

# The Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LIFESPING CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The LifeSpring Elementary Boys had a great night beating the winter cold with a game night in!



**GAME ON!**  
**ELEMENTARY BOYS GAME NIGHT**



# A Word from Tim...

## Walking Where Jesus Walked



**Synagogue Capernaum**

There are moments in life when Scripture moves from words on a page to something you can almost feel under your feet. That's what happened for both of us during our recent trip to Israel. We didn't just read the Bible there—we stood inside it. And once you do that, you never read it the same way again.

Standing along the Mediterranean in Caesarea, we were reminded that the gospel was never meant to stay small or contained. This was the launching point of the early church into the wider world, and it became clear that God has always been moving His story forward through ordinary people who were willing to say yes.

In Nazareth, the humility of Jesus' beginnings came into focus. This was not the place you'd expect the Savior of the world to come from—and that's the point. God chose obscurity over spotlight, faithfulness over fame.

It reframed how we think about significance and reminded us that obedience matters far more than recognition.

Galilee was especially powerful. Sitting on the hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus taught the Beatitudes, His words felt less theoretical and more disruptive—in the best way. These weren't lofty ideals; they were a radical invitation to live differently. Taking a boat out onto the sea itself, the storms Jesus calmed suddenly felt very real. You realize quickly how vulnerable the disciples would have felt—and how deeply they must have trusted Him.

One of the most striking moments for us was at Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Standing there, surrounded by reminders of false gods and misplaced loyalties, that question felt deeply personal. It still is. Following Jesus has always required clarity, courage, and conviction.

Jerusalem carried a weight unlike anywhere else. Walking the Temple steps, standing in the Upper Room, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane—each place held layers of meaning. We felt the tension of Jesus' final days, the cost of obedience, and the depth of His love. Walking the Via Dolorosa and spending time at the Garden Tomb made one thing unmistakably clear: the cross was not an accident, and the resurrection was not symbolic. Jesus truly lived, truly suffered, and truly conquered death.

What struck us most throughout the trip was how human Jesus' story is—and yet how divinely purposeful. He taught real people, in real places, with real struggles. And He still meets us there. This journey reinforced something we've been leaning into as a church through our HIS(STORY) emphasis: God is still writing His story, and He invites us to live our part within it. Israel didn't just help us see where Jesus was—it helped us see who He is.

And that changes everything.

Godspeed,  
Tim and Amy Dunn

**The Southern Steps to the Temple in Jerusalem  
with a view of how it would have originally looked**





# LIFESPING ALL IN

## THREE MOMENTS. ONE CHURCH. ALL IN.

What if there were moments each year when our entire church family leaned in together? Same heart. Same mission. Same purpose.

In 2026, LifeSpring is committing to **three “All In” moments**—strategic, church-wide events where we don’t just attend church...**we live out the mission together.**

These are moments where we show up as one church to love our community well, build meaningful relationships, and help people take steps toward Jesus.

### Our 2026 All In Events:

#### Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt-- Saturday, March 28

This is one of the biggest front doors into our community. Families who may never attend a service will step onto our campus because of this event. We don’t do this to hand out candy—we do it to: create trust with our community, build relationships with families, and show the love of Jesus in tangible ways.

*Every smile, every conversation, every helping hand matters.*

#### End of Summer Bash--Saturday, August 15

As summer winds down and routines restart, this is a moment to gather, celebrate, and reconnect. This All In event is about: strengthening relationships within the LifeSpring family, creating an inviting space for friends and neighbors, and celebrating what God has done—and what He’s still doing.

*It’s fun on the surface, but formative underneath.*

#### ReachOUT LifeSpring--Weekend of November 7–8

This is who we are—on mission together. ReachOUT LifeSpring is a weekend where we scatter into our community to serve, love, and bless in the name of Jesus. It’s not about one ministry or one project—it’s about the whole church saying, “Here we are. Send us.”

*This weekend reminds us: the church doesn’t exist for itself, our faith is meant to be lived out, God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.*

### Why We’re Going All In

Because faith grows when we **step in together**. Because impact multiplies when we **move in unity**. Because the church is strongest when it’s not siloed—but shared. These three moments will receive extra focus, energy, and leadership encouragement—not because they’re bigger events, but because they help us live out our calling to:

**Love God. Love people. Join God in restoring a broken world.**

### Your Invitation:

You don’t need to have it all figured out. You don’t need to be “qualified.” You just need to be willing.

When you see an **All In Event** on the calendar in 2026, don’t think “*Someone else will handle it.*”

Think: *This is my moment to step in. This is how I can be part of the story. This is what it looks like to be the Church.*

Let’s be a church that doesn’t sit on the sidelines.

Let’s be a church that goes **All In—together.**



## VOLUNTEERS OF LIFESPING

We truly love our volunteers at LifeSpring. Without their dedication, so much of what we do would not be possible. Though their service often happens behind the scenes, it is never unnoticed. We recently had the joy of celebrating our LifeSpring Kids and Office volunteers, and we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who help make our ministries thrive.



### *In Sympathy:*

*To Dan Burton on the death of his father, Charles Burton, on December 18, 2025.*

*To Dick DeWald and his family on the death of his brother, Clarence Haubner, on January 14, 2026.*

*To Mary Weichold and her family on the death of her husband, Ed, on January 20, 2026.*

## Upcoming Events:

### **February**

- 2/5 - SM Reset (Every Thursday Evening)
- 2/6 - Game Night (Adult Ministry)
- 2/13 - Pickleball (Last 3 Fridays of the month)
- 2/20-2/21 - Reset Students Winter Jam Service Weekend
- 2/21 - Men + Kids & Grandkids Pancake Breakfast
- 2/27 - Elementary Girls Night In-Craft Night

Go to [lifespringchristian.org](https://lifespringchristian.org) for more information on upcoming events & more!