

Fall 2022

Parent Information Packet



An overview of the
Connection Point Church
Student Ministry

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Don't be fooled by the beard, Steven did not grow up in the backwoods of Montana. He has lived all over the DFW area, as well as San Antonio and Austin.

He also had some childhood years in Oklahoma City, OK and Memphis, TN.

He came to Christ when he was 10 years old, and felt called to ministry at the age of 14. After graduating from Southwestern

Seminary, serving for seven years at a church in Dallas, 3 years in San Antonio, 3 years in Austin, Steven became the Student Pastor at Connection Point Church in November of 2021. What really motivates

Steven about ministry, and why he loves working with students, is when he sees students "get it" and begin to take ownership of their faith.

He and his beautiful wife, Maria, have been married since 2012. They have 2 gorgeous little girls, Sophia, who is coming up on being 6 years old, and Stella, approaching 2 years. They enjoy traveling, eating, and exploring new places.



Mission

The mission of the Student Ministry at Connection Point Church is to fulfill the mission of the church by helping people to connect with Jesus and one another. The way we accomplish this mission is through the strategy of teaching students the importance of Gathering, Growing, Serving, Giving, and Going. We achieve this through our programming (Wednesday night Midweek and Sunday morning LifeGroups) as well as special events (like Camp, WKND, and Retreats).



Calendar

This calendar is a snapshot. Event dates are subject to change.

August 2022

14 - Parent Meeting
21 - Promotion Sunday

September

7 - Midweek (Collide 1)
14 - Midweek
21 - Midweek
28 - Midweek

October

5 - Midweek
12 - Midweek (2nd Annual Dodgeball Tournament)
14-16 - 1st Annual Fall Retreat
16 - Hunger Hurts Collection
19 - Midweek (Collide 2)
26 - Midweek

November

2 - Midweek
9 - Midweek
16 - CS Thanksgiving
23 - No Midweek
24 - Thanksgiving
30 - Midweek

December

3 - Christmas Tea
7 - Midweek
14 - Last Midweek of 2022 (Collide 3)
24 - Christmas Eve
25 - Christmas (No LifeGroups)
31 - New Year's Eve

January 2023

1 - New Year's Day (No LifeGroups)
11 - Midweek (Collide 4)
16 - MLK Jr. Day
18 - Midweek
25 - Midweek

February

1 - Midweek
8 - Midweek
15 - Midweek
17-19 - WKND 23
20 - President's Day
22 - Midweek (Collide 5)

March

1 - Midweek (Camo Night)
8 - Midweek
15 - Midweek
19 - Dudes & Dads
22 - Midweek
29 - No Midweek (Spring Break)

April

5 - Midweek (Collide 6)
7 - Good Friday
9 - Easter (No LifeGroups)
12 - Midweek
19 - Midweek
26 - Midweek

May

3 - Midweek
10 - Last Midweek (End of School Bash)
14 - Mother's Day
22-26 - Last Week of school

June

12-16 - Beach Camp
18 - Create-a-Camp Prep (No LifeGroups)
19-23 - Possible Create-a-Camp Date

July

TBD - Student Ministry Mission Trip

How You Can Serve

**We love when our parents are involved!
Find ways you can plug in and be a part!**

Small Group Leader - Sunday morning LifeGroup small groups are the means by which we make our big ministry a little smaller. They're small groups broken down by age and gender. Each group has an adult leader. The leader leads their group not only in discussion, but invests in the lives of each one of their students. Small Groups meet every week on Sunday mornings. Leaders are asked to dedicate a full year to this position. It is unbelievably rewarding to pour into the lives of these students in this weekly role.

Welcome/Greeter - Our Sunday Morning Greeters are the first line of defense to help guests feel welcome and comfortable as they enter the student ministry. While students will be involved in greeting, our adult greeters are key in helping parents and students feel comfortable as they visit our ministry for the first time.

Media - Media plays an enormous role in the lives of students, and it can be such a useful tool. Each Sunday morning, students assist in running the soundboard, stage lights, videos, and slides. We are also in need of adults who are willing to help. If you are interested in serving in this area, we would be glad to train you!

Band - If you can sing or play an instrument and would be interested in serving in this capacity on occasion, please let us know.

Large Event Help - Maybe a regular investment each week is a little much for your schedule. That's ok! We have several events that go on throughout the year that we need special help with too! If you would like to be on that "list" of people to call when a big event for the Student Ministry rolls around, let us know!

Weekly Program Explanation

LIFE GROUPS

Sundays | 11:00am | Student Auditorium

Student Ministry LifeGroups look a little different than they do in the rest of the church. Let me give you a glimpse! We meet at 11:00am in the Student Auditorium. We'll have a welcome/announcement time, play a short game or have time of worship, followed by a short time of teaching led by our student staff, then dismiss to Small Groups.

Small Groups are broken down by age and gender and led by adult volunteers. It's a time to develop community, as well as dive deeper into the morning's lesson by being able to discuss it as a group. Sunday mornings in the Student Ministry are a blast!

MIDWEEK

Wednesdays | 6:00pm | Underground/Auditorium

While the goal of Sunday mornings is to be discipleship focused, our goal for Wednesday nights is to be outreach focused! 6-12th grade students will meet in the Underground for a time of hangout at 6:00. To better minister to the 2 different life stages middle schoolers and high schoolers are in, we're trying something new this year!

At 7:00, we're going to begin having high schoolers meet in one of the Underground classrooms for some small group Bible Study led by our trained Student Leader Team! Middle School students will head up to the Auditorium for games and a lesson time.

We will still have special Midweek nights where both groups will meet together that we're going to call **Collide**. And we'll still have a few **Rally** nights that are simply some out of the box, fun nights!





Big Event Explanation

| WKND 23 |
February 17-19, 2022

WKND 23 is a classic! You might have heard it called Disciple Now or D-Now, but however you slice it, it's something you'll want to be a part of!

It's one monster weekend where students are invited from all over to participate in a 3 day, 2 night party! Students stay in Host Homes with leaders, hearing some amazing teaching from a guest speaker, phenomenal music from a band, and a life-changing time in God's Word with friends (whether they're new or old) by your student's side through it all! When registration begins to roll around, be sure to jump on it quick!

| CAMP |

June 12-16, 2023 | Panama City Beach, FL

Grab a friend, some sunscreen and your favorite beach ball... WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH! We're joining Fuge Camp for the amazing camp experience they provide! We take students and adult leaders on the road to get away from the normal routines of life. It's so cool that when we're intentional to do that, God honors that by revealing himself in huge ways! Mark your calendars NOW to be sure and not miss this phenomenal experience!

| MISSIONS |

We are a Gospel focused church. We definitely want to promote a sense of urgency within our students to take the Gospel to the world. We're making plans for 1, possibly 2 trips in the spring and summer. Stay tuned for details as the New Year approaches!

Student Ministry Framework

As a minister responsible for shepherding students, I asked myself, "What would we want students to get from the ministry over the 7 years we have them?" Here's what I came up with:

Framework

Over the course of a year, we want to make sure we touch on some specific topics. Our heart is that our students would have a well-rounded Christian worldview. In our Sunday morning series, we'll examine various subjects. Here are the aspects of our Framework in which we revolve our series around:

- 2 Book studies
- 2 Character studies
- Evangelism
- Life of Jesus
- Worldviews
- Topical studies
- Church
- Spiritual life
- And then our "CP Student CORE"

CP Student CORE

Our heart is that over the 7 years your student is in the Student Ministry, they would have a greater understanding of these topics. Once a year, we'll spend 7 weeks going over these subjects. During large group teaching, we'll discuss each of these topics. At Table Groups, each table group will dive into their specific topic in greater depth.

- 6th grade - Identity
- 7th grade - Relationships
- 8th grade - Character
- 9th grade - Purpose
- 10th grade - Servant Leadership
- 11th grade - Absolute Truth
- 12th grade - Influence

Milestones

As a staff, we're very excited to implement this next *phase* in Kids and Student Ministries coming up in the Spring of 2023. It's something called a "Legacy Milestone Path." The concept is simple, establish some milestones in the lives of your family/kids' lives. For example, Milestone 6 is a focus on "Rite of Passage" intended for students in grades 9-10. So for that age group, we would focus on equipping teenagers for Biblical manhood or womanhood.

There is a lot still in the works for this, but I did just want to bring this your attention as a very exciting new discipleship plan being worked on for the Spring!



Discipleship Initiative

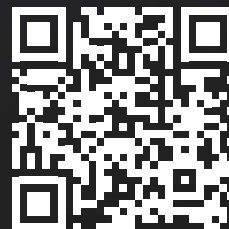
Few people have ever been formally discipled before. Many Christian's theology often ends up being an accidental accumulation of things they've stumbled upon over the years.

We want to be more intentional with this process!

Beginning August 21, students will have the opportunity to sign up for a Discipleship Group, or "D-group."

- Groups will be made up of 3-5 students.
- You do not need to make a complete group to sign-up.
- Each group will be of the same gender led by an adult.
- There will be a start and end date. Meaning it is not a commitment they're making for the rest of their lives; just for a season.
- There will be agreed upon expectations (things like being present, preparing for meetings, etc.)
- There is a set lesson plan/curriculum.

For more information, checkout Steven's informational video that went out to parents in the monthly Newsletter in July.



Stay Connected

We want you to be able to stay up on all the "goings on" in the Student Ministry!

There are 3 ways to do that!

1)

Email

We send monthly Parent Newsletters that include updates on what we're up to with regular programming stuff, highlights on recent events, announcements of what's coming up, and helpful parenting articles. Email Steven Scifers letting him know you'd like to be added to this! steven@connectionpoint.tv.

2)

Remind Texts

To be a part of these occasional reminder texts, simply text @cpcstuds to 81010. And that's it! You'll automatically be added to the Connection Students message group. Save the "912" number so you don't miss any messages.

3)

Social Media

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



@ConnectionPCStudents



The background is a photograph of a mountain valley at sunset. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is visible on the right. The valley is green and hilly, with a winding road in the bottom right. A large graphic is overlaid in the center, consisting of a white circle with a black arrow pointing right, surrounded by a black ring. The words "CONNECTIONS" and "STUDENTS" are written in white, curved letters around the graphic.

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