



MAY 2026

@ **CONNECTIONPOINT**
CHURCH



A Note from Pastor Larry

Church family,

May is one of those quiet “in-between” seasons. The school year is winding down, families are shifting into summer rhythms, and the pace of life begins to change. In the life of the church, we have just come off the joy and celebration of Easter, and before long we will step into a full summer of camps, ministry opportunities, and unique moments to serve our city. But right now, things can feel a little in between.

And it is precisely in these in-between moments where faithfulness matters most.

Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:2, “...it is required that managers be found faithful.” That’s a strong statement. Not that managers be successful. Not that they be impressive. Not that they produce results on demand. But that they be found faithful.

That truth speaks directly into seasons like this.

It is easy to be fully engaged during the high points. Easter Sundays, special events, big ministry launches. It is just as easy to drift when the calendar feels lighter and routines are disrupted. But God has not called us to seasonal faithfulness. He has called us to consistent faithfulness.

Faithfulness in gathering together, even when schedules get busy.

Faithfulness in serving, even when it feels like a quieter season. Faithfulness in giving, even when other priorities compete for our attention. These are the rhythms of stewardship. These are the marks of people who understand that everything we have has been entrusted to us by God.

We are not owners. We are managers of what God has placed in our hands. And according to Scripture, what He requires of us is simple and clear: be faithful with what we’ve been given.

As we step into May, I want to encourage you to stay steady. Stay present. Stay engaged. Do not underestimate what God does through simple, consistent obedience in the ordinary moments.

Because the truth is, these in-between seasons are not empty. They are preparation seasons. God is working beneath the surface, strengthening His people, aligning our hearts, and getting us ready for what is ahead.

Let’s be a church that is found faithful in every season. Not just in the big moments, but in the quiet ones too.

Looking forward to all that God has in store for us in the “in-between.”

Blessings,
Pastor Larry

WORLD CUP Preparation & Outreach

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 ways you can get involved as individuals, families, and Life Groups:

Preparation - This Month

To care well for both our community and our global guests, preparation is essential. We want to be ready to communicate clearly, protect those around us, and faithfully share the gospel. Here are several ways you can actively prepare this month. See details and register at connectionpoint.tv/go.

Spanish Class
Sundays this month @ 12:30pm

CPR/First Aid Certification
Saturday, May 23 @ 10:00am
\$25 • Register online
Space is limited

**Community Readiness/
Crisis Training**
Saturday, May 16 @ 10:00am
Free • Register online

Evangelism Training
Wednesday, May 27 @ 5:30pm
Free • Register online

Human Trafficking Awareness
Sunday, May 17 @ 12:30pm
Free • Register online

First & Fast Prayer Gathering
Sunday, June 7 @ 5:00pm

Outreach - Next Month

With the World Cup stadium (Arrowhead) essentially in our backyard, we have a unique opportunity to be a welcoming presence and light for those attending matches. We have several local outreach opportunities planned to help us connect with and serve our community and visiting fans:

- Reaching the Nations
- Youth Soccer Training
- Spanish Language Worship Service
- First Responder Care Week
- Match Day Parking Welcome Team
- Match Day Trail Welcome Team
- Adopt-A-Street & Campus Clean Up

Specific details about how you can participate are coming later this month. See available details at connectionpoint.tv/go.

UPCOMING EVENTS



First & Fast Gathering

Sunday, May 3

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.

Kids Choir Musical

Sunday, May 3

Join us at 6:00pm, following our First & Fast gathering, in the Worship Center to support our Connection Kids Choir as they share the musical they've been preparing this year. We will also hear from our Connection Kids Choir Jr. and enjoy a time of fellowship.

GriefShare

Tuesdays, May 5 & 19

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.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7

On Thursday, May 7, join believers across the country for the National Day of Prayer, a time set aside to mobilize unified prayer for America. This year's theme, "Glorify God Among the Nations—Seeking Him in All Generations" (1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB), calls us to seek Him together. Set aside time to pray for our nation. Learn more and find prayer prompts at nationaldayofprayer.org.

Women on Mission

Thursday, May 7

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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 9

Men, join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It's a morning filled with good food, genuine conversations, and a word from CPC member Rich Hastings. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.

MomCo

Tuesdays, May 12 & 26

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. *MomCo will meet off-campus in May.*

MIDWEEK Summer Break

MIDWEEK ends Wednesday, May 13

MIDWEEK is winding down for the summer, with Wednesday, May 13, marking our final gathering for kids, students, and adults. Worship Ministry will continue Wednesday evening rehearsals throughout the summer. All MIDWEEK activities return in August.

Engaging Hope Gala

Friday, May 15

Lock arms with Hope Network at our fundraising gala as we engage in hope together to strengthen our community, break the shackles of poverty, keep more people housed, and make a Kingdom impact. Unable to attend but still want to help? Invite your Life Group to make an auction basket (value \$25-\$300). All funds raised help impoverished families in our Raytown community. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/gala.

Triple L

Tuesday, May 19

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, a chicken fried steak lunch, and a program from New Harmony Handful at Triple L on Tuesday, May 19, at 10:30am in the Atrium. Cost is \$8. RSVP by calling Barbara Griffin at 816-847-7138.

Starting Point

New Member Class

Sunday, June 7

Starting Point is an opportunity for new 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 Starting Point on Sunday, June 7, at 11:00am in C218. Register at connectionpoint.tv/events.

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.

Create-A-Camp

July 27-31

Create-A-Camp brings together VBS, arts, and sports for one incredible week your kids will love. Campers choose two activities to focus on, enjoy engaging Bible study, and experience high-energy worship each day. It also takes nearly 250 volunteers to make it happen, and we would love for you to join the team. Learn more, register, or sign up to volunteer at connectionpoint.tv/createacamp.

Missouri Baptist Church Tuition Discount

Southwest Baptist University is making Christian higher education more affordable. New Fall 2026 students from Missouri Baptist Convention churches can receive a minimum 50% tuition discount. The Missouri Baptist Grant requires attendance at the Bolivar campus and confirmed church membership. To learn more, contact admissions@SBUiv.edu or 417-328-5281.

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 and Wednesday:

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 *through May 13* at 6:30pm. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/midweek.

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| 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

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| May 6 - Shepherd's Pie | May 20 - Spaghetti |
| May 13 - Chicken Strips | May 27 - Baked Chicken |

GIVING UPDATE

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

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$2,039,719.82

as of Thursday, April 30, 2026

Fiscal Year to Date Goal: \$2,193,774.30

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WORSHIP UPDATE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

April Total Average: **879**

9:30 Worship Service: 751

Online: 128

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



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