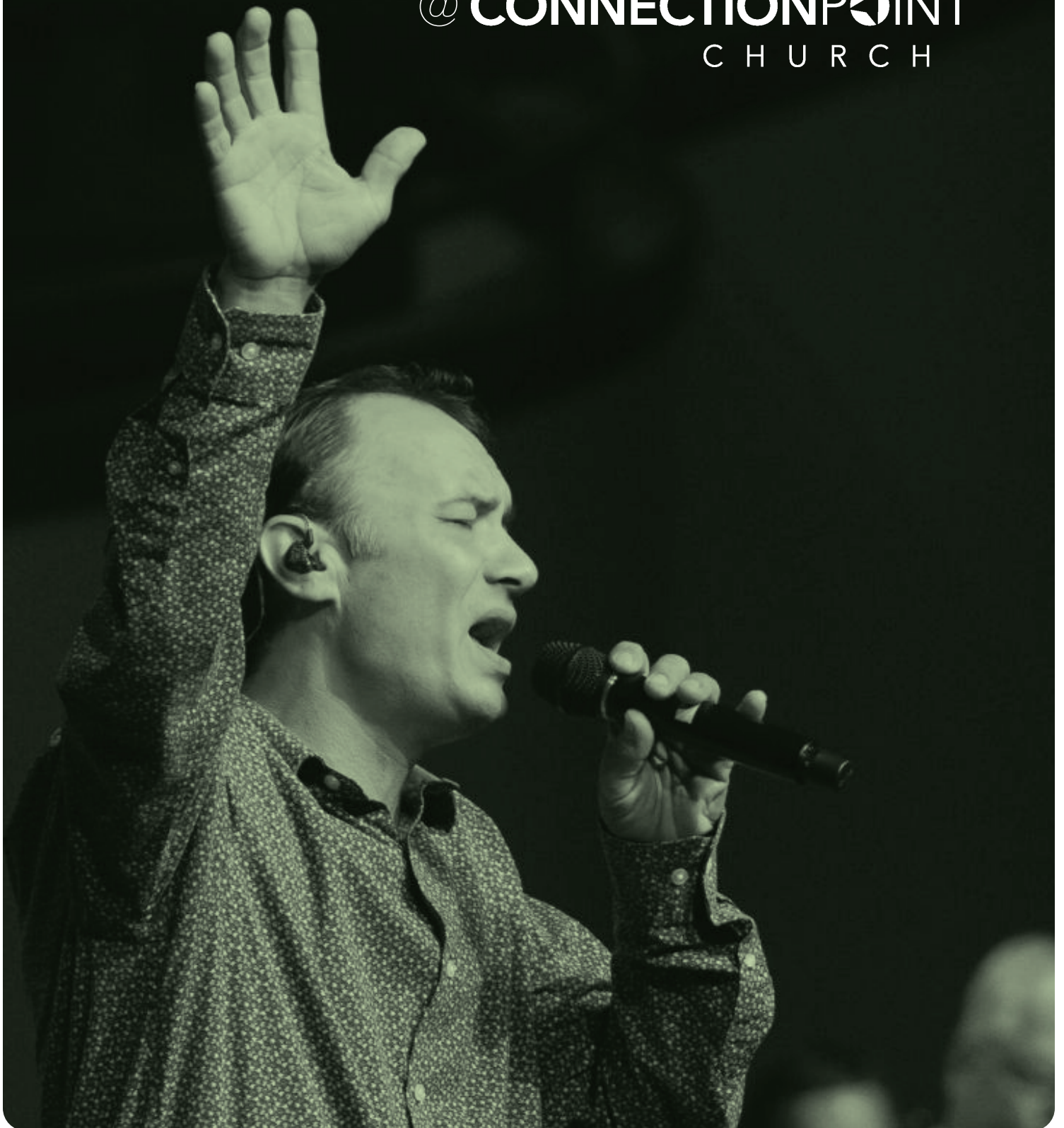


# AUGUST 2025

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# A Note from Your Executive Pastor

Church Family,

As we step into this new season together, I want to encourage you and remind you of God's faithfulness. This transition hasn't caught Him by surprise—nor has it caught us unprepared. Pastor Brian has been preparing me for this possibility for several months. Now, as the remaining Lead Team member, I'm honored to help shepherd us forward with our dedicated staff and lay leaders.



On July 9, in accordance with our church constitution and bylaws, we officially formed the Transition Team. This team includes our Deacon Chairman and Chair Elect, six members each from the Finance and Personnel Teams, and our Lead Staff Team. Together, this team will prayerfully support our ministries as we seek God's direction for the future.

At our first meeting, the Transition Team made three key decisions:

- **Steve Cox** was elected Chairman of the Transition Team. Steve brings seasoned leadership and a deep love for our church.
- **Pastor Steve Dighton** was called as Interim Pastor. Many of you remember him from 2020. As the founding pastor of Lenexa Baptist Church and a decade of interim ministry, he will provide steady, Christ-centered leadership. His first Sunday with us will be August 24.
- **Laura Davis** agreed to serve as Interim Director of Operations. As our former Executive Director of Operations, Laura has graciously come out of retirement to help us stay strong and focused.

The Pastoral Staff and Deacon Body are calling the entire church family to prayer. Starting **Sunday, August 3, at 5:00pm in the Atrium**, we'll gather monthly for focused prayer—seeking God's wisdom, unity, and revival. As 2 Chronicles 20:12 says, *"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You."*

Our staff team has already demonstrated remarkable unity and strength. Ministries remain vibrant—from The Gospel Project to Faith@Home and our seven milestones. We're also preparing to kick off MIDWEEK activities, additional Bible studies, and kids and student choirs for the fall.

Church family, we are in good hands—not ours, but His. God has carried us through past seasons, and I believe He is preparing us for something incredible ahead.

Thank you for your prayers, faithfulness, and steadfast commitment.

Blessings,  
Pastor Larry Jones  
Executive Pastor

## FIRST & FAST

*Gather to pray. Fast in faith.*

We've been fasting on the 1st—on the first day of the month last year and on the first Monday for the past seven months. But during this season of transition, we're leaning into a new rhythm we're calling First & Fast. We're going to gather in prayer and fast in faith.

Here's how it works: On the first Sunday evening of each month, we'll gather at 5:00pm in the Atrium for a time of worship and prayer. Then, on Monday, we'll fast individually as we continue seeking the Lord throughout the day.

We are a church committed to prayer and fasting. And this shift will allow us to do it together—with intentionality and renewed focus.

Our first gathering is Sunday, August 3, at 5:00pm in the Atrium, followed by our fasting day on Monday, August 4. We hope you'll join your church family as we lift our voices and cry out to God—united in heart and mission.

New to prayer and fasting? Visit [connectionpoint.tv/fast](https://connectionpoint.tv/fast).



## MIDWEEK Kickoff Event

We're launching a new season of Wednesday evening activities with a churchwide MIDWEEK Kickoff Event—and you won't want to miss it!

Join us **Wednesday, August 27**, for a fun night featuring a free BBQ dinner, a live comedian, giveaways, and a sneak peek at all the MIDWEEK opportunities available this fall for every generation.

Dinner begins at 5:45pm and the program starts at 6:30pm, all in the Atrium. Childcare will be available in Sontown.

We want to have enough seats, food, and childcare helpers, so please **register at [connectionpoint.tv/events](https://connectionpoint.tv/events)**. We can't wait to kick off the fall season with you!



# TRANSITION TEAM UPDATES

## *Communicating with the Church*

As we walk through this season together, our desire is to keep the church informed every step of the way. We won't have updates every week, but when we do, here's how we'll communicate:

- **WEBSITE** – Visit [connectionpoint.tv/transition](http://connectionpoint.tv/transition) for the most up-to-date information, including answers to frequently asked questions.
- **PRINT** – Pick up a bulletin or newsletter as you enter the Worship Center each Sunday.
- **EMAIL** – Sign up to receive weekly church-wide emails at [connectionpoint.tv/email](mailto:connectionpoint.tv/email).
- **WORSHIP SERVICE** – Attend Sunday services to stay connected and informed. Major updates will be shared from the stage as they become available.

If you have questions about the process or updates, you can reach the Transition Team at [transition@connectionpoint.tv](mailto:transition@connectionpoint.tv).

## *Worship Pastor Search*

The Worship Pastor Search Team has decided to pause their search for a full-time Worship Pastor during the transition. We will continue to engage in meaningful and quality worship led by Brandon Taylor, Rick Moore, and Larry Jones.

## *Lead Pastor Search*

The Transition Team will lead the process of forming our Lead Pastor Search Team. In the coming weeks, the Transition Team will ask for nominations for the Lead Pastor Search Team from the church. Begin praying about who you can nominate to represent our church family in this process.

## *Interim Pastor Steve Dighton*

Pastor Steve Dighton will return as Interim Pastor beginning Sunday, August 24. Steve was the founding Pastor of Lenexa Baptist Church, where he served as Senior Pastor until his retirement in March 2015. He also served as President of the Kansas/Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, has been VP of the Pastor's Conference of the SBC and has taught at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since his retirement in 2015, Pastor Steve has served as Interim Pastor for 10 churches, including Connection Point during our last pastoral transition. Pastor Steve and his wife Mary are special to the Connection Point family, and we look forward to having them back with us on Sundays.



# *Upcoming Opportunities*

## **TRIPLE L**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, a chicken fried chicken lunch, and a program featuring music by Dennis Dittmore, at Triple L on Tuesday, August 19, at 10:30am in the Atrium. Cost is \$7. Reserve your spot by calling Barbara Griffin at 816-847-7138.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

Mark your calendar! Women's Bible Study kicks off Wednesday, August 27, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The Women's Ministry team is finalizing the details, but you can expect a meaningful time of study, connection, and encouragement. Registration and more info coming soon!

## **FILL THE FREEZER**

**COLLECTING THROUGH AUGUST 31**

Our church family provides meals for families who have lost a loved one, and we've recently come through a season of high need. To continue this ministry, we're asking for your help, but instead of bringing prepared food items, we are requesting monetary donations. You can give through any of our regular ways to give. Just be sure to designate your gift: Funeral Meals. Thank you for helping us care for grieving families in a tangible way.

## **2:7 DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

**SEPTEMBER 3 - Wednesday Session Begins**

**SEPTEMBER 14 - Sunday Session Begins**

Looking to strengthen your roots and produce lasting growth? Join us for The 2:7 Series, an 11-week discipleship class. The Wednesday session begins September 3 from 6:30-8:00pm. The Sunday session begins September 14 from 5:00-6:30pm. Learn more and sign up at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events).

## **BITTY SOCCER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Bitty Sports Soccer League begins Saturday, September 6. Bitty Sports at the ROC introduces kids ages 3-7 to sports in a structured, fun, and non-competitive environment. Practices and games are Saturdays at 11:00am. Cost is \$75 per player. Sign up at [connectionpoint.tv/events](http://connectionpoint.tv/events).

## **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

We have even more opportunities for you to connect, worship, grow, serve, give, and go with your church family! Save the dates and watch for more details about these and other upcoming events:

- **First & Fast** – Sunday, September 7
- **Kids & Student Choirs** – Sunday, September 7
- **Tee Up fore Hope Golf Tournament** – Thursday, September 11
- **Annual Business Meeting** – Sunday, September 21
- **Operation Christmas Child Collection** – All September

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

## 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, or life stage. **To find your group, stop by the Connect Center this morning or visit [connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups](https://connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups).**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:15 Life Groups for Adults
- 9:30 Worship Service – Worship Center  
Kid City Jr. for Birth-5 Years (PreK)
- 11:00 Life Groups for All Ages

## 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](https://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.

## 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](https://connectionpoint.tv/email).

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**FORWARD**  
BY **FAITH**

*June 2025 Update*

Weekly Average Attendance: 811

9:30 Worship Service: 682

Online: 129

### Fiscal Year to Date Received:

**\$2,815,473.00**

### Fiscal Year to Date Goal:

**\$2,857,240.50**

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**Total Annual Goal: \$3,809,645.00**



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