UPCOMING

CONNECTION POINTS

Nursery
Opportunities in December & January

Thanksgiving Evening Service
Nov. 22 at 6 PM

Friendsgiving Lunch - Seniors & Students
Nov. 22 at 12:15 - 2 PM, RSVP today through Church Center or Connection Point in the Commons

Drumstick Dash 2026
Thanksgiving Morning, 9 AM
Use code **LIFEPOINT2026** for $5 off registration

Tables of Christmas
December 4 & 5 with speaker Nicol Sponberg
Ticket sales for table hostesses and all guests avaliable now through Nov. 22

CONNECTION POINT

Want more information about upcoming events? Want to sign up to serve, register for an event, give, or check in kids? It's all right there in one place! Stay connected with our new app, Church Center, for everything happening at LifePoint.

Scan QR Code or Tap the Tag in your row to download now.

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NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Chain:
Please call Diane Hawk (317-862-3924) or the church office during business hours for prayer needs within our church family.

VISITING?

Introduce yourself.
We're so glad you're here. We'd love to learn a little about you... Fill out the Welcome form by scanning the QR code.

This lets us know what ministries you might be interested in exploring.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:	1043

FINANCIAL UPDATE:	General Fund	Mission Fund
November Giving	$44,911	$14,444
YTD Budget - October	$1,950,000	$560,444
YTD Giving - October	$1,832,223	$586,996
YTD Expenses - October	$1,784,995	$560,773

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Parables OF THE KINGDOM

LUKE 15:11-32

JYM GREGORY

NOV. 8, 2026

This Week's
MISSION FOCUS



Servant's Heart
Serving in Indianapolis

Servant's Heart was established to help families in Beech Grove and the surrounding area by providing year-round support for those struggling to make ends meet.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God's continued favor on the ministry.
- Pray for volunteers—that they would see God working and that He would become more real to them.
- Pray for the new grocery management team.
- Pray that there would be a development of new board members with servants' hearts.
- Pray that clients would see God's love for them through the volunteers.
- Pray for opportunities to lead everyone to Jesus.

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Seeking the Kingdom
Luke 15:11-32
November 8, 2026

I. A WAKE-UP CALL

- The younger son insults his father and demonstrates his disregard for the ways of God. He wants his money, and he wants it now (Deut. 21:17).
- The Father acquiesces, but there is a cost to the son (Ps. 106:10-15; Hosea 13:4-8).
- After leaving his father's house and squandering his money, he finds himself impoverished and without friends. He comes to his senses and realizes all he left behind (Luke 15:13-17).

II. HE RAN...AND HE RAN

- The younger son runs away; the older son dutifully remains (Luke 15:28-30).
- The younger son develops a plan to appease his father with an offer of work as a slave (Luke 15:18).
- The repentance and return of the younger son is greeted by a waiting father, who runs to his son (Gen. 33:4, 45:28, 46:28-30).

III. THE PARABLE OF THE OLDER BROTHER

- The story of the older brother is, in essence, part two of the parable. He represents the Pharisees and scribes who complained about Jesus welcoming sinners (Luke 15:1-2, 25-32).
- The older brother does get a bit of a bad rap. Humanly speaking, he is the better son. He was in many ways a true son, but his heart was not aligned with his head (Matt. 23:23-24).
- In his duty to his father, he feels like a slave. His "faith" is all action and no love (Luke 15:29).
- The older brother has missed an important reality. If he had asked his father, all that he had would have been his for the asking (Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 15:31-32; James 4:1-3).

IV. THE MERCY OF GOD

- God stands ready and willing to forgive, both the disobedient and the obedient. Grace frees us; mercy receives us; love keeps us (Ps. 51; Jer. 31:3; Matt. 11:28-30; John 6:37; Eph. 1:11-14, 2:8-9).
- Genuine repentance leads to forgiveness, acceptance, and joy in the kingdom of God. Always has, always will (Ezek. 33:10-12; Luke 15:7).

KNOW: God stands ready to forgive and to receive even the most recalcitrant sinner. He loves obedience, he rejoices in repentance, he honors those who honor him.

DO: Both the obedient and disobedient...come to your senses and turn to your God.

Suggested Readings:

The Prodigal God by Tim Keller (Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

The Friend Who Forgives by Dan Dewitt and Catalina Echeverri (Available in the LifePoint Kids Library)

Next Week's Text: **Luke 16:19–30**