:23, Jesus said, "Go out... and compel them to come in." This year, take that responsibility to heart. Be bold. Be prayerful. Extend an invitation and trust God to work through your obedience in ways you may never fully see.

INVITATION RESOURCES

Inviting someone can be simple—just ask them in person, send a quick text or email, share a Facebook event, hand them an invite card, or place a door hanger in your neighborhood. Over the coming weeks, we'll provide printed and digital resources to make inviting easy and natural. Invite cards, door hangers, and shareable graphics will all be available soon, so you'll have everything you need to confidently reach out and bring someone with you.

Worship

GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Set aside time for a powerful evening of reflection and worship on Good Friday, April 3, at 6:30pm. Together, we'll remember the sacrifice of Jesus through meaningful worship, teaching from God's Word, and the observance of the Lord's Supper (communion). It's a time to pause, reflect, and respond to the depth of Christ's love. *Activity bags for young children will be available. The nursery will be closed so all volunteers may attend this meaningful service.*

EASTER SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Make plans now to join us for a powerful Easter Sunday celebration on April 5 at 9:30am as we rejoice in the hope and new life found in Christ alone! Experience powerful worship led by a 100-voice choir and orchestra, a life-changing message from God's Word, and the joy of being together as a church family. *Nursery will be available for birth-5 years. No Life Groups will meet at 11:00am.*

Invite

THE WORLD AT OUR DOOR

Our Response to the 2026 World Cup in Kansas City



In Matthew 28:19, Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations. This summer we have unique opportunity, as all nations are coming to Kansas City!

The World Cup is more than a global sporting event. It's a once-in-a-generation opportunity for gospel impact right here in our backyard. As hundreds of thousands of visitors come to the Kansas City metro area, we want to be spiritually ready, strategically prepared, and unified as a church.

Here are five ways we will respond:

1. Pray

Before we do anything publicly, we will begin with prayer.

We are asking our church family to pray for:

- Open hearts across our community
- Divine appointments
- Protection and wisdom as we steward our property
- A lasting spiritual impact beyond the event itself

Our June 7 First & Fast Prayer Night will be a focused time of intercession specifically for the World Cup season.

2. Worship

During June and July, we will host a Spanish-speaking worship service on Sunday afternoons. These services will be led by our Guatemala missionaries, Edgar and Sara Salguero, and designed to serve both our Spanish-speaking neighbors and international guests.

3. Serve

With significant foot traffic expected across the metro, our Raytown property becomes both an opportunity and a responsibility.

We will:

- Organize on-site serving teams

- Ensure safe and welcoming operations
- Provide practical assistance to visitors when appropriate
- Represent Christ well in every interaction

We are stewards of this campus. This summer, stewardship will matter even more.

4. Go

On game days and throughout the tournament, we will create opportunities for:

- Onsite community evangelistic efforts
- Outreach in strategic community locations

The nations are coming to Kansas City. We intend to go to the nations.

5. Give

Where there is opportunity, there is also responsibility.

Any net operational income generated through Finance Team approved campus partnerships during the World Cup season will be directed toward ministry and missions efforts connected to this initiative.

We don't just want to benefit from the moment. We want to invest it into Kingdom impact.

The Bigger Picture

This is not about soccer. It's about stewardship. It's about our mission to *connect people with Jesus and one another*. It's about preparing our church to think globally while serving locally.

The World Cup will last a few weeks. The spiritual impact could last generations. Let's be ready.

Watch for specific details and opportunities for involvement coming on Sunday, March 15.



Raising Kids with Confidence

Experience new topics and a new format at Parent Summit 2026

Did you know you are the most influential person in your child's faith journey? Long before a pastor, small group leader, or friend speaks into their life, your voice shapes their understanding of truth, love, and grace. Parent Summit is designed to encourage and equip you to walk confidently alongside your child through the realities of everyday life — not just in the big milestone moments, but in the ordinary rhythms.

This year's event will look a little different. Along with resources to guide your child along the milestone path, we're focusing on the real challenges you face daily — tiny tantrums, bigger behavioral issues, navigating hard conversations, managing technology, setting boundaries, and so much more. Through engaging breakout

sessions and large-group panels, you'll gain practical tools, biblical encouragement, and real-world insight to help you respond wisely, lead intentionally, and disciple faithfully. You'll also have opportunities to ask questions, hear from experienced leaders and parents, and connect with others walking a similar journey.

Parent Summit is for parents (married or single), grandparents, guardians, and anyone shaping a child's life. Whether you're in the toddler years, navigating elementary school, or preparing a teenager for adulthood, this event will meet you where you are and help you take your next step with confidence. Save the date for **Saturday, April 18**. Registration and more details about sessions and panels are coming soon.



Lobby Displays & Presentations - Sunday Morning

Join us for GO: Mission Sunday on **March 15** to see how others are using their God-given gifts to take the gospel to the world around them—both locally and globally. You'll have the chance to visit interactive displays in the lobby and attend engaging presentations from individuals who have served on the mission field or are actively sharing Christ in our community. Discover how you can pray, give, and go as we partner together to reach the lost with the hope of Jesus!

Missions & Ministries Vendor Fair - Sunday Evening

Come back in the evening for a special opportunity to support missions in a unique and meaningful way. You'll have the chance to browse and purchase handcrafted goods and products from various missions-based ministries. Every item tells a story—and every purchase makes a difference. Whether you're shopping for yourself or a gift, you'll be helping advance the gospel around the world. Join us from 5:00-7:00pm in the ROC Lobby.

Are You a Missionary or Ministry Partner?

Learn how you can be a presenter or host a display at connectionpoint.tv/go. For more information, contact Missions Coordinator Carmen Kraus at carmen.kraus@connectionpoint.tv.

Moving from Old to New Together

At Connection Point, we believe spiritual growth was never meant to happen in isolation. GROW is more than a ministry pathway – it's a calling to build relationships to mature in Christ.

Life Groups create space for that to happen.

Each week, we open God's Word together, ask honest questions, encourage one another, and apply truth to everyday life. As Colossians 1:28 reminds us, "We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ." That kind of maturity grows best in community.

Over the past year, many of our groups have been walking through the Old Testament using The Gospel Project, tracing God's redemptive plan from the beginning. This month, we step into the

New Testament—a powerful opportunity to see the fulfillment of every promise in Jesus.

There couldn't be a better time to jump in.

Whether you choose an on-campus group on Sundays at 8:15 or 11:00am, or an off-campus group during the week, there is a place for you. Life Groups are designed to help you build meaningful relationships while deepening your faith.

If you've been considering taking that next step, this is it. Visit connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups or stop by the Connect Center this Sunday to find your group.

Let's grow – together.



FIRST & FAST

First & Fast is a monthly rhythm that helps us begin each new month centered on the Lord—together. On the first Sunday of every month, we gather as a church family for a meaningful time of worship and prayer. Then, on Monday, we fast individually as we continue seeking God with intention and faith. We invite you to join us as we gather in prayer and fast in faith. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/fast.

Fast & pray for ...

- The church and its ministries
- Grace and spiritual strength for Pastoral Leadership and Staff
- Wisdom for church leaders, the Transition Team, and our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Continued harmony and unity among our Lead Pastor Search Team
- Insight to find God's choice of a Lead Pastor for Connection Point Church.
- Encouragement and unity for the church body during this time of transition
- God's will for our growth
- Wise decision making by the Finance Team
- Wise management of the 2025-26 budget
- A clear plan to address our aging infrastructure
- The church family's continued generosity
- Your answer to "How can I help?"

UPCOMING FIRST & FAST DATES

March

- March 1 - Prayer Gathering
- March 2 - Fasting

April

- April 5 (Easter Sunday) - At-Home Family Prayer Gathering
- April 6 - Fasting

May

- May 3 - Prayer Gathering
- May 4 - Fasting

June

- June 7 - Prayer Gathering
- June 8 - Fasting

UPCOMING EVENTS



GriefShare

Tuesdays, March 3, 17 & 31

Our GriefShare support group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. GriefShare meets the first and third Tuesdays each month in room C218 at 6:00pm.

Women on Mission

Thursday, March 5 &

Monday, March 23

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.

Precept Bible Study

Thursday, March 5

Join us for our fall Precept Bible Study as we journey through Psalms together. Beginning Thursday, March 5, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, this weekly study will deepen your understanding of God's character, His promises, and the blessing of walking closely with Him. Sign up at connectionpoint.tv/events.

PreNow

for 3rd-5th graders

March 6 & 7

PreNow 2026 for 3rd-5th graders is filled with fun, food, fellowship, worship, and powerful messages! This is a weekend your child won't want to miss! Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.

WKND

for 6th-12th graders

March 6-8

WKND 26 is an action-packed weekend full of non-stop fun for 6th-12th graders! They have crazy rallies at church with great music with a band, host home competitions, and challenging messages from a guest speaker. Visit connectionpoint.tv/students to learn more.

MomCo

Tuesdays, March 10 & 24

Mothering is complicated, but it doesn't have to be lonely. If you have a child birth through high school, MomCo at Connection Point is for you. MomCo meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 14

Men, join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It's a morning filled with good food, genuine conversations, and a word from Interim Pastor Steve Dighton. **Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.** Invite a friend to enjoy this uplifting time with you.

Triple L

Tuesday, March 17

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, lunch, and a program at Triple L on Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30am in the Atrium. Cost is \$8. RSVP by calling Barbara Griffin at 816-847-7138.

Parent Summit

Saturday, April 18

You are the most influential voice in your child's faith journey. Parent Summit is designed to encourage and equip you for the everyday moments—tantrums, tough conversations, and everything in between. With breakout sessions and panels, we'll tackle real-life topics together. Save the date: Saturday, April 18. Registration and summit details coming soon.

GIVING UPDATE

Total Annual Goal: \$3,802,542.00

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$1,351,072.70

as of Thursday, February 26, 2026



Fiscal Year to Date Goal: \$1,535,642.01



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WORSHIP UPDATE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

February Total Average: 775

9:30 Worship Service: 642

Online: 133



WAYS TO GIVE

- **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



"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

Find Connection This Week

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.

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.**

Sunday Resources Email

We want to send you a weekly email with resources to help you live out your faith at home, including the Faith Talk sermon discussion guide. If you don't already receive our weekly church-wide emails, sign up at connectionpoint.tv/email.

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 at 6:30pm. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/midweek.

Childcare (ages 0-3)	Bible Study for Adults
Preschool (ages 3-5)	Choir Rehearsal
Kids (K-5th grade)	Orchestra Rehearsal
Students (6th-12th grade)	

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.

Upcoming Menu

March 4 – Chicken & Rice
March 11 – Sloppy Joe
March 18 – Spaghetti
March 25 – Pulled Pork Sandwich

Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you? To leave a prayer request for the church-wide prayer list, call 816-778-1144. Or if you'd just like to share your request with our staff team, call the pastoral office at 816-353-1994 or visit connectionpoint.tv/prayer.

Pastoral Care Line

Please call 816-778-1110 when you or a loved one is in the hospital or if death is imminent. Someone from our Pastoral Care Team would be honored to call and pray with you and arrange a visit, if possible.



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