



Jesus for my family
I speak the only Name Jesus

Connect church

ACT1  ATE  VISION '24-'25

Let's ACTIVATE our *Faith!*

WORSHIP

ACTIVATE YOUR
WORSHIP

Passionate

Personal and Corporate

Commit to take your
personal and corporate
worship to the next level

Don't just "show up" to
worship, show up
worshipping

MISSION

ACTIVATE YOUR
MISSION

*Loving,
Multiplying*

Share, Invite, and Include

Commit to sharing Jesus
HERE, THERE, and
EVERYWHERE

Everyone can include
people, invite people, and
share their Jesus story

CONNECTION

ACTIVATE YOUR
CONNECTION

Real, Flexible

Groups and Serving

Commit to become part of
the family through groups
and service

Take the risk, make the
effort, do the work, reap
the rewards

GENEROSITY

ACTIVATE YOUR
GENEROSITY

Generous

Giving Sacrificially

Commit to give a generous
sacrifice to God

Give freely and joyfully of
your time, talents, and
treasures

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO...

We have been praying and seeking God to give us vision and direction for the next 2 years at Connect Church. I feel that God is leading us back to Acts Chapter 1, where the church began. It is here that Jesus has finished his earthly work and now He prepares His followers for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In John 16:7, Jesus said something that I'm sure His followers didn't expect: "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you." Did He really say that? -- That we would be better off if Jesus left the earth and went back to heaven? -- Yes! Yes, He did!



He said this because the *same* Holy Spirit that would raise Jesus from the grave now lives in His followers... in US!

Note from Pastor Chris Perstrophe

The Power of God is present with those who BELIEVE in Jesus Christ. And because of this, we have infinite power to ACTIVATE our FAITH. There is no better time in your life and in the life of our church than TODAY to make the commitment to ACTIVATE. The power is already there. We must make the choice and call upon the Lord. "But you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (here), in Judea and Samaria (there), and to the end of the earth (everywhere)."

Connect Church, let's ACTIVATE our faith HERE, THERE, *and* EVERYWHERE! - *Pastor Chris*

WHERE *We've* BEEN...

Connect Church launched
on Easter Sunday of 2015
at Uthoff Valley
Elementary School.

2015

2017

2018

Connect purchased our building
and completely renovated it.
Added a second service with
around 200 attending for worship
and saw around 40 baptisms.

Connect continued to see growth
in our worship services, averaging
around 300 in attendance.
Celebrate Recovery was launched.

Added a 3rd service at the beginning of 2019 and saw over 50 baptized.

2019

Connect celebrated 90 baptisms and broke ground in March 2022 on our new Worship Center, Lobby, and restrooms. We held our first services in the new building on Christmas Eve with around 600 in attendance.

2020

God continued to bless despite COVID. We went ALL IN as a church family in order to expand our building.

2022

Completed construction on the new Pre-K wing as well as transformation of the gym into the Next Gen Zone. Added Women's Ministry and expanded Small Group offerings with record attendance.

2023

WHERE *We're* GOING...

WORSHIP \$1M

We want to grow in relationship with a **Loving God** by investing in our ability to worship through the Word and music.

- Enhance safety, security, and hospitality in our facility as we grow
- Increase our ability to engage in worship throughout the week in person and online by wisely investing in the development of people, tools, and programming
- Sustain and provide resources necessary to remain flexible for worship opportunities

MISSION \$2M

We want to live out our **Greater Purpose** to see people saved through sharing, inviting, and reaching the world for Christ.

- Fulfill the call to witness (Acts 1:8) through church plant investments locally and globally
- Prepare to invite new guests and open new ministry opportunities with adjacent land purchase and parking development
- Grow prison ministry to 30+ mentors and invest in inmate transition plans
- Support existing and future internal and partner ministries such as 25:35, James II, and the Mobile Food Market
- Develop financial flexibility and readiness to serve on the mission field where led

CONNECTION \$1M

We want to fulfill the new commandment (John 13:34) as **Caring People** in our community.

- Grow in group discipleship while providing resources for childcare and curriculum
- Support and expand NextGen leadership, staffing and volunteer team
- Sustain and develop additional resources for recovery and counseling including funded partnership(s) with licensed provider(s)
- Continuous internal leadership development with intentional internship, residency and scholarship opportunities
- Maintain and pursue targeted ministries in the church (e.g. Legacy Adults, Young Adults, Singles)

***2 YR GOAL:** A 100% Activation in Worship, Connection and Mission and **\$4M** in **GENEROSITY** •.....

What will
you do to
activate
your
worship,
mission, and
connection?

100%
Activation

GENEROSITY

- What does \$4M in generosity look like for our church and each of us individually?

CHURCH

- Current budget is \$1M annually and supports our facility, ministries, and staff
- Increase annual budget from \$1M to \$2M to support vision and increase missional budget
- Double our missional budget annually

INDIVIDUALLY

- We endured many obstacles through faith and achieved our '21-'22 ALL IN goals of engagement and generosity, setting the foundation for our Activate Vision
- Prayerfully seek His will for your time, talents, and treasures
- Generosity is part of our DNA, actively seek to live out 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

2-YEAR Goal

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



ACTIVATE *Message Series*

WEEK 1 *Overview*



MESSAGE NOTES

KEY VERSE Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

WEEK 2 *Worship*



MESSAGE NOTES

KEY VERSE

Acts 2:17 (ESV) And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my spirit on the flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.



WEEK 2 *Worship*

PERSONAL CONNECTON

1. Studies have proven that daily time in Scripture is the #1 driver of spiritual growth. How has or how might time in God's Word build your faith?

1.

2. How could the Holy Spirit impact every area of your life? Your work? Your relationships? Your finances? Your plans?

2.

3. How does the focus of our Sunday worship gathering change when we "show up worshipping" rather than just "show up to worship"?

3.

WEEK 3 *Mission*



MESSAGE NOTES

KEY VERSE Acts 2:38 (ESV) And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”



WEEK 3 *Mission*

PERSONAL CONNECTOR

1. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses here, there, and everywhere. What scares you the most about sharing your story, bringing church to your neighbor, or inviting someone to church?

1.

2. How can sharing your story, bringing church to your neighbor, or inviting someone to church impact someone's life in an amazing way?

2.

3. Considering the benefit versus the fear of sharing your story, bringing church to your neighbor, or inviting someone to church, is it worth it? Why or why not?

3.

4. Jesus' last direction was to go into all the world, preach the Gospel, and make disciples. Why do you think it was the last thing He said on earth?

4.

WEEK 4 *Connection*



MESSAGE NOTES

KEY VERSE

Acts 2:42 (ESV) And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



WEEK 4 *Connection*

PERSONAL CONNECTION

1. We aren't called to do life alone.
What are the benefits of being part
of a small group?

1.

2. How might regularly serving in our
local church bless others? How
might it bless you?

2.

3. In what ways can joining a small
group and/or serving help you grow
closer to God and develop deeper
friendships with others?

3.

WEEK 5 *Generosity*



MESSAGE NOTES

KEY VERSE Acts 4:32 (ESV) Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common



WEEK 5 *Generosity*

PERSONAL CONNECTION

1. Knowing that God has blessed us with all that we have, giving generously to God should seem like a natural response. Why is giving and tithing such a hot topic issue in churches?

1.

2. How do you see the connection between giving to the local church as giving to God, giving to people, and giving to the mission?

2.

3. According to scripture, we should see giving of our finances and resources as an act of worship. What causes us to get caught in fear, skepticism, or greed?

3.

Activation Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

ACTIVATION CARD

Let's ACTIVATE our Faith! in...



- ☐ I will set aside a minimum of _____ minutes for personal Bible Study and Prayer
- ☐ I will be intentional for myself/my family to actively attend church _____ Sundays this year



- ☐ I will serve with an outreach-based mission this year
- ☐ I will seek to share my faith more regularly
- ☐ I will pray daily for my family, friends, neighbors, & coworkers



- ☐ I will participate in a small group this year
- ☐ I will serve regularly as a part of a team at Connect Church

Name: _____

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☐ I will tithe this year.
\$ _____ Current Yearly Contribution
\$ _____ Increased Yearly Generosity for ACTIVATE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ...to the end of the earth." *Acts 1:8*

My/Our COMMITMENT:

\$ _____ x 2 years
\$ _____ TOTAL

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As a church, we will all be hitting the **Activate** button and making our personal commitments to the Lord in Worship, Mission, Connection, and Generosity. As an individual or as a family, be praying about what God would have you commit to Him over the next 2 years as we activate our faith together!

Activation *Dates*

JAN 26 | Activate Vision Night

JAN 28 (SUN-1) | Activate OVERVIEW

FEB 4 (SUN-2) | Activate WORSHIP

FEB 11 (SUN-3) | Activate MISSION

FEB 18 (SUN-4) | Activate CONNECTION

FEB 25 (SUN-5) | Activate GENEROSITY

FEB 26-MAR 3 | Small Groups: ACTIVATE WEEK

MAR 3 (SUN-6) | Activate COMMITMENT

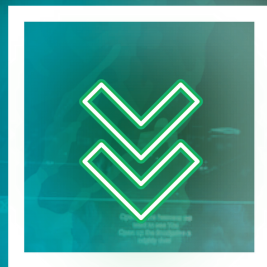
MAR 10 (SUN-7) | FIRST BIG GIVE

ACTIVATE *Webpage*



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