

THE CONNECTION

WINTER 2025



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 world that often feels like a whirlwind, with endless distractions vying for our focus, it's crucial to carve out time for connection and reflection. To address this, we've organized special gatherings on Wednesday nights, allowing us to spend extended time in prayer and Bible Study. These occasions offer a chance to set aside life's distractions and truly attune ourselves to what God desires to accomplish in our hearts and minds!



WEDNESDAYS 7PM | SUNDAYS 10:30

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JANUARY

6- Eunice C.
20- Sade O.
27- Gabriel A.
31- Maricel P.

FEBRUARY

5- Luz J.
7- Jim H.
12- Rebekah D.
14- Aleja N.
14- Ruben C.
21- Eddie L. M.
25- Maria P.
25- Ethanol J.
26- Sol C.
26- Julian F.

MARCH

1- Natalia O.
2- Caleb M.
3- Aracelis O.
8- Yvette V.
11- Manny O.
16- Jerry O.
19- Grace R.
20- Nathalie D.
23- Krisjaylii M.
30- Evelyn B.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY

1- Liz & Eddie M.

FEBRUARY

3- Maria & Rogelio P.
9- Nedenia & Ruben C.
13- Pauline & Alan M.
14- Rebekah & Aparicio M.

MARCH

9- Stephanie & David S.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, January 8 7PM

CHILDREN & YOUTH SAFETY TRAINING

Sunday, January 19 12:45PM

NIGHT OF FIRE

Saturday, February 28 8PM

ALL IN YOUR NAME

Friday, March 14 8PM



POWER PRAYER WALK

Saturday, January 11 9AM

SERVE SATURDAY

Saturday, February 1 9AM

YOUTH NIGHT

Saturday, February 8 5PM

COUPLE'S RETREAT

February 13-16

Sonoma Resort DreamHouse

VBS INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, February 23 12:45PM

LADIES BRUNCH

Saturday, March 8 9AM

VBS CONSTRUCTION DAY

Saturday, March 22 9AM

SERVE SATURDAY

Saturday, March 29 9AM

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.

PRAYER & FASTING

January 5- February 1, 2025 - Prayer creates space to tune into what God is saying and helps us align our thoughts and actions to His purpose and plan. Each January, we emphasize praying together and encouraging one another as we prepare for a new year. Each day you can follow along with our devotional guide. theconnectionag.org/prayer

REVIEW

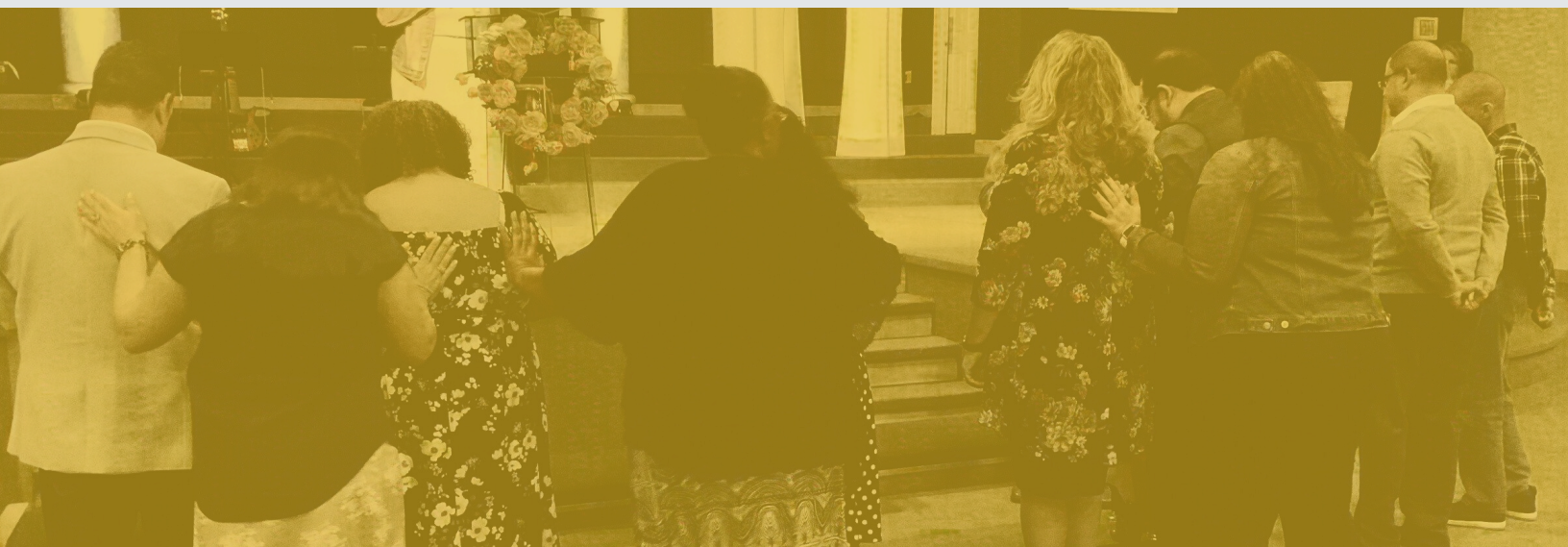
The most effective way to increase our church's visibility to others is by giving us a like and leaving a review. Please visit Google and share your thoughts about us. This will enhance our church's ranking in search results.

COMING SPRING 2025 | MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

This April and May, we will launch our Membership classes. Anyone eager to join our Connection Family is welcome to participate in a four-week course focused on our core values and exploring everything about The Connection.



GET CONNECTED



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.



BECAUSE OF YOUR GIVING:

28 kids came to our summer camp.

11 baptisms.

20 hearts for Christ.

228 kids received school supplies and received a summer camp in the Dominican Republic.

84 average in-person attendance on a Sunday.

70 people connected in GROUPS.

18 new members.

28 orphans received school supplies.

2 families received assistance after the storms.

\$7,000 raised for World Missions.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Your Support is Vital! At The Connection, we are dedicated to changing lives and creating a positive impact within our community. Your generous donations have played a crucial role in our mission, and we deeply appreciate your support. Yet, to sustain our efforts and achieve our objectives, we need your assistance now more than ever.



GIVE



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS
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