CM Podcast Coming soon!

Connection Ministries is excited to launch a new podcast this month: *Connection Ministries Conversations*! In this podcast, we'll explore the impact and importance of Connection Ministries in Central Indiana through conversations. We will host a variety of guests, including friends with disabilities, parents, service providers, pastors, and other community leaders. Be sure to check your favorite podcast app and search for **Connection Ministries Conversations** to listen and subscribe!

Connection Ministries Financials

Year to Date: September of 2025 to August of 2026
Actual Revenue: $143,083
Budget Revenue: $140,527
Variance: $2,556

Expenses: September of 2025 to August of 2026
Actual Expenses: $158,254
Budget Expenses: $159,063
Variance: $-808 saved

Net Operating Income: September of 2025 to August of 2026
Actual: $-15,005
Budget: $-17,011
Variance: $2,006

Connection Ministries Team

Tracy Cornforth	Executive Director
Pam Crowder	Ministry Engagement Consultant
Pam Murdock	Administrative Assistant
Joni Borgman	Volunteer
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Portraits of UNSHAKABL

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord, with Him at my right hand I will not be shaken!"

Psalm 16:8



As we reflect on this summer we're reminded that many of our friends with disabilities share a rich history together. Over the years they have lived together, participated in Special Olympics, attended day and work programs, enjoyed dance and drama clubs, and, of course, built lasting friendships through Friendship Groups. These deep connections are part of what makes the Summer Friendship Gatherings so special each year.

This summer was no exception. In fact, we saw God do immeasurably more than we could have asked or imagined.

Through our **UNSHAKABLE!** theme, we learned from Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to trust Jesus through life's trials. And from Paul and Silas to pray, praise, and stay focused on Him in every circumstance. We were also reminded that God's Word is the unshakable foundation that helps us stand firm when life's storms come.



During the three days of Gatherings, we celebrated three baptisms and rejoiced as

Welcome to the Board!

The Connection Ministries Board is pleased to announce three new members this year! **Brandon Hulse** joins us from King of Glory Lutheran church where he has been leading the Friendship group for 8 years. **Jeff Strueder** joins the board from Christ the Savior Lutheran church and has been involved with their Friendship group for over 14 years. Welcome **Dixie Agnew** from Cornerstone—Warren (previously Trinity Lutheran). She has worked in their financial department for seven years and has been a volunteer companion at their Friendship group for 3 years.

We are so excited welcome our new board members! They bring a wealth of knowledge and fresh ideas to the table. We are already seeing the Lord use their gifts and talents to build His ministry!

For more information about our new board members visit the Connection Ministries website.

You Can Help Build the Ministry

Support Connection Ministries through your everyday shopping by linking your **Kroger Rewards** card. Here are the steps to get started.

1) Sign in to your Kroger digital account.
2) Search for and select Connection Ministries.
3) Save your selection.

Connection Ministries receives an annual donation based on eligible purchases.

Another way to help is by attending the **Legacy and Estate Giving seminar October 17th at 11:00 a.m. Location TBD.**

Follow us on Facebook at the link below.
Be sure to like and share with a friend!

www.facebook.com/connectionministries1



Upcoming Events



Connection Ministries
is proud to present...
Bryce Nelson Concert!
November 13th at 7PM
Christ the Savior Lutheran Church
10500 126th St. Fishers, IN 46038
This is a FREE-WILL offering

Coffee Connections:

Once a month beginning in October Connection Ministries will host a small group with our supporters. We will enjoy a time for fellowship questions/answers, and input from you.
Location: Spirit of Joy church 3535 Kessler Blvd. E Drive, Indpls.

Bikers for Christ

SAVE THE DATE

The Indiana *Bikers for Christ* will host a fundraiser on April 10, 2027, at 3:00 PM. The event will feature food, games, face painting, pictures with the bikers and their bikes, and end with a worship service. Everyone is welcome and it's FREE! (location TBD)

New Team Members!

Connection Ministries has a couple of exciting new additions to the team!
We are thrilled to welcome **Pam Murdock** as our new Administrative Assistant. Many of you know Pam from the Friendship Group at Grace Presbyterian where she has served as a Volunteer Companion for 15 years. Pam brings valuable organization, technology and sales & services skills to help strengthen our ministry. She is also an avid quilter in her spare time.

We're also very thankful for our new printer! Its speed and efficiency will help us create materials more quickly and make our work a little easier.

E Friendships!

By Pam Crowder



three friends and one caregiver placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We also witnessed God's provision in remarkable ways. When one Gathering needed leadership support, God provided a leader, a team of volunteers from other Friendship Groups, and a church willing to host the event. What seemed impossible became a beautiful reality through His faithfulness.



On the final evening, a volunteer shared a personal prayer need, and friends quickly gathered around to pray for and encourage him. Another friend—after receiving prayer for an upcoming medical procedure—later shared, "I'm not afraid anymore because I know Jesus is with me, just like He was with the three men in the fire and with Paul and Silas."

What beautiful examples of our **UNSHAKABLE** friends and volunteer companions living out the love of Jesus and strengthening and supporting one another in Christian community.



Go to YouTube **2026 SFG Unshakable** to check out your church's video!





FRIENDSHIP/SONRISE GROUPS

BACK TOGETHER!

This summer's Gatherings were filled with wonderful reminders of how we are **UNSHAKABLE!** It was a joy to reconnect, worship together, and celebrate God's faithfulness. Many of our friends are already looking forward to meeting again this fall!

We want to thank our retiring Friendship/SonRise leaders who have faithfully served our friends with disabilities. Your love, dedication, and Christ-centered leadership have blessed so many lives. You will be greatly missed.

God has graciously provided new leaders to continue this ministry. Please join us in welcoming **Zac & Daisy Marsh (Cornerstone), Aaron Sheffler & Amy Gatman (College Park), Joey & Sarah Newsom (Spirit of Joy), and Rich Blum & Paul Swigart (Second Reformed).**

We would also like to welcome a new Friendship Group at **Camby Community Church** this fall! God is busy growing His kingdom!

If you are new to Friendship, please register. Current participants should also update their registration if any contact, address, or dietary information has changed. Simply scan the QR code to get started.

Scan QR Code to register

Follow this link to "Registration for Friendship Groups"
https://connection-ministries.org/registration/

2026-2027 FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

START DATES & LOCATIONS

Brandywine Community
1551 E. New Rd.
Greenfield, IN 46140
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 15th

Camby Community Church
8604 Camby Rd.
Camby, IN 46113
Sunday 10a.m.
*Starts: Sept. 24th

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church
10500 E. 126th St.
Fishers, IN 46038
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 15th

College Park Church
2606 W. 96th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Monday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 21st

Cornerstone Lutheran
4850 E. 131st St.
Carmel, IN 46033
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 15th

Grace Presbyterian Church
7900 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46250
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 16th

King of Glory Lutheran
2201 E. 106th St.
Carmel, IN 46032
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 23rd

LifePoint Church
8540 Combs Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46237
Monday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 14th

Messiah Lutheran Church
801 S. Green St.
Brownsburg, IN 46112
Thursday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 17th

Outlook Christian Church
6531 N 600 West
McCordsville, IN 46055
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 16th

Second Reformed Pres. Church
4800 N. Michigan Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46228
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept 15th

Spirit of Joy—Englewood
57 N Rural St.
Indianapolis, IN 46201
Wednesday, 6 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 23rd

Cornerstone—Warren (Trinity)
8540 East 16th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
*Resumes: Sept. 15th

