

## **Q&A**

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These Frequently Asked Questions will hopefully help you learn more about Connect Church. For more detailed responses, we encourage you to visit our website at [connectchurch.com](http://connectchurch.com) and click on "Who We Are". Our Staff, Elders or Deacons would also love to speak with you to answer further questions.

#### **What is Connect's Mission Statement?**

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, love people, and impact the world."

#### **What are Connect's Core Values?**

Bible-Based Teaching, Spirit-Filled Worship, Faith-Filled Prayer, God-Generated Giving, Grace-Centered Community, Mission-Minded Service

#### **With what denomination is Connect aligned?**

At its inception, Connect Church aligned with the Baptist Denomination due to our common theology and because of their support of our church plant. However, we remain autonomous and are not governed by their policies. We hold firmly to and are guided by the beliefs stated in scripture (as listed in detail on our website). An additional benefit of our Baptist association is that we may accept members who, through their education or career, are required to be a member of a Baptist Church.

#### **What does Connect believe regarding Baptism?**

Because of the example set in scripture by Jesus and His disciples (Acts 8:26-40 and Matthew 3:13-17), we believe in baptism by immersion. Baptism does not save you, but it is the next step after one has professed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

#### **What is the model of leadership at Connect?**

Connect Church is led by Elders who are responsible for the governance and shepherding of the body, vision and future of the church, financial direction, and integrity in Biblical teaching and operations. We are also blessed to have Deacons who help shepherd the body and provide other assistance as needed. The Staff, using their specific gifts and talents, implements the direction given by the Elders. Currently there are three full-time and three part-time staff members.

## **What classes does Connect offer?**

Jesus did not tell us to make “converts”, but rather to make “disciples”. We do this by encouraging our body to become involved in the various discipleship classes where we offer strong, relevant Bible teaching for men, women, co-ed, married, college, students, and children.

## **Does Connect offer opportunities for community within the body?**

At Connect Church, we believe that group fellowship is essential for growth as a Christian. It is our goal to provide opportunities for all adults to build a stronger foundation for their faith, their relationships, and their families. So, we encourage “Life Groups” of 10-15 people who come together once every week or two, to experience life with each other. Meeting at Connect or in individual homes at various times of the week, they live out Acts 2:42 by sharing a meal, studying the Bible, praying for one another, and building authentic relationships with God and others.

## **How often and in what manner does Connect observe the Lord’s Supper?**

Table of Mercy is the name by which Connect Church refers to the Lord’s Supper or communion. All who are Christ-followers, having placed their faith and trust in Jesus as Savior, are welcome to participate. We believe the bread and cup are elements symbolic of Jesus’ body and blood broken and shed for us for the remission of sin. Connect celebrates the Table of Mercy, at minimum once a quarter, in obedience to Jesus’ command to “do this in remembrance of Me”. (Matthew 26:26-27; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

## **What is Connect’s understanding of tithing?**

The Bible teaches that our standard baseline for giving is the tithe, contributing 10% of our income to the church. Biblical tithing acknowledges that God owns everything, and allows us to keep 90% of what He gives us. This is the one area in which God encourages us to test Him. Tithing is not only a heart issue, but also of faith and trust in God. To model the importance of Biblical tithing, Connect “tithes” 10% of all it receives, placing this amount in an Offering Fund used for local and global missions as well as benevolence needs within the body.

## **Is Connect involved in missions?**

According to Acts 1:8, Connect Church is very involved in both local and global missions. Locally, we give to Metroplex Women’s Clinic, Texas ReEntry Services, Mission Arlington, and Victory Church. Our global missions benefit EMI (Engineering Ministries International), Wycliffe, and Real4Christ Ministries. We also assist our body with various benevolence needs.

**What type of worship will I find at Connect?**

While Connect offers mainly contemporary worship, you may hear an occasional hymn. Whatever the style, our goal is to create an atmosphere of worship that reflects sound Biblical truth that glorifies God.

**What is Connect's position on marriage?**

We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:22-25, Matthew 19:3-6) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only within this union.