



CONNECT/DISCOVER/DEVELOP/SERVE

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CONNECT

Partnering with
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CONNECT

INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail (spouse): _____

Sex: Male Female Birth Date: ____/____/____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced

FAMILY INFORMATION

Spouse's name: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Does your spouse attend Connecting Point Church? _____

Children:

First & Last Name	Date of Birth	Live with you?	Attend?	Male/Female
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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MINISTRY INFORMATION

SERVE Team areas in which you would like to receive more information:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Check-in | <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Grounds Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Point (age 2-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Meals Ministry Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Next Steps Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Tiny Point (Birth-2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosts | <input type="checkbox"/> Point Group Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connection Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kid Point (K-6th grade) | <input type="checkbox"/> Servolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Guide Team |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Team | |

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO CONNECTING POINT

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Connecting Point Church! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

OUR STORY

CPC began with a simple goal - helping people connect with God so that they might reach their full potential. With the help of the Dream Team, 34 people committed to seeing this dream become a reality, Connecting Point Church began on February 26, 2011. That Sunday, over 200 people attended our first service at the Cinemark Theater in College Station, Texas.

From the beginning, Connecting Point Church focused on reaching out to the non-churched community by building relationships through small groups. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, and the simple style of Connecting Point Church brought immediate growth. In its first year, the church grew to 350 people in weekly attendance, and over 300 people committed their lives to Christ.

Today hundreds of people attend the weekend services and point groups. God is at work at Connecting Point Church. We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple and people are free to go after God with passion!

THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

“...You are a member of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Ephesians 2:19(LB)

KEY TRUTHS

1. The church is a **SPIRITUAL FAMILY** .
2. God expects you to be a **PART (PARTNER)** of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an **ORPHAN**.

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

That I will commit myself to **CHRIST** and to Connecting Point Church.

PART ONE:

OUR PURPOSE

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

Our mission is to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ. That's how we are able to make a difference, and it's the driving force behind everything we do.

THE GREAT COMMISSION:

"He said unto them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe...' Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."

Mark 16:15-20

"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Colossians 1:28-29

1. "He is the one we proclaim" is _____.
2. "Admonishing" is _____.
3. "Teaching everyone" is _____.
4. "Present everyone fully mature" is _____.

I. WE PROCLAIM – _____.

"His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."

Ephesians 3:10

WEEKEND SERVICES

A. _____

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalms 122:1

"...the Father seeks worshippers... and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:23-24

B. _____

“But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in...he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, ‘God is really among you!’”

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

C. _____

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

D. _____

“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells him?”

Romans 10:13-14 (LB)

HOW TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST:

1. Accept the personal _____.
2. Build a personal _____.
3. Share your personal _____.
4. Give a personal _____.

POINTS OF PASSION

“You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

1. Jerusalem – My City.

“Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight...”

James 1:27 Message

2. Judea and Samaria – My Nation.

“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

3. The ends of the earth – My World.

Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

Mark 16:15 NCV

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. _____.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

Matthew 9:37-38

2. _____.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go, and tell this people...'"

Isaiah 6:8-9

3. _____.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

II. ADMONISH– _____.

Getting connected at CPC means participating in a point group. Some people enjoy a large church because of its focus on others while others want a small, intimate church.

We believe that as a church gets larger it must get smaller.

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house."

Acts 20:20

POINT GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to _____ .

"...yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him."

1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

2. A place to _____.

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters."

1 John 3:16 NLT

3. A place to _____.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

HOW POINT GROUPS WORK

1. Free market groups

Our groups are varied as we are; group leaders use their gifts and passions to create a group that allows others to join with them in serving God. Whatever the age, interest, or location there is a group that is just right for you.

2. Three semesters

New groups start and stop three times a year—spring, summer and fall semesters. Each semester is kicked off with on-line registration and a new small group directory.

3. Becoming a leader

We believe that everyone has areas of strength and gifting that could benefit others. The first step in becoming a small group leader is to attend the Point Group Leader Orientation. These classes are offered throughout the year to give you an overview of what it takes to start a group. You'll discover that it's easier than you think.

III. TEACHING EVERYONE – _____.

Connecting Point **NEXT STEPS** offers the information and experiences necessary to develop you into a fully devoted follower of Christ. From the initial decision to accept Jesus as your Lord to your final destination in ministry, Growth Track will lead you through a step-by-step process of healing, growth, and leadership.

“Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity...”

Hebrews 6:1

IV. PRESENT EVERYONE FULLY MATURE – _____.

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.”

Acts 20:24

Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

AT CONNECTING POINT CHURCH ...

...every partner is a _____ .

...every task is _____ .

...every partner is a "10" in _____ .

JOINING THE SERVE TEAM

1. Complete The NEXT STEPS

2. Application

Complete the SERVE Team application and submit it to a ministry leader.

3. Training

Learn the roles and responsibilities of being a team member of the SERVE team area you are choosing.

PART TWO:

OUR BELIEFS

“Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 4:16

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH: WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. In essential beliefs, we have unity.

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..."

Ephesians 4:4-6

2. In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

3. In all our beliefs, we show charity.

"...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all."

1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

Our full Statement Of Faith is located on our website.

PART THREE:

OUR STRUCTURE

“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace...

Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40

CONNECTING POINT CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

1. GUIDED BY _____

The Elders refer to the pastoral staff team led by the Senior Pastor. This team oversees the day to day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church.

All elders are responsible to model a Godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the members, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, give Biblical counsel, and represent the church to the community.

2. PROTECTED BY _____

The Trustees are appointed by the Senior Pastor to oversee the finances and direct the provision of the physical facilities needed by the church. They provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church

3. STRENGTHENED BY _____ .

The Overseers are pastors of respected congregations and ministries who love Connecting Point Church and its pastor and are willing to provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called in to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor if requested to do so by the Elders or Trustees.

4. CHURCH FINANCES

“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”

Leviticus 27:30

At Connecting Point Church we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard.

Many people love to give to God, but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore there are a great number of people willing to give if they are able to see honesty, integrity, and genuine spiritual values reflected in the lifestyles of their church leaders.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus Christ and is an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. Funds are not “income only,” they are worship, and must not be considered as a business transaction, but as an expression of gratitude toward God.

PART FOUR:

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

“...We hope that your faith will grow and that our work among you will be greatly enlarged.”

2 Corinthians 10:15 NLT

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

I. THE NEXT STEPS

1. Become a partner with Connecting Point Church.
2. Join a Point Group.
3. Complete **Next Steps**
4. Join a Serve Team.

II. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PARTNER

The difference between “attenders” and “partners” can be summed up in one word:

_____ .

An Attender is a _____ .

A Partner is a _____ .

At Connecting Point Church we recognize the need for partnership.

We ask you to commit to partnership for 4 reasons:

1. A Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church.

“...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.”

Ephesians 5:25

2. A Cultural Reason: It is an antidote to our society.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers”. Partnership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A Practical Reason: It defines who can be counted on.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

4. A Personal Reason: It produces spiritual growth.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

III. CONNECTING POINT CHURCH PARTNERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in the **CONNECT** class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Connecting Point family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church...

...By acting in love toward other members

...By refusing to gossip

...By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."

Romans 14:19 (Ph)

"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."

Romans 15:5 (LB)

"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts."

1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."

Ephesians 4:29

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you."

Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of my church...

...By praying for its growth

...By inviting the unchurched to attend

...By warmly welcoming those who visit

"To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full."

Luke 14:23 (LB)

“So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.”

Romans 15:7 (LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church...

...By discovering my gifts and talents

...By being equipped to serve by my pastors

...By developing a servant's heart

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you...”

1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

“God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

Ephesians 4:11-12

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant...”

Philippians 2:3-4, 7

4. I will support the testimony of my church...

...By attending church and small groups faithfully

...By living a godly life

...By giving regularly

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.”

Hebrews 10:25

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

“Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering.”

1 Corinthians 16:2

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy.”

Leviticus 27:30

CHURCH PARTNER APPLICATION

An opportunity to become a partner will be given at the end of this class. If you de-sire to do so, you will be given time to fill out this portion of the form. We will discuss how to take any and all steps if you are not currently able to answer "Yes" .

Four steps to become a member:

1. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and trusted Him for salvation?

YES

When? _____

Where? _____

2. I have been baptized in water since I committed my life to Christ?

YES

When? _____

Where? _____

3. I have completed Connecting Point – Connect.

YES

Date _____ / _____ / _____

4. I am committed to following the Connecting Point Church Partner Covenant?

YES

(please print your name)

(please sign your name)

_____/_____/_____
(today's date)

I am younger than age 18

Welcome to the Family!

