THE CONNECTION

FALL 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. Beginning this season, we are thrilled to introduce programs designed for our children and youth. These will include tailored studies and activities aimed at enhancing each student's spiritual journey. We are genuinely excited to embark on this new adventure for our Next Gen!

WEDNESDAYS 7PM | SUNDAYS 10:30AM

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GET CONNECTED

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Ashley, Joseph, Justin, Noah, Noriah, Priscilla, and Sarah on their upcoming baptism on October 18th! We are truly delighted for each of you as you embark on this important step in your Christian journey. We eagerly anticipate witnessing the wonderful things the Lord will accomplish in your lives. With love, your Connection Family!

FALL FESTIVAL

Invite your friends and family to join us for this free event filled with community spirit. Enjoy a variety of attractions, including a food truck, a coffee vendor, a sourdough and dessert vendor, a bounce house, and numerous other fun activities. Each department will have its own booth to showcase their offerings.

HOLIDAYS AT THE CONNECTION

We pray everyone has a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and blessings.
Below are our services available during this festive time.

- Sunday, November 8- NO Bible Class
- Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve- NO Midweek
- Sunday December 20- NO Bible Class (CHRISTMAS SERVICE)
- Wednesday December 23- NO MIDWEEK
- Wednesday December 30- NO MIDWEEK
- New Years Eve Service- 7:30-9:30PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM SERVICE
October 18 10:30AM

SERVE SATURDAY
Hope Children's Home
October 24 9AM

FALL FESTIVAL
November 7 4PM

NIGHT OF FIRE (SPANISH)
November 20 7:30PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
December 31 7:30PM





MEN'S FISHING DAY
Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier
October 24 10:30AM

YOUTH HANGOUT
Sanchez Home
October 31 4PM

YOUNG ADULTS FRIENDSGIVING
Isaac's Home
November 13 7:30PM

SERVE SATURDAY
November 21 9:30AM

YOUTH BIGSGIVING
Sanchez Home
November 28 4PM

LADIES' GATHERING
December 5 9AM

COUPLES' CHRISTMAS
Cancel Home
December 13 2:30PM

CONNECT KIDS FIELD TRIP
Florida Children's Museum
December 29 10:30AM

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 throught 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







CONNECT 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

Our dedicated team of trained staff and volunteers ensures children have a fantastic experience during Sunday and Wednesday services. We offer an engaging, age-appropriate curriculum for kids from newborns to Grade 5, partnering with parents to make home a spiritual center grounded in scripture.



OCTOBER

4- Ava Q.
9- Cindy C.
9- Jason C.
12- Jocelyn F.
16- Andres G.
16- Josh N.
16- Isaac N.
16- Jacob N.
25- Jon C.
25- Julianna C.
25- Emma
29- Noriah S.
30 Debra W.

NOVEMBER

3- Yanira C.
3- Julissa O.
9- Louise O.
10- Astrid E.
11- Jennefer O.
14- Mayra D.
20- Vanessa M.
26- Treyveyon C.
27- Claribel N.

DECEMBER

1- Pauline M.
4- Zoe T.
5- Melany C.
7- Esther R.
11- Veracruz V.
11- Justin C.
13- Leandro J.
24- Lizette N.
29- Joe C.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

4- Jose & Sol C.
15- Tito & Esther R.
29- Max & Julissa O.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

GO

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

During our visits to Hope Children's Home, we consistently bring monetary donations gathered throughout the year. Additionally, we are proud to support Hope813 by donating 500 Thanksgiving meals to families in need. Each meal is provided at a cost of $45 per family.



GIVE SUPPLIES

We can make use of these items in a variety of ways throughout the year during our serving days: travel-sized creams, shampoos, deodorants, soaps, sanitizers, sugar-free mouthwash, toothpaste, school supplies, and gently used children's clothing.



GIVE TIME

You can also come and volunteer at one or both of Serve Saturdays in October and November. November will be on campus as we give our meals to families in need.

UPCOMING MISSIONS



SERVE SATURDAY

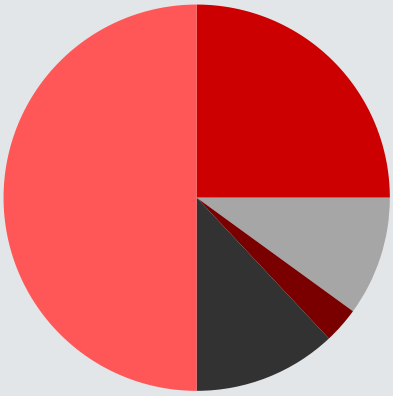
Hope Children's Home
October 24 9AM

SERVE SATURDAY

Hope 813
November 21 9:30AM



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:

Thank you all for your ongoing generosity. We have successfully transferred additional funds into our high-yield savings account, bringing our total investment to $100,000. This will generate a substantial amount of interest, allowing us to proceed with the essential building renovations that we agreed upon during our annual business meeting at the start of the year.

As we persist in our efforts to save, we remain dedicated to fulfilling the mandate given to us by Jesus in Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." We do this by supporting local missions and outreach through our contributions.



BECAUSE OF YOUR GIVING:

100 average in-person attendance on a Sunday.

2 heart for Christ.

91 people connected in GROUPS.

$600 donated to local missions

12 local assisted living residents received bed sheets.

$1,000 donated for Building Funds

$50,000 moved into our high-yield savings.

85 supply filled bookbags were gifted to children from our neighborhood.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As the holiday season draws near, we are excited to collaborate with Hope813 Ministries to provide Thanksgiving meals for 500 families throughout the Tampa Bay Area. If you're interested in making a difference, please reach out to our outreach team for ways you can contribute.



GIVE



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS

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