

# THE CONNECTION

SPRING 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.



**YOUR ADVENTURE  
BEGINS NOW.**

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# 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-paced world filled with distractions, it's important to dedicate time for connection and reflection. We hold gatherings on Wednesday evenings for extended Bible Study. Currently, we are exploring the concept of \*Shifting Atmospheres\*, where we take an in-depth look at the environments surrounding us, learn how to comprehend them, and discover ways to improve and transform them in our lives.



**WEDNESDAYS 7PM | SUNDAYS 10:30**

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## EASTER AT THE CONNECTION

We are thrilled for Easter this year! Join us on Good Friday for a special service starting at 8 PM. On Resurrection Sunday, we will celebrate with a Sunrise Service, which will begin promptly at 8AM. Please note that there will be no Bible Class or church service at 10:30AM.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

Get ready to showcase your talents or simply enjoy an evening of amazing performances. Whether you're a singer, poet, comedian, or musician, this is your chance to shine on stage. Bring your friends and family for a night filled with creativity, laughter, and community. We can't wait to see what you've got.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is the highlight of the spring season! VBS inspires children to understand that God makes time for us, bestows gifts upon us, and strengthens our bonds as a community. By sharing our stories, we bring God's presence to life. Be sure to join us! Registration opens on Easter Sunday. Members of the can use the code **\*\*TCKIDS\*\*** for a discount on their registration.



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 3 8PM

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 5 8AM

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

April 17 8PM

## DELIVERANCE SERVICE

May 31 10:30AM



## SERVE SATURDAY

April 11 3PM  
Refuge at New Life House

## LADIES' BRUNCH

April 25 9AM

## VBS BUILD DAY

May 2 9:30AM

## COUPLES' CRUISE

May 14-16

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

May 23

## YOUTH S'MORES NIGHT

June 4 7PM

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP DAY

June 13 1PM

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-28



# 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.



## APRIL

4- Jose C.  
4- Will V.  
6- Frank T.  
17- Stephanie S.  
18- Guillermo O.

## MAY

5- Ruth G.  
8- Rogelio P. Jr.  
14- Mia R.  
18- Elyssa C.  
18- Jaylen C.  
28- David S.  
30- Olga R.

## JUNE

3- Gianna C.  
8- Esmeralda O.  
8- Noah D.  
9- Liz M.  
11- Nedenia C.  
12- Jalymar N.  
12- Christian C.  
15- Dorian L.  
21- Francisco M.  
28- Jaythan C.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MAY

20- Justin & Yanira C.  
24- Samuel & Claribel N.  
31- Johnny & Iris T.

## JUNE

18- Jimmy & Mayra C.  
21- Jon & Melany C.  
25- Andres & Ruth G.  
26- Manny & Josy R.

# 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

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

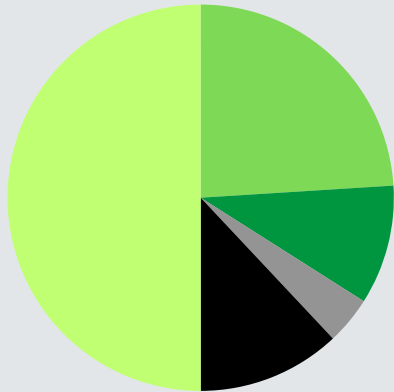
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April 11 3PM

### MISSIONS TRIP

City of Refuge, Jamaica  
June 13-20



# GIVING



## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

- Missions 24%- 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 4%- 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.



## JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously volunteered their time to assist with our bathroom remodeling project. A special thanks goes out to those who have donated, prepared meals, and arranged dinner for our hardworking team. Your actions truly embody the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our goal is to honor the Lord while enhancing our enjoyment of the space. As we've addressed a few additional concerns, our remodeling efforts have expanded, resulting in a larger list of tasks to complete. Lord willing, we anticipate that our bathrooms will be finished by the weekend of April 17.

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GIVING:

**94** average in-person attendance on a Sunday.

**3** hearts for Christ.

**86** people connected in GROUPS.

**\$325** donated for Local Missions.

**\$1,800** donated for Building Funds.

**6** new members.



# GIVE



**TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS**  
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