

February 1, 2026

# Loyalty Tested

## Scripture

- 16 “Look, I’m sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves.
- 17 Beware of them, because they will hand you over to local courts and flog you in their synagogues.
- 18 You will even be brought before governors and kings because of me, to bear witness to them and to the Gentiles.
- 19 But when they hand you over, don’t worry about how or what you are to speak. For you will be given what to say at that hour,
- 20 because it isn’t you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father is speaking through you.
- 26 “Therefore, don’t be afraid of them, since there is nothing covered that won’t be uncovered and nothing hidden that won’t be made known.
- 27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the light. What you hear in a whisper, proclaim on the housetops.
- 28 Don’t fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- 29 Aren’t two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s consent.
- 30 But even the hairs of your head have all been counted.
- 31 So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- 32 “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.
- 33 But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny him before my Father in heaven.
- 34 Don’t assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Matthew 10:16-20, 26-34 CSB

## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Matthew 1-13, Winter 2025 & 2026; [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com); [preceptaustin.org](http://preceptaustin.org); [Biblehub.com/commentaries](http://Biblehub.com/commentaries); The New American Commentary, Matthew, Craig L. Blomberg*

# Connect Church Notes

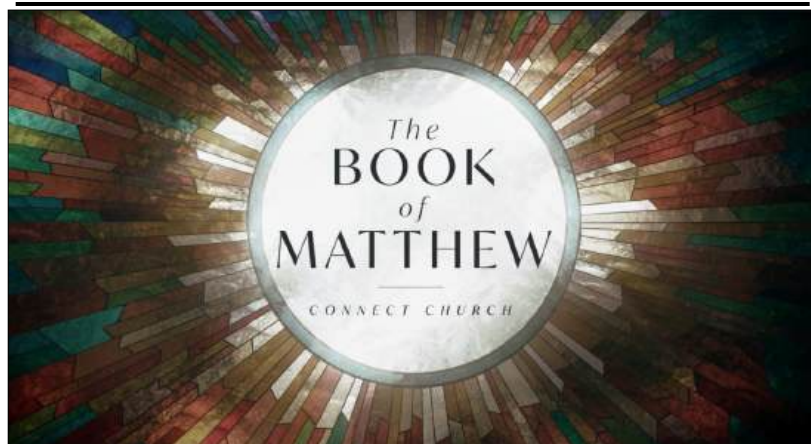
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**Speaker**

## Key Verses

## Key Points

## Questions/Reflections







# God's Word - Devoted to Him

## NO ACCIDENTS

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,  
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*1 Timothy 1:17*

"I have lived a long time," Benjamin Franklin, age eighty-one, told the Constitutional Convention, "and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?" Nations rise and fall; leaders come and go. But there is only one King of kings and Lord of lords, and He who ordains the flow of history and guides the sparrow's flight also carefully attends to the needs of His children.

A.W. Tozer wrote, "To the child of God, there is no such thing as accident. He travels an appointed way. . . . accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evil only because we cannot read the secret script of God's hidden providence."

God is eternal, so His perspective is broad. He is immortal, having no fear of death. He is invisible and always present. He is all-wise, always knowing just what to do. Trust Him—and give Him honor and glory forever and ever. Amen

From: David Jeremiah Morning and Evening Devotional



*As God always does, He works in exactly the ways  
that He knows we most need.*

*Louie Giglio*

# DAILY BIBLE STUDY

**SCRIPTURE** - Read the passage of the day

**OBSERVATION** - Write the point of the passage

**APPLICATION** - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

**PRAYER** - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

## Confronting Doubts

Main Passage for February 8 – Matthew 11:1-6, 16-24 CSB

**Monday** - Matthew 11:1-3

**Tuesday** - Matthew 11:4-6

**Wednesday** - Matthew 11:16-17

**Thursday** - Matthew 11:18-19

**Friday** - Matthew 11:20-22

**Saturday** - Matthew 11:23-24

Memory Verse: Matthew 11:5-6

*"The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news, and blessed is the one who isn't offended by me."*

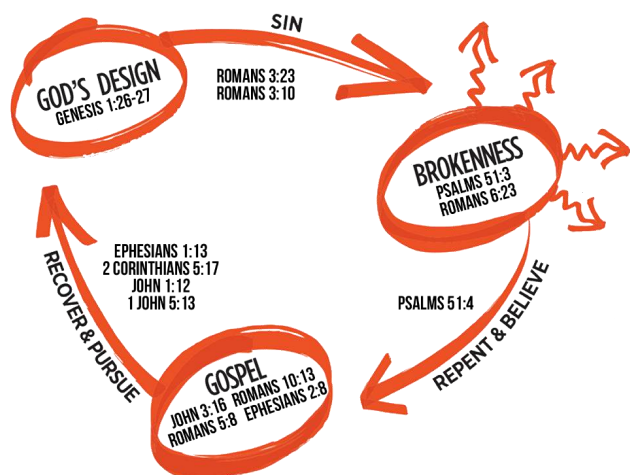
### Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

### Connect Church Prayer Request

SO IF GOD SAYS PRAY  
WITHOUT CEASING,  
THEN HE'S WILLING  
TO COMMUNICATE  
WITHOUT CEASING.

JOHN BEVERC





# CONNECT CHURCH

## Attendance & Offering

Attendance - 731

Tithes & Offering - \$ 21,658.00

## *Guaranteed Financial Results*

When we come to the place where we say, "Lord, I just want to give to You because I love You," God responds by saying the same thing in return: "I give and bless you because I love you and because you've shown I can trust you with resources."

It's like the childhood game of tag we used to play. It seemed to me that I was always it. I would run and run until I finally caught someone, and as soon as I touched him or her, that person would turn around quickly and touch me back, and I would be it again.

When it comes to blessing and giving, God never practices no touchbacks. We can be glad to know that God is all about touching back. He is all about returning and reciprocating. When I touch God, He immediately touches me back.

This is one of the things that I love about worship, because in worship I touch Him and He touches me back. But it's the same in giving. As soon as I give with the right heart and the right motive, God gives back to me. Then I have even more to give.

God wants to reward us, just as we want to reward our children when they do the right thing with the right attitude. Don't we long to see an attitude of kindness, love and compassion in our children?

The trap the enemy wants us to fall into is worshiping the blessings rather than the Blessor. Satan wants us to focus on the blessings that God has given us. We fall into that subtle trap when we begin seeking after the blessing that comes from God's hand rather than seeking God's face. We can never allow the blessings to have our hearts. Our hearts must be wholly God's.

Nevertheless, when we give with pure motives and hearts for God, He will immediately reward us and increase us so that we can give even more. That's why I can say with confidence that the financial results of giving are guaranteed. They are backed by full faith and credit of the Word of God.

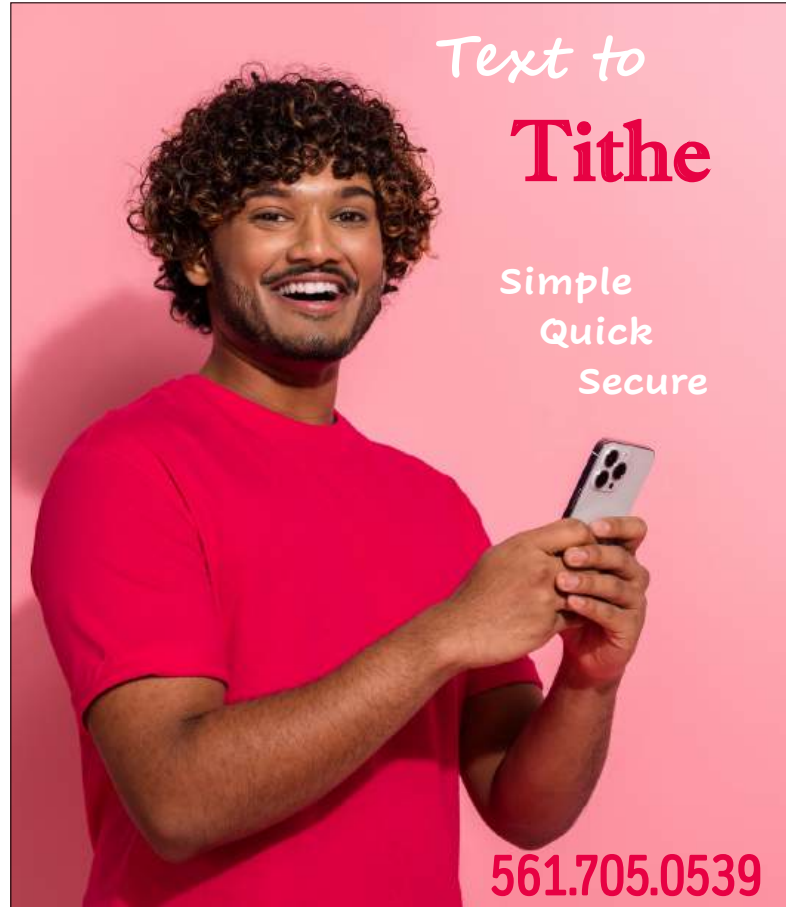
Yes, we are laying up treasure in heaven, but God also guarantees us financial results on Earth when we give with pure hearts. God is the only One who can truly give us this revelation, and God is the only One who can truly do this work in our hearts.

We were all born takers; we are born-again givers.

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## CONNECTION GROUPS

### SUNDAY

**Parents of Young Children** - 9:00 AM - Marlon Francis: m4francis@gmail.com  
**Students** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today  
**Young Adults** - 9:00 AM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today  
**Adults** - 9:00 AM - Sam Jay: jays717@bellsouth.net  
**Adults** - 10:30 AM - Dr. Janet Plummer: askadminex@gmail.com  
**Adults** - 10:30 AM - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net  
**Men** - 6:00 PM - Mike Herod: mike.a.herod@gmail.com

### MONDAY

**Men** - 7:00 PM - Edgar Gregory: egregoriac@gmail.com

### TUESDAY

**Ladies** - 9:30 AM - Tryna Groat: atgroat619@hotmail.com  
**Men** - 7:00 PM - Chip Hausman: jwmhausman@gmail.com  
and Jim Bass: jbass1961@gmail.com

## CONNECTION GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY

**MomCo** - 9:00 AM - Allie Royal: momco.connect@gmail.com  
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**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Dale Faircloth: dale@cc.today  
**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Victor Manoharan: woodhavenanimalclinic@gmail.com  
**Worship Team** - 7:00 PM - Duval Madrigal: duval.madrigal@cc.today  
**Ladies** - 7:00 PM - J. Virginia Murray: jvirginiam@gmail.com  
**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Sam Burton: skburton@bellsouth.net  
**Ladies** - 7:00 PM - Molly Maharaj: merrymolly@rocketmail.com  
**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Ed Samour: ed@ecengineers.com

### THURSDAY

**Adults** - 7:00 PM - Leslie Dakers: ladakes@hotmail.com

### SATURDAY

**Men** - 9:00 AM - Grantley Coulthrust: grantley.coulthrust@cc.today  
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*Join Us for  
Refreshments on  
the Patio Today!*



*Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!*

**CK - Parent/Child  
Dedication Session**  
*February 1st*

**MomCo - Playdate**  
*February 4th*

**Awana - Team Color Night**  
*February 4th*

**Women's Ministry**  
**She Worships by the Seashore**  
*February 7th*

**CK - Word of Life Parent Meeting**  
*February 8th*

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Event Page*



## Parent / Child Dedication Session

What Does It Mean to Dedicate  
Children to the Lord?

*February 1st*  
*9:00 AM*



Children's Department – Green Room  
Please register at [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. – [stacy.gatlin@cc.today](mailto:stacy.gatlin@cc.today)





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# Team Color Night

## February 4th



Dress In Your  
Club Color

## She Worships By the Seashore

Women's Ministry  
Fellowship / Worship / Sisterhood

February 7th - 9:00 AM  
2188 Marcinski Rd. Jupiter, FL



Bring a Beach Chair and a Friend  
Registration - [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. - [roquanda.guy@cc.today](mailto:roquanda.guy@cc.today)





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## Word of Life Camp Parent Meeting

February 8th - 11:45 AM  
Children's Worship Room



Camp Dates - July 5 - 10, 2026  
For more info. - [stacy.gatlin@cc.today](mailto:stacy.gatlin@cc.today)



## YOUNG ADULT BBQ

Food, Fun, Fellowship



February 8th - 6:00 PM  
Activity Center





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## A Night of Love

Celebrating God's Unfailing Love

February 13th - 7:00 PM

Worship Center - Attire: Formal

\$50 Per Person

\$35 Per Person - Seniors (65+)

\$10 Per Child - Childcare



Registration - [cc.today](http://cc.today)

For More Info. - [Roquanda.guy@cc.today](mailto:Roquanda.guy@cc.today)

# winter 2026 weekend

2/20-22/2026 - \$65

Information and Registration - [cc.today](http://cc.today)





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*Come & Serve*

*Come & Grow*

*Come & Lead*

## Leadership Team

Dr. Dale R. Faircloth / Elder and Lead Pastor

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Clayton Hutcheson / Elder

Victor Manoharan / Elder

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