

# FEBRUARY

2026

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CHURCH





## A Note from Pastor Larry

Hey Church Family,

With Valentine's Day on the calendar this month, it's easy to think of love as just a warm, fuzzy feeling. But the kind of love we're built on—God's love—is much deeper than that.

God's love is our foundation. It's steady. It doesn't waver when we mess up or when life takes a turn. His love is the reason we can keep going, even when things feel uncertain. Everything good flows from knowing we're fully loved by Him.

And here's something else for all of us to remember: *Real love sticks around when it's hard.*

It's easy to love when everything's smooth. But love shows its strength in the middle of transition, challenge, or even disappointment. Whether it's in your marriage, your job, your family, or your faith—love stays.

My prayer for us this month as the Body of Christ is that we'd lean into God's love as our foundation, and that we'd reflect that same kind of committed, enduring love to the people around us.

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."* - 1 John 4:7

Blessings,  
Pastor Larry

## Invest in Your Relationship at Marriage Summit

Marriage is one of God's most meaningful gifts—a place where love is nurtured, trust is built, and families find their foundation. But in the busy rhythms of everyday life, even the strongest marriages can go too long without intentional care. That's why we're looking forward to gathering couples for our 2nd Annual Marriage Summit—a night designed to encourage, strengthen, and refocus your relationship.

Join us **Friday, February 27**, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Atrium for a meaningful date-night experience created to help couples reconnect and grow closer. This evening is about creating space to pause, reflect, and invest in your marriage—without pressure or distractions. You'll enjoy great food, practical encouragement, and time to focus on what matters most: your relationship.

We're excited to hear from Zac Hufty, Lead Pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, who brings a heart for family ministry and years of experience walking alongside couples in every season of marriage. His biblical teaching is both relatable and practical, offering insight you can carry into everyday life.

Many marriage events cost \$50 or more per person, but this experience is just \$15 per person, helping keep the night accessible for everyone. Whether you're newly married, well-seasoned, or simply wanting to be more intentional, this evening is for you.

Your marriage is worth the investment. **Sign up today at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events)** for a night of encouragement, connection, and growth.



# TRANSITION UPDATES

## *Keeping you informed every step of the way!*

### Your Voice Matters

#### Pastor Search Team Congregational Survey

Seasons of transition invite us to slow down, listen carefully, and trust God with what He is doing among us. As we continue the search for our next Lead Pastor, this is one of those moments—one that calls for patience, prayer, and thoughtful participation from our whole church family.

The Pastor Search Team wants to hear from you because your voice matters. Your experiences, hopes, and perspective help reflect the heart of our church body. Taking time to share honestly through the congregational survey is one meaningful way to express your love for this church and your care for its future.

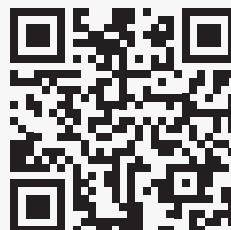
This survey is designed to gather insight in two important areas: what you value and hope to see in our next Lead Pastor, and how you've experienced life at Connection Point. Together, these responses will help ensure the search team clearly understands the needs, priorities, and culture of our church as they move forward. The surveys are anonymous, allowing everyone the freedom to respond openly and thoughtfully.

Participating in this process is an act of trust—trust that God is at work even when answers take time, and trust that He uses the collective wisdom of His people to guide the way forward. It's also an expression of unity, as we seek His direction together rather than rushing ahead on our own.

You can complete the survey online by visiting [connectionpoint.tv/survey](http://connectionpoint.tv/survey), scanning the QR code, or picking up a printed copy at the Connect Center in the lobby. **Please submit your survey by Sunday, February 22.**

Thank you for walking faithfully with us through this season. Your prayerful participation helps shape what comes next for our church family.

Scan the QR code to share your voice  
or visit [connectionpoint.tv/survey](http://connectionpoint.tv/survey)



Learn more about the Pastoral Transition  
and the Lead Pastor Search Process at  
[CONNECTIONPOINT.TV/transition](http://CONNECTIONPOINT.TV/transition)

### PRAY FOR THE TRANSITION TEAM

#### Deacons

John Davis  
Steve Yonker

#### Finance Team

Doug Collins  
Steve Cox  
Steve Haines  
David Jackson  
Scott Pucket  
Dave Thompson

#### Personnel Team

Ellen Barnes  
Mike Clay  
Brad Drace  
Clarissa Murray  
Jerry Nyquist  
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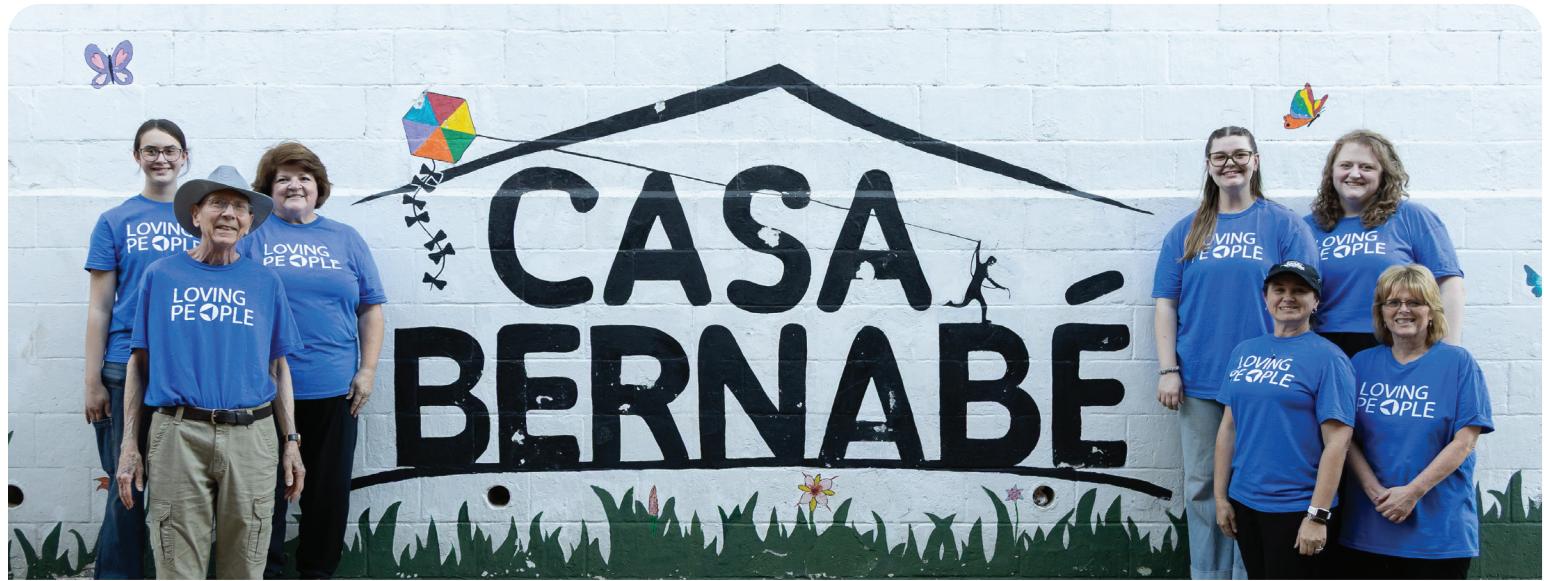
#### Lead Team

Larry Jones  
Dave Thompson

### PRAY FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM







Back row (from left): Anna Harrod, Kelli Jordan, Zoe Watts, Alyson Browning; Front row: Jim Smart, Carmen Kraus, Denise Alt

## A Church on Mission in Guatemala

Love is woven into who we are as a church family—not just in what we say, but in how we go, give, and serve. Recently, Connection Point had the opportunity to live that out through a mission trip to Guatemala, serving at Casa Bernabé alongside church member and missionary Sara (Drake) Salguero and her husband Edgar.

This trip was made possible by the generosity and support of our entire church. Through donated supplies and financial gifts, our church family sent more than 15 suitcases filled with resources to bless the children and staff at Casa Bernabé. These donations included over 350 backpacks, 80 pairs of soccer cleats, school supplies, gifts for staff, and additional items to support daily life and learning. Financial gifts were also given to help purchase new textbooks for the school, investing in the children's education for the year ahead.

During the week, the team served as representatives of our church—helping distribute backpacks and keychains on the first day of school, providing snacks and fitting students for new soccer cleats, and painting classrooms in preparation for the school year. They also supported ongoing ministry through teaching dance classes, spending time with children, teaching and encouraging women, sharing testimonies, serving meals, and assisting with media and graphic design projects.

Casa Bernabé's mission is to provide hope and healing for vulnerable children in Guatemala. For more than 10 years, our church has partnered in this work, and we believe God will continue to use our collective gifts to serve faithfully. Begin praying now about how God might use your abilities, love, and generosity to be part of what He's doing next at Casa Bernabé.



# FIRST & FAST

## Learning to Wait Well Together

Waiting is rarely easy. We like clarity, direction, and momentum. But throughout Scripture, waiting is often where God does some of His deepest work—shaping hearts, refining trust, and drawing His people closer to Himself. In seasons like the one we’re in, waiting becomes an invitation to love God not by rushing ahead, but by staying present and dependent.

First & Fast is one of the ways we practice that kind of love together. Prayer and fasting help us slow our pace and reorient our hearts toward God. They remind us that our confidence isn’t found in quick answers or perfect plans, but in the steady faithfulness of the One who leads us. Choosing to wait prayerfully is an act of trust—and trust is one of the clearest expressions of love.

This rhythm also forms us over time. Month after month, we gather to pray and fast not because everything is urgent, but because faithfulness matters. Love grows through consistency. As we return

again and again to prayer, God shapes us into a people who listen well, depend deeply, and remain united—even when the path forward unfolds slowly.

There is something powerful about waiting together. When we gather to pray, we’re reminded that we’re not carrying this season alone. We bring our hopes, concerns, and questions before God as one church family, trusting Him to guide us in His timing. That shared posture of humility and trust strengthens our love for God and for one another.

We invite you to join us for our First & Fast gatherings on the first Sunday of every month at 5:00pm in the Atrium, followed by a day of fasting on Monday. Come ready to pray, to listen, and to wait well—together.

New to prayer and fasting? Access resources and learn more at [connectionpoint.tv/fast](http://connectionpoint.tv/fast).

### Fast & pray for ...

- The church and its ministries
- Grace and spiritual strength for Pastoral Leadership and Staff
- Wisdom for church leaders, the Transition Team, and our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Continued harmony and unity among our Lead Pastor Search Team
- Insight to find God’s choice of a Lead Pastor for Connection Point Church.
- Encouragement and unity for the church body during this time of transition
- God’s will for our growth
- Wise decision making by the Finance Team
- Wise management of the 2025-26 budget
- A clear plan to address our aging infrastructure
- The church family’s continued generosity
- Your answer to “How can I help?”

### We are seeing prayers answered!

- The formation of a unified Lead Pastor Search Team
- The sale of the Lee’s Summit property
- Ending the 2024-25 fiscal year with a balanced budget
- 17 baptisms in 2025
- Church members continuing to step up and serve in new, impactful ways

### UPCOMING FIRST & FAST DATES

#### February

- February 1 - Prayer Gathering
- February 2 - Fasting

#### March

- March 1 - Prayer Gathering
- March 2 - Fasting

#### April

- April 5 (Easter Sunday) - At-Home Family Prayer Gathering
- April 6 - Fasting

#### May

- May 3 - Prayer Gathering
- May 4 - Fasting

#### June

- June 7 - Prayer Gathering
- June 8 - Fasting

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Starting Point New Member Class

### Sundays, February 1 & 8

Starting Point is an opportunity for new members, and those thinking about membership, to spend time with our pastors, learn more about our church, and feel more at home. Join us Sundays, February 1 & 8, at 11:00am in C218.

## Women on Mission

### Thursday, February 5 &

### Monday, February 23

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.

## MomCo

### Tuesdays, February 10 & 24

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.

## Deacon Ordination

### Tuesday, February 17

Join us for the deacon ordination service on Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30pm in the Atrium. This is an important moment to celebrate and affirm Steve Coburn and Joe Pucket as deacons. These men have faithfully answered God's call to serve our church family, and this is your opportunity to show your love and support.

## Marriage Summit

### Saturday, February 27

Save the date for the return of Marriage Summit! Enjoy a night out and strengthen your marriage at this date night equipping event at Connection Point Church on Friday, February 27. Learn more and register at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events).

## Triple L

### No February Gathering

Triple L will not meet in February. Triple L gatherings will begin again on Tuesday, March 17, when you can enjoy fellowship, lunch, and a program. Triple L meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. March details coming soon.

## PreNow for 3rd-5th graders

### March 6 & 7

PreNow 2026 for 3rd-5th graders is filled with fun, food, fellowship, worship, and powerful messages! This is a weekend your child won't want to miss! Learn more at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events).

## WKND

### for 6th-12th graders

### March 6-8

WKND 26 is an action-packed weekend full of non-stop fun for 6th-12th graders! They have crazy rallies at church with great music with a band, host home competitions, and challenging messages from a guest speaker. Visit [connectionpoint.tv/students](http://connectionpoint.tv/students) to learn more.

## Men's Breakfast

### Saturday, March 14

Men, join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It's a morning filled with good food, genuine conversations, and a word from Interim Pastor Steve Dighton. Learn more at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events). Invite a friend to enjoy this uplifting time with you.

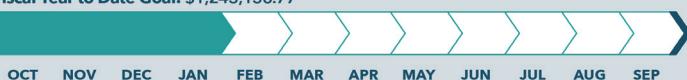
## GIVING UPDATE

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

Fiscal Year to Date Received: **\$1,094,659.43**



Fiscal Year to Date Goal: **\$1,243,138.77**



## WORSHIP UPDATE

### Average Weekly Worship Attendance

December Total Average: 782

9:30 Worship Service: 637

Online: 145

January Total Average: 696

9:30 Worship Service: 582

Online: 215



## WAYS TO GIVE

"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

- **IN PERSON** via offering plate or giving box
- **ONLINE** at [connectionpoint.tv](http://connectionpoint.tv)
- **TEXT** the word GIVE to 816-306-1994
- **MAIL** to 10500 E 350 Hwy, Raytown, MO 64138



# Find Connection This Week

## 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](http://connectionpoint.tv/connect).

## 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](http://connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups).**

## Sunday Resources Email

We want to send you a weekly email with resources to help you live out your faith at home, including the Faith Talk sermon discussion guide. If you don't already receive our weekly church-wide emails, sign up at [connectionpoint.tv/email](http://connectionpoint.tv/email).

## 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 at 6:30pm. Learn more at [connectionpoint.tv/midweek](http://connectionpoint.tv/midweek).

Childcare (ages 0-3)  
Preschool (ages 3-5)  
Kids (K-5th grade)  
Students (6th-12th grade)

Bible Study for Adults  
Choir Rehearsal  
Orchestra Rehearsal

## 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 4:30-5:55pm 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

February 4 – Meatloaf  
February 11 – Ham  
February 18 – Salisbury Steak  
February 25 – Chicken Fritter

## Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you? To leave a prayer request for the church-wide prayer list, call 816-778-1144. Or if you'd just like to share your request with our staff team, call the pastoral office at 816-353-1994 or visit [connectionpoint.tv/prayer](http://connectionpoint.tv/prayer).

## Pastoral Care Line

Please call 816-778-1110 when you or a loved one is in the hospital or if death is imminent. Someone from our Pastoral Care Team would be honored to call and pray with you and arrange a visit, if possible.

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are now hiring for these important roles:

- **Hope Network Pantry Coordinator - Part-Time**
- **Student Ministry Associate - Part-Time**

Learn more at [CONNECTIONPOINT.TV/jobs](http://CONNECTIONPOINT.TV/jobs)