

THE CONNECTION SUMMER 2026



CONNECTING HEARTS THROUGH CHRIST

A PLACE FOR YOU

Welcome to The Connection, a diverse faith community nestled in the heart of the Tampa Bay area. Our mission is to "Connect Hearts through Christ" in a profound way. During our weekend gatherings, we explore God's Truth through contemporary worship music and practical messages aimed at empowering you to integrate Biblical wisdom into your everyday life. Our objective is to foster an atmosphere where you can experience God's love and feel His life-changing presence.

At The Connection, we believe that faith is a journey best undertaken together. We provide a variety of opportunities for you to deepen your faith and forge meaningful connections. Our Groups create a nurturing environment where you can engage with others on your spiritual path, receive support, and find inspiration.



GATHERINGS

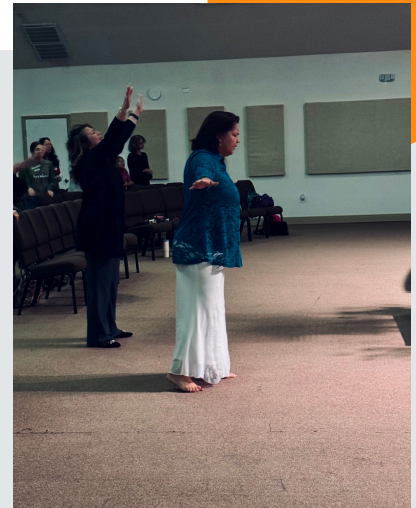
SUNDAY EXPERIENCE



Hebrews 10:25 encourages us not to neglect gathering together, as some have become accustomed to doing, but to uplift one another even more. There is a unique beauty that unfolds when we come together to deepen our relationship with God and one another. Each week, we are dedicated to creating lively, multigenerational experiences that invite everyone—regardless of their faith background—to engage with God's transformative power, presence, and love alongside others. We truly believe there is a welcoming space here for you, your family, friends, and coworkers, and we warmly invite you to experience the very best that God has to offer!

MIDWEEK NIGHTS

In a fast-moving world brimming with distractions, it's essential to set aside time for connection and introspection. We host gatherings on Wednesday evenings for in-depth Bible study.



WEDNESDAYS 7PM | SUNDAYS 10:30

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MISSIONS TRIP INTEREST MEETING

We are thrilled to announce a Missions Trip planned for the summer of 2027, where we will be visiting the City of Refuge in Jamaica. Our mission involves visiting a Children's Home, providing clothing, and participating in various service projects. If you are interested in joining us or contributing in any way, please come to our informational session on July 26, right after the service, to get all the details. We will be selecting a specific week for the trip, which is open to everyone, including adults, youth, and children. We need assistance in many areas, such as construction, painting, and working with the children, among others. Your support and involvement would be greatly appreciated!

NEXT GEN TAKEOVER

On August 9th, Connect Kids will have an exciting opportunity to shadow an adult in a ministry role that captures their interest. This will allow them to gain firsthand experience of what it is like to serve at church, providing them with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of the various aspects involved in church ministry. Through this experience, they will not only learn about the responsibilities and tasks that come with serving but also witness the impact and joy that come from being a part of such a meaningful community activity.



GET CONNECTED



GRADUATION SERVICE

July 12 10:30AM

2027 MISSIONS TRIP INTEREST MEETING

July 26 12:45PM

NIGHT OF FIRE (SPANISH)

July 31 7:30PM



SERVE SATURDAY

July 11 3PM
Refuge at New Life House

LADIES RETREAT (SPANISH)

July 25 9AM
Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal

NEXT GEN TAKEOVER

August 9 10:30AM

COUPLES' WORKSHOP

August 15 9AM

MOMENTUM CONFERENCE

August 21-22
Trinity Church

SERVE SATURDAY

September 12

YOUTH WORSHIP EXPERIENCE XII

September 25 7:30PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUPS



As a church, our mission is to help individuals connect with God and one another. Our GROUPS program is designed to strengthen these connections and support people in their journey as disciples. A growing disciple is someone whose relationship with Jesus influences every aspect of their life, taking intentional steps to develop in key areas such as Discipleship, Community, Serving, and Mission.

This commitment reflects our desire to obey Jesus' command when He instructed us, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).



MINISTRY GROUPS

are gatherings of 10-40 people who meet throughout our region for biblical study and discussion. Anyone is welcome to join at any time.

INTEREST GROUPS

are casual gatherings over a shared interest or activity. The number of people participating and frequency of meeting vary. Anyone is welcome to join at any time.



SERVE GROUPS

are gatherings of dedicated, volunteers, actively serving in an area of shared ministry inside or outside of The Connection.

NEXT GEN

TC YOUTH

Our dynamic sessions are designed to inspire and empower teenagers, fostering a supportive environment where they can express themselves freely and explore their faith. Through interactive discussions, creative activities, and meaningful connections, we aim to equip our youth with the tools they need to thrive in today's world. Join us, and be part of a community where you can make lifelong friendships and discover your potential.



CONNECT KIDS

On Sundays, our amazing team of trained staff and volunteers is committed to making sure your children have a wonderful time while you participate in the Sunday gathering in the sanctuary. Who says church can't be enjoyable? We offer an age-appropriate curriculum for kids, ranging from newborns to Grade 5. Our aim is to collaborate with parents in establishing your home as a spiritual hub by providing programming that is both engaging and rooted in scripture.



JULY

2- Abraham C.
5- Josue M.
7- Ruby E.
9- Lillian V.
26- Terry R.
26- Marrio B.

AUGUST

1- Dariel G.
2- Iris T.
3- Johnny T.
4- Leonida S.
8- Rosanne H.
8- Iris N.
10- Eddie M.
12- Roxanne J.
19- Logan O.
22- Josymar R.
22- JR. Rosario
27- Leila M.
29- Joey R.
29- Sammy N.

SEPTEMBER

12- Emery M.
12- Jaylin V.
15- Priscilla T.
16- Manny R.
17- Israel N.
20- Kallany V.
23- Rogelio P. Sr.
29- Liam R.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

28- Israel & Lizette N.

AUGUST

5- Jim & Rosanne H.
16- King David & Leonida S.
24- Frankie & Monica F.

SEPTEMBER

7- Joey & Terry R.
20- Abe & Cindy C.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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We are committed to creating a positive impact at both local and global levels. The Connection offers you avenues to serve and make a significant difference within our community and beyond. Whether it's through local initiatives or global missions, we believe that everyone possesses a unique purpose and calling.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



GIVE MONITARILY

We will be making regular donations to Hope Children's Home. You can contribute to this cause and help purchase essential supplies.



GIVE SUPPLIES

We can utilize these items in numerous ways: travel-sized creams, shampoos, deodorants, soaps, sanitizers, sugar-free mouthwash, and toothpaste. Additionally, for the mission trip, they are requesting children's pajamas, bedding, and crocs.



GIVE TIME

You can also come and volunteer at our Serve Saturday in April.

UPCOMING MISSIONS



SERVE SATURDAY

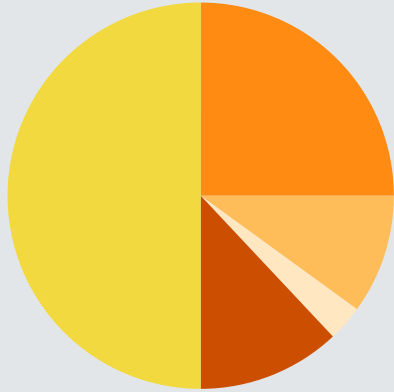
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2027 MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

July 26



GIVING



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

- Missions 25%- Supporting local and global missions to spread the message of hope and love of Jesus in practical ways.
- Weekend Experience 10%- Creating engaging and meaningful worship experiences that Help YOU connect to God and others.
- Pastoral Care 3%- Providing support and care to our pastor
- Next Gen (Kids & Youth) 12%- Investing in the relational, emotional, and spiritual growth of our children and youth.
- Building Costs 50%- Maintaining and improving our facilities to serve our community better.

OUR OPPORTUNITY:

Despite the obstacles we face, we are inspired by the incredible opportunities that God is opening for us. Both attendance and involvement are on the rise, and we have more chances than ever to make a difference in our community.

We are heading in the right direction, but it is crucial that our giving aligns with our potential to create an eternal impact. Your ongoing and new support will empower us to complete our projects, broaden our ministries, and witness the remarkable things God has planned for us.

Together, we can effect meaningful change. Every donation, regardless of its size, brings us closer to our objectives. Let's collaborate to build a brighter future for our community and beyond.

Be part of the transformation. Donate today and help us continue our mission of sharing God's love and changing lives.



BECAUSE OF YOUR GIVING:

101 average in-person attendance on a Sunday.

2 hearts for Christ.

90 people connected in GROUPS.

\$820 donated for VBS.

\$2,465 donated to Hope Children's Home

\$2,000 donated for Global Missions

\$1,463 donated for Building Funds

\$1,100 donated to Jamaica Missions Trip

4 new members

17 children attended VBS.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our bathrooms have been successfully finished! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their support throughout this journey. As we move forward, thank you for helping us save for some significant upcoming projects that we need to complete.



GIVE



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS
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