



WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

At Connections we invite you to join us so you can:

BELONG to a **COMMUNITY** who cares about you

BELIEVE the Truth about God's **KINGDOM**

BECOME who God created you to be and follow His **CALLING**

We strive to faithfully teach the message of the Gospel from God's Word, to encourage relationships among our church family and our surrounding community, and to impact the world around us with the hope and power of the Gospel through community partnerships.

Please stop by the **Welcome Table** in the Lobby or drop into the **Response Room** (located across the hall from the Gym in the Teacher's Lounge) to meet with one of our Pastors. We would be happy to answer any questions.

FEATURED EVENT

LifeGroups Kick off

TODAY, 11:30 a.m. in Cafeteria

Life is better together! **LifeGroups** are about growing together as followers of Jesus. They are wonderful ways to connect with people who are on the same journey as you, as we lead one another along the Discipleship Pathway.

If you have a **LifeGroup** you belong to, are looking to join a **LifeGroup**, or are just curious what **LifeGroups** is about - join us as we kick off doing life together **TODAY** following worship!

Come, Eat and:

- * Fellowship with us!
- * Talk to our **LifeGroups** coordinators
- * Talk with facilitators of our different **LifeGroups** teams
- * Sign up for a **LifeGroups** that is perfect for you!

GATHER WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9 a.m. Study Hour
10 a.m. Worship Gathering

Roosevelt High School

616 N. 2nd St., Johnstown, CO 80534

WEEKLY STUDIES AND GROUPS

Church Office/Connecting Place

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If you are new and would like to learn more about our church, text **WELCOME** to 970-644-6800.

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CONNECTIONS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 8

MESSAGE SERIES



"ONCE WORKS, NOW FRUIT"
GALATIANS 5:16-26

The most striking element of the Gospel is that God didn't wait for us to 'get it together' before sending Jesus to die in our place. But not requiring us to change first is not the same thing as not expecting us to change at all. This series will teach us how, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and the encouragement and accountability of the Body of Christ, we can partner with God to experience the significant change He wants for us.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LifeGroups - Kick Off

TODAY! 11:30 a.m. in Cafeteria
(see details in Featured Event section)

FOUNDATIONS Class

Sundays, 9 a.m. in Cafeteria

MS/HS COHESION EVENT

Saturday, September 21, 5:30-9 p.m.
meet at The Connecting Place

(details for above events are located inside)

EVENT DETAILS

MS/HS COHESION EVENT

Hey students - join us for a fun night of laser tag, competition, and building relationships!

Loveland Laser Tag

Saturday, September 21, 5:30-9 p.m.

Cost: \$20

(\$10 off if you bring a friend who has never attended before!)

Additional details:

- Students must sign-up to attend. Sign-ups for this event will close Friday, September 20 at 5 p.m.
- Meet at The Connecting Place to pay, sign-in, and carpool.
- We will return to The Connecting Place by 9 p.m.

Contact Cailyn, Kelsey or Ryan with any questions.

FOUNDATIONS Class

Join us during the **9 a.m. Study Hour** as we continue to dig deeply into Scripture to present the foundational truths about what it means to become a Christ-follower. We move at a flexible pace that allows time to ask questions, participate in discussion and seek out answers. The previous classes - "What is Salvation?", "4-Step Response to Salvation - How to be born again", "Repentance" and "Faith" audio recordings can be found on-line at www.connections.cc/study.

September 15 - Baptism
(additional weeks will be taken if needed)

Receive the Holy Spirit - Saved at Last

PARTNERING IN MINISTRY

Ushers Team Ministry Partners Needed

Greeting people as they come into the Worship area, helping them find their way to a seat, keeping them updated on the latest information, and preparing communion are just a few of the ways the Ushers Team serves on Sunday morning.

If you are looking for a great place to get started in ministry or this sounds like a fun way to spend a Sunday morning - our team would love to invite you to join us! Contact Pat Tiernan at 970-690-3958 or Marcus Woods at 720-434-9432.

FOR YOU

Do you want to know God better and become who He's created you to be? Here are some places to start:

- **Study Hour:** An interactive Bible study group that will prepare you for your own study during the week.
- **Discipleship Pathway Group:** Weekly small groups for community, encouragement, and growth.
- **Partnering in Ministry:** Weekly or monthly service opportunities to use your gifts and passions to change lives. Any experience level is welcome!

Drop into the **Response Room** (across the hallway from the Gym) to talk to a Pastor and get connected!

FOR YOUR FAMILY

We believe strong families start with a solid foundation. Our mission is to partner with parents in their God-given role as Spiritual leaders and aid in helping children meet Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him.

• Family Ministry

Stay up-to-date with family ministry by signing up for the Parent Text Messages by texting the following key words to **970-644-6800**:

HSParent for High School Parents

MSParent for Middle School Parents

KMParent for Early Childhood or Elementary Parents

• KidMin

Each Sunday, children birth - 5th grade, are guided through age appropriate curriculum and activities by our ministry partners.

• Student Ministry

Youth Group - Engage in worship, challenging messages, community and small groups. Join us at the Connecting Place Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. for Middle School, and Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. for High School.

Study Hour - Dig into God's Word together. Both Middle School and High School environments meet Sunday mornings, 9-9:45 a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge.

BECOMING A DISCIPLE

Discipleship is more than just knowing about the Bible; it's about surrendering our lives to our Lord and choosing to pattern our actions, attitudes, priorities, and values after His example.

It's our goal to not only communicate Biblical Truths, but strive to consistently live out that Truth in our lives. We're not perfect, but we are grateful that God sees each of us as a work in progress. We're honest about our journey and eager to have others join us, including you and your family!

We hope you will join us on the journey of Discipleship and will choose to be actively engaged in your own transformation. We look forward to journeying with you.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Our prayer team is available to meet with you at the cross in the Gym during and after our Worship Gathering. To submit a Prayer Request, please email to prayer@connections.cc

Please pray for effective treatment and a rapid recovery for Wilbert Koolstra who was recently diagnosed with a blood clot in his lung. Also please pray that both he and Marie can get some rest.

Please pray as Connections begins to form a women's ministry. Pray for the leadership team to look at the needs of our church, pray for women of all ages of our church family to soften their hearts to hear what God has in mind for them in this new ministry, and for our whole church family to look into ways to connect to others and to step out of their comfort zones and try new things.

GIVING

When you invest in Connections, you support local ministry, regional partnerships, and global missionaries all focused on expanding the Kingdom. We're grateful for your generosity. If you'd like to explore on-line giving, you can set it up here: connections.cc/give

Giving Summary	September	YTD (September)
Budget	\$34,500	\$34,500
Actual	\$ 4,502	\$ 4,502