



August 16, 2026



# Trust

## Scripture

- 16 Because she nagged him day after day and pleaded with him until she wore him out,  
17 he told her the whole truth and said to her, "My hair has never been cut, because I am a Nazirite to God from birth. If I am shaved, my strength will leave me, and I will become weak and be like any other man."  
18 When Delilah realized that he had told her the whole truth, she sent this message to the Philistine leaders: "Come one more time, for he has told me the whole truth." The Philistine leaders came to her and brought the silver with them.  
19 Then she let him fall asleep on her lap and called a man to shave off the seven braids on his head. In this way, she made him helpless, and his strength left him.  
20 Then she cried, "Samson, the Philistines are here!" When he awoke from his sleep, he said, "I will escape as I did before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him.  
21 The Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles, and he was forced to grind grain in the prison.  
22 But his hair began to grow back after it had been shaved.  
23 Now the Philistine leaders gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon. They rejoiced and said: Our god has handed over our enemy Samson to us.  
24 When the people saw him, they praised their god and said: Our god has handed over to us our enemy who destroyed our land and who multiplied our dead.  
25 When they were in good spirits, they said, "Bring Samson here to entertain us." So they brought Samson from prison, and he entertained them. They had him stand between the pillars.  
26 Samson said to the young man who was leading him by the hand, "Lead me where I can feel the pillars supporting the temple, so I can lean against them."  
27 The temple was full of men and women; all the leaders of the Philistines were there, and about three thousand men and women were on the roof watching Samson entertain them.  
28 He called out to the Lord, "Lord God, please remember me. Strengthen me, God, just once more. With one act of vengeance, let me pay back the Philistines for my two eyes."  
29 Samson took hold of the two middle pillars supporting the temple and leaned against them, one on his right hand and the other on his left.  
30 Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." He pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the leaders and all the people in it. And those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed in his life.  
31 Then his brothers and his father's whole family came down, carried him back, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. So he judged Israel twenty years.



Judges 16:16-31 CSB

## Additional Resources

*Explore the Bible: Joshua; Judges; Ruth, Summer 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org;  
Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Judges, Todd Gaddis*

# Connect Church Notes



**Date**

**Speaker**

**Key Verses**

**Key Points**

**Questions / Reflections**



# God's Word-Devoted to Him

## Powerless

*So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!"  
But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.  
Judges 16:20*

One of the signs of a heart that has shifted from God is the absence of spiritual power. If you are like Samson, you will not be immediately aware that God's power has left you. Only after he tried to defeat his enemies did Samson recognize that something was wrong. He went against the Philistines as before, expecting their swift defeat. But this time the Philistines easily prevailed over him.

If you allow sin to creep into your life, if you refuse to obey your Lord, if you do not reconcile with those who have hurt you, your spiritual vitality is waning. You may assume everything is fine, but when you pray, answers do not come as they once did. You once had a positive effect on those around you, but now your influence is negligible or even harmful. Your life once brought reconciliation, but now you experience problems in your relationships. Those around you who have relied upon your strength are discovering that you are not as helpful to them as you once were. Your lack of spiritual power is not crying out for attention; but you are seeing subtle changes in your spirit and in your relationship with God.

How can you stop this spiritual decline? You must regularly repent of any sin. You must invite God to search your life to see if there are attitudes, relationships, or activities that need to be removed. You must fervently obey His will. If you walk with God in this manner, you will grow in spiritual strength and be used mightily by Him.

*Experiencing God Day By Day*



Those that present not themselves as living sacrifices to God's grace,  
shall be made forever dying sacrifices to his justice...

Matthew Henry

# 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

## Faithfulness

Main Passage for August 23 – Ruth 1:11-18; 2:5-12 CSB

**Monday** - Ruth 1:1-13

**Wednesday** - Ruth 1:19-22

**Friday** - Ruth 2:5-9

**Tuesday** - Ruth 1:14-18

**Thursday** - Ruth 2:1-4

**Saturday** - Ruth 2:10-12

Memory Verse: Ruth 1:16

*But Ruth replied: Don't plead with me to abandon you or to return and not follow you.  
For where you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live;  
your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.*

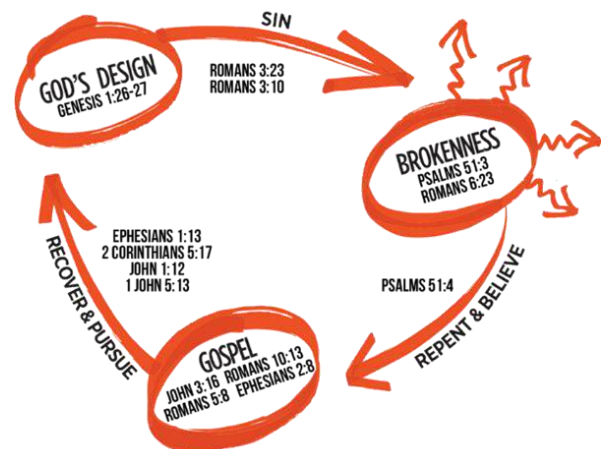
## Mission Statement

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

### Connect Church Prayer Request

LET NO ONE PRAY FOR  
A MIGHTY BAPTISM OF  
POWER WHO IS NOT  
PREPARED FOR  
DEEP HEART SEARCHING AND  
CONFESSION OF SIN.

EVANS ROBERTS





# Connect Church

## Attendance & Offering

Attendance -865

Tithes & Offering - \$34,908.59

## Roadblocks to Giving

*Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
a man's life does not consist in the abundance  
of his possessions.  
Luke 12:15*

When the King's wedding day comes, the universe will screech to a halt (Revelation 19:7-9). Nothing else will be on heaven's calendar. The Groom from Nazareth and His beloved bride will take center stage.

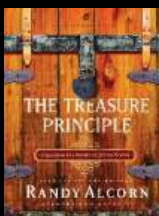
Every day of our lives we're traveling toward that wedding—our wedding! It's closer today than yesterday. Our Bridegroom, the Carpenter, is building a place for us in heaven. Everything we send on ahead will be waiting there for us. It's our gift to Him, but in His generosity He will give those treasures back to us.

Jesus is a builder by trade. He's also omniscient and omnipotent, qualities that come in handy on a building project! Don't you think the home He's been building for us the last two thousand years is something incredible?

Paradoxically, our home is a place we've never been. But it's the place we were made for, the place made for us.

If we would let this reality sink in, it would forever change the way we think and live. We would stop laying up treasures in our earthly hotel rooms and start sending more ahead to our true home.

To be continued from...  
*The Treasure Principle*



## Text to Tithe

Simple  
Quick  
Secure



561.705.0539

## Offering

God determines what to do with the tithe. It's God's tithe.



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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 - Clayton Hutcheson: claybmw@bellsouth.net

**Adults** - 4:00 PM (online)

Dr. Janet Plummer: askadminex@gmail.com

**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

**Students** - 6:30 PM - Tristan Nelson: tristan@cc.today

**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:

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and Harlan Miller: hmliller@hgpmcorp.com



## Are You Curious About Baptism?

**3rd - 8th Grade Students  
and Their Parents**

**August 16th, 23rd, and 30th  
9:00 AM**



**Children's Department**

**Register: cc.today**

**For more info. - stacy.gatlin@cc.today**



# Connect Church

*Join us for  
Refreshments  
on the Patio  
Today*



*Stay and Visit  
Following  
the Service!*

**Connect Kids - Baptism Class**  
*August 16th, 23rd, 30th*

**Connect Kids - Movie Night**  
*August 19th*

**Awana Parent Meeting**  
*August 19th*

**Awana Leader Meeting**  
*August 19th*

**Connect Teen - Leader Meeting**  
*August 23rd*



*Scan to Visit  
Connect Church  
Event Page*



# Awana

**Awana - Fall 2026 - Spring 2027**

**Online Registration is Open!**

**Register Today!**  
**cc.today**

**For more information:**  
**Stacy Gatlin: [stacy.gatlin@cc.today](mailto:stacy.gatlin@cc.today)**



## AWANA PARENTS - MEETING

AUGUST 19TH - 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



AWANA MATERIALS:

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND PICK-UP IN THE RESOURCE CENTER  
FOR MORE INFO. - [STACY.GATLIN@CC.TODAY](mailto:STACY.GATLIN@CC.TODAY)

## AWANA LEADERS - MEETING

AUGUST 19TH - 7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



FOR MORE INFO. - [STACY.GATLIN@CC.TODAY](mailto:STACY.GATLIN@CC.TODAY)





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## **Connect Teen Adult Leaders Meeting**

**August 23rd - 12:00 PM  
Activity Center**



### **Lunch Provided**

**For those who serve with teens  
and would like to serve with teens.  
Registration is Requested: [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more information: [tristan.nelson@cc.today](mailto:tristan.nelson@cc.today)**

## **Women's Ministry Breakfast**

**Connection / Encouragement / Inspiration**

**August 29th - 9:00 AM  
Activity Center**



**Register at [cc.today](http://cc.today)  
For more info. - [roquanda.guy@cc.today](mailto:roquanda.guy@cc.today)**



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## *The Lord's Supper*

*Preparing Our Hearts  
Remembering His Sacrifice*



*August 30th*



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*Come & Explore*

*Come & Grow*

*Come & Serve*

*Come & Lead*

## Leadership Team

Dr. Dale R. Faircloth / Elder and Lead Pastor

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