



CONNECTION

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April Edition — 2024

AMAZED BY RESURRECTION

Easter season is full of celebration, and that includes the amazing conclusion to our three-



year "Amazed by Resurrection" building debt reduction campaign. Wow, what a faithful response this church has made. Our church has surpassed our expectation by giving a total of \$378,822 so far, exceeding our pledges by over \$50,000. Our current loan balance is down to only \$458,000 from our original \$3 million total project. Hallelujah!

If you have more you intend to contribute or if you've been giving regularly and want to continue in that way, it would be a tremendous blessing. Any building debt donations received over the next few months will still go to the same fund to reduce our debt. Our leadership is making plans and will be announcing a final push later this year to pay off our building loan.

Thank you Connection Christian Church, and thank you God, for all that has been, and all that is to come!

CONNECTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our Sunday worship series in Eastertide will explore how God's love is at work in our community, and how we can be a part! We will have special community leaders as guests at several of these services, including:

- *April 14* Libby Campbell, West Texas Food Bank
- *April 21* Russell Myers, Midland Memorial Hospital and the Behavioral Health Center of the Permian Basin
- *April 28* Lorie Dunnam, Crisis Center of West Texas

Let's see what God might do with our willingness to engage more fully in connecting to our community!

SUMMER AT CONNECTION

Make sure these special dates are on your calendar:

- Worship Arts Camp (for 3 years-5th grade) *June 3-6*
- Youth Camp (for 6th-12th grade) *June 9-13*
- Summer Service Days (all ages) *July 23-25*
- Children's Camp (for 3rd-5th grade) *July 27-30*

Need more information? Contact Pastor Dawn or call 432-332-2954 to register. Children's camp and youth camp registration is due by May 1.

Eastertide Dates:

April 7 @ Noon
Youth Scavenger Hunt

April 11 @ 6pm
Disciples Women

April 14 @ 10am
Children's Acolyte Training

April 24 @ 6:30pm
Basic Financial Wellness
Workshop

May 1
Deadline to Register for Children
& Youth Summer Camps

May 5
All-Church Potluck Fiesta &
Graduates Celebration

May 12
Youth Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship:

9am Classic Worship
*10am Bible Study for all ages
*11am Contemporary Worship &
Children's Worship
*Nursery Provided
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Dr. Dawn Weaks

Dr. Joe Weaks

WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

Worship Arts Camp is for kids ages 3 years through 5th grades. It is *June 3-6* from 9:30am-Noon with our Sunday celebration on *June 9*. Can you be a helper, a teacher, a decorator, a greeter? If so we would love to have you on our team! All that is required is a background check and a love for children. We will prepare you for the rest! Contact Rosyln Ross or Pastor Dawn to see how you can make a difference in the life of a kid.

GRADUATION POTLUCK

We will celebrate our high school and college graduates with a potluck lunch on *Cinco de Mayo!* Join in the fun on *May 5 at noon*. If you know of a participant in our church who is graduating or has done so in the last year, please let the church office know at 432-332-2954. Thank you and felicitaciones to our grads!

APRIL DISCIPLES WOMEN

All women of the church are invited for our Disciples Women gathering on *Thursday, April 11th at 6-7:30pm* in the Connection Fellowship Hall. Following up on our recent retreat and church theme, we are going to be blessed with testimonies of some women who learned to let go and let God show them how God wants to write their stories. It will be an uplifting and special evening of celebrating God's work in our lives.

BASIC FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

You are invited to take steps to get your wallet well this spring! Join in a Basic Financial Wellness Workshop on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30-8pm in the fellowship hall, led by our own Lezlie Veach and Tracy Austin. Childcare and a light meal provided.

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THANK YOU FOR A BLESSED HOLY WEEK

The glory of God shined through you as you cared for many folks this Holy Week! Special thanks go to our Palm Sunday singers and children who led us in waving palms, as well as to Charles Richardson and his Fellowship Ministry team for a beautiful brunch! Our Maundy Thursday cast & crew gave us a moving experience and we so appreciate them: Sara Kate Billingsley, Quinn Boyer, Lori Evans, John Gillian, Mindy Hicks, Ryan Ledbetter, Steve Lollar, Rosyln Ross, Tracey Scown, Cristi Stephenson, and Joe Weak. Thank you to our bell ringers, Leslie & John Gillian, and our readers, Renee Earls, Jenny Paxton, and Todd Richardson, who led our meaningful Good Friday service. A big hurrah for our Evangelism Ministry team, led by Tracy Austin, and their stupendously attended Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks also to our Worship Ministry team, led by Amber Gray, who facilitated our sanctuary turnaround for a beautiful Easter Sunday morning atmosphere. We counted over 40 volunteers who helped pull off Holy Week at Connection. What a blessing to serve with all of you!

