

The Truth of Connect Groups

"Daily also continuing with one accord in the temple, breaking also at every house bread, they were partaking of food in gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people, and the Lord was adding those being saved every day to the assembly."

— Acts 2:46-47 (YLT)

When we read Acts 2:46-47, we see the early church wasn't just about the "temple"—they were breaking bread in every house, sharing life with simplicity and gladness. They met daily in the temple for corporate worship and teaching. They broke bread from house to house—multiplication happening in small groups throughout the week.

The word "ecclesia" doesn't mean a building, though we're grateful for places to gather. "Ecclesia" means "an assembly of people called out to look to Jesus, encourage one another, and exercise the gifts God has given us."

When we reach the lost, we aren't just adding to a building; we are circulating the life of the Spirit through the Body of Christ. The ekklesia isn't a building; it's us—the people who host the Holy Spirit. This *Truth of Connect Groups* changes everything:

- **From Seating to Sending:** Success isn't measured by how many chairs are filled on Sunday but by how many of us are carrying the atmosphere of the Kingdom into our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.
- **The Power of Hosting:** We are called to mentor one another by inviting others into a space where they can encounter His Presence. When we "submit one to another," we are mutually hosting the Spirit for each other's growth. *"submitting to one another in the fear of God."* — Ephesians 5:21
- **Circulating the Life:** We aren't just bringing people into a fold; we are grafting them into a circulation system of grace that constantly spills over. As we reach the lost, they receive the life of the Spirit and become hosts themselves.



Connect Groups are the heart of our church family. These small gatherings are designed to help you grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and find your unique place in the Body of Christ. Whether you're looking for Bible study, prayer, opportunities to serve, or simply a place to share life, there is a group for you. They're small enough to feel like home, yet powerful enough to sustain us all. Jump in and get connected!

God bless,
Pastor Stan

COMMUNION 8-02-2026: Join today in communion. Monthly we join together to celebrate in communion. We do in remembrance of our Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 11:24)

MEN'S CONNECT 8-15-2026: Men will meet at the church fellowship hall Saturday at 7:00 am for a time in the WORD and will go for breakfast following the devotional.

MISSIONS & WATER BAPTISM SUNDAY 8-16-2026: Every third Sunday we will recognize foreign and local missions. A second offering will be taken and designated for outreaches.

If you are interested in water baptism, please contact pastors. Water baptism candidates will meet for a class at 9:00am prior to the 10:00am service with Pastor Stan and Becky. This class is required.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 8-22-2026: Women will gather at the church at 9:00 am. *Saturday Sisterhood* is specifically designed for our women who work during the week to enjoy a time of fellowship and connection.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 8-25-2026: Women will gather at the church at 10:00 am for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Lunch following the meeting.

Praise & Worship Sunday

Larry Carter • September 13 • 10:00 am

Larry Carter is a well-known Christian guitarist and music minister known for his soulful blend of gospel, folk, and rock. He began playing guitar at age 6, performing with his family on local radio stations and churches during his childhood. Larry resides in Doniphan, Missouri with his family.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Deb Robling - 8/16



BIRTHDAYS

Heidi Goble - 8/3

Dave Goble - 8/5

Mark Hinkle - 8/23

Debra Lindsey - 8/23

LeeAnn Strawser - 8/30





Growing In LIFE Together In HIM

connect GROUPS

- Sunday Morning Celebration
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Worship Group
- Wednesday Prayer
- Thursday Bible Teaching
- Men's Group
- Women's Groups -Tue/Sat
- Volunteer Groups
- Witnessing & Discipleship
- Tech Group



September 3 - 7

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Festival directly fund the Hoopeston Jaycees
Christmas projects: Toys for Kids &
Underprivileged Kid's Christmas*

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Coffee Center: 8:30 am
Christian Education: 9:00 am
Celebration: 10:00 am

MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday Prayer: 6:00 pm
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 pm

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor Stanley F. Jackowski
Assistant Pastor Rebecca L. Jackowski
Assistant Pastors Mike & Debbie Robling
Founding Pastors Bruce & Nancy McQuigg

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