



# CONNECTION

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

July Edition — 2025

## שלום SHALOM 2025

### PEACE FOR OUR CITY

Join in worship on Sunday, July 13 at 9am and 11am services as the mayor of Odessa, Cal Hendrick, brings a message helping us to "seek the peace of the city where we live" (from Jeremiah 29). We'll have a special time of prayer for our local leaders. You won't want to miss this!

### ARE CHRISTIANS PACIFISTS?

How do Christians navigate the Bible's teachings about war and peace? What have our ancestors in the faith decided about pacifism? July 20, 27, and August 3, we will be studying this topic during our 10am adult Bible studies while our sermons help us wrestle with these questions. While our answers may differ from one another's, we will grow our faith as we explore together!

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will again be helping the kids of Basin Assisted Services get ready for school! On Sunday, July 13, you are invited to choose a child to bless. The church will provide the backpack, and you will fill it with the supplies needed for their grade. Backpacks are due back on July 27.

### THANK YOU, CHURCH!

Thank you, church! You overwhelmed us with your generous snack donations for the youth mission trip! Our team worked in the fields of El Jardin de Milagros and distributed the fresh produce we harvested at the Kelly Center for Hunger Relief in El Paso. We're especially grateful for our adult leaders: Amy Johnson-Hicks, Aaron Gomez, Pastor Dawn Weaks, Chrys Beckley, our Disciples Peace Intern, and Alex Calentine, our youth director.



### Upcoming Dates:

*July 12-15:* General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*July 13:* School Supply Drive Begins

*July 15:* Food Bank Team (411 S. Pagewood)

*July 20-23:* Children's Camp

*July 20:* Children's Worship Begins

*July 23:* Youth to Balmoreah

*July 26:* Summer Musical at Stonegate

*Aug 10:* Blessing of the Backpacks

### Sunday Morning Worship:

9am Classic Worship

\*10am Bible Study for all ages

\*11am Contemporary Worship & Children's Worship

\*Nursery Provided

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### Ministers:

Dr. Dawn Weaks

Dr. Joe Weaks



## YOUTH EVENTS

On Sunday, July 6 at 10am, we will lead the children of the church in games on the playground. Then, on July 23, all of our youth finished grades 6th-12th are welcome to our day at Balmorhea. On Sunday, August 3, we will celebrate our Hello Party following worship for our incoming 6th graders.

## CHILDREN'S CAMP

Connection's 3rd-5th graders are headed to Passport Kids' Camp at Glen Lake in Glen Rose, Texas July 20-23. Be in prayer for our 8 campers and our leaders, Milka Montes and Pastor Dawn. Camps change lives!

## ART TO GO AT CONNECTION

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (July 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16, 17) from 1:30-2:30pm our church is partnering with the Ellen Noel Art Museum to offer free art lessons in the Connection Fellowship Hall. All kids ages 3-17 are welcome!

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Call all kids, school staff, and teachers! Save the date for August 10 when we bless you and your backpacks for the school year ahead. Invite a friend to this special time of worship.

## IN DEFENSE OF KINDNESS BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays at 6pm in July, join in online for a study of In Defense of Kindness by Bruce Reyes-Chow. Rev. Dr. Mindy Johnson-Hicks will lead the study. You can purchase a book to read from your favorite retailer or simply join in for the discussion. Join in on the church zoom: [odessaconnection.church/zoom](https://odessaconnection.church/zoom)

## SUMMER MUSICAL OUTING

Connection folks are major players in this summer's community theatre extravaganza, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Our church will go as a group to see the musical on July 26 at 8pm at Stonegate Odessa's outdoor stage. Ticket prices are \$15. If you would like to be a part, please call the church at 432-332-2954 or email us at [office@odessaconnection.church](mailto:office@odessaconnection.church).

