

2024

**CONNECTION  
CHURCH**

*annual report*

*"What a year! In 2024 we saw God do exceedingly more than we could ever think or imagine in so many ways. Yet, with the highs, we also get the lows. Through it all one of the things we have seen is God's faithfulness. Even with the ups and downs, 2024 was another year full of miracles and celebrations. From seeing dozens of salvations to seeing 77 baptisms at J.I. Clements Stadium, God once again did what only He can do.*

*I believe that right now as a church we have a stronger foundation of leaders than ever before. We have people who have been connected to God through Jesus, equipped to do the work of God, and are saying, "Yes!" to God's call to be sent into the world. When the people of God step into their purpose incredible things happen!*

*When we look at what God has already done, why would we expect Him to stop in 2025! As we remain faithful to God and what he's called us to, we will see God do "even greater things." We will undoubtedly face challenges, but we know that our work is not in vain. In the end it WILL be worth it! When we lock arms, Heart and Soul together, we are a Spirit empowered force that has world changing power. Let's get after it together in 2025!"*

*-Brandon Williams*

*Senior Pastor*



**59**

**SALVATIONS**

**116**

**NEW HEART & SOUL  
MEMBERS**

**261**

**FIRST  
TIME  
GIVERS**



# 135



447

CONNECTORS


10

NEW CONNECT  
GROUPS

454

PEOPLE IN GROUPS

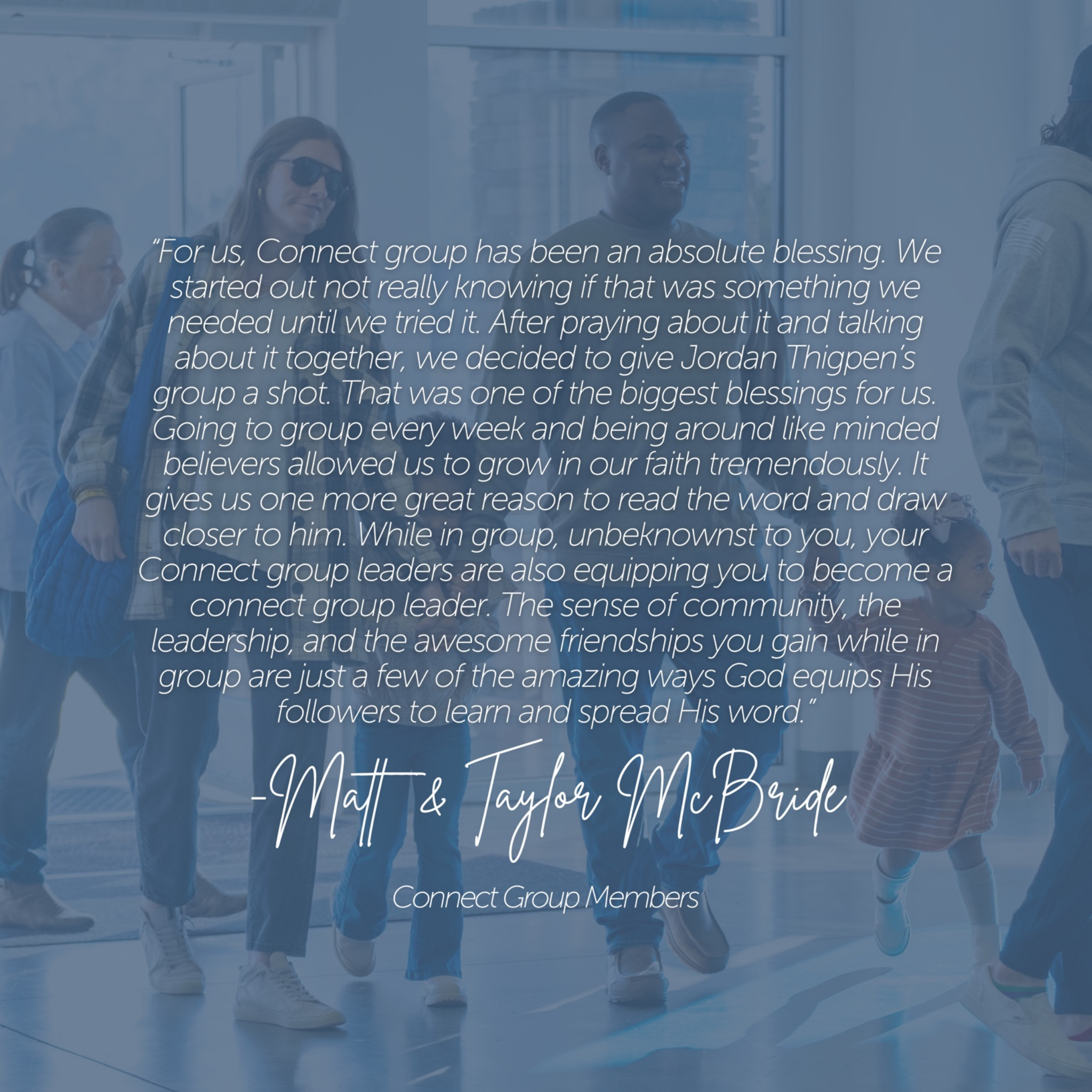




*"Serving at church is such a rewarding experience that brings a sense of purpose to me. Whether it's helping with Konnection Kids, greeting on Sunday mornings, or helping in missions, every role matters. It's great to connect with others and work together as a community. The joy of serving comes from knowing you're making a difference in people's lives. Most of all, it feels good to serve God and grow in my faith."*

*-Rachel Miller*

Connector



*"For us, Connect group has been an absolute blessing. We started out not really knowing if that was something we needed until we tried it. After praying about it and talking about it together, we decided to give Jordan Thigpen's group a shot. That was one of the biggest blessings for us. Going to group every week and being around like minded believers allowed us to grow in our faith tremendously. It gives us one more great reason to read the word and draw closer to him. While in group, unbeknownst to you, your Connect group leaders are also equipping you to become a connect group leader. The sense of community, the leadership, and the awesome friendships you gain while in group are just a few of the amazing ways God equips His followers to learn and spread His word."*

*-Matt & Taylor McBride*

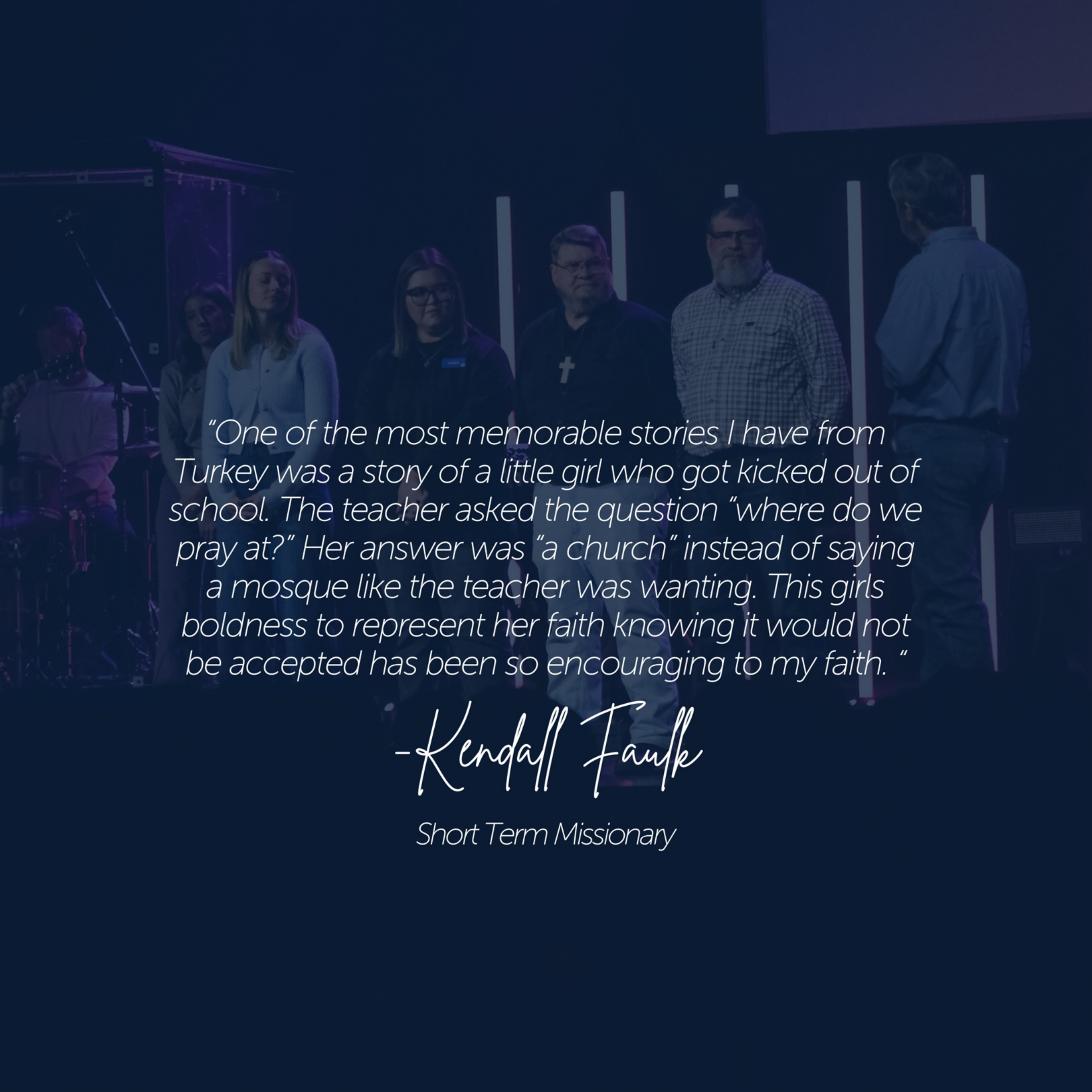
*Connect Group Members*



**51** PEOPLE SENT ON  
MISSION TRIPS

**\$98K** RAISED FOR  
MISSION TRIPS



A group of people is standing on a stage. In the center, a man wears a dark shirt with a white cross on the chest. To his right, another man has his back to the camera. The background is dark with vertical light bars.

*"One of the most memorable stories I have from Turkey was a story of a little girl who got kicked out of school. The teacher asked the question "where do we pray at?" Her answer was "a church" instead of saying a mosque like the teacher was wanting. This girl's boldness to represent her faith knowing it would not be accepted has been so encouraging to my faith. "*

*-Kendall Faulk*

*Short Term Missionary*

# KONNECTION KIDS

1231

TOTAL KIDS  
ATTENDED

417

ATTENDED VBS

150

VOLUNTEERS  
AT VBS

23

SALVATIONS

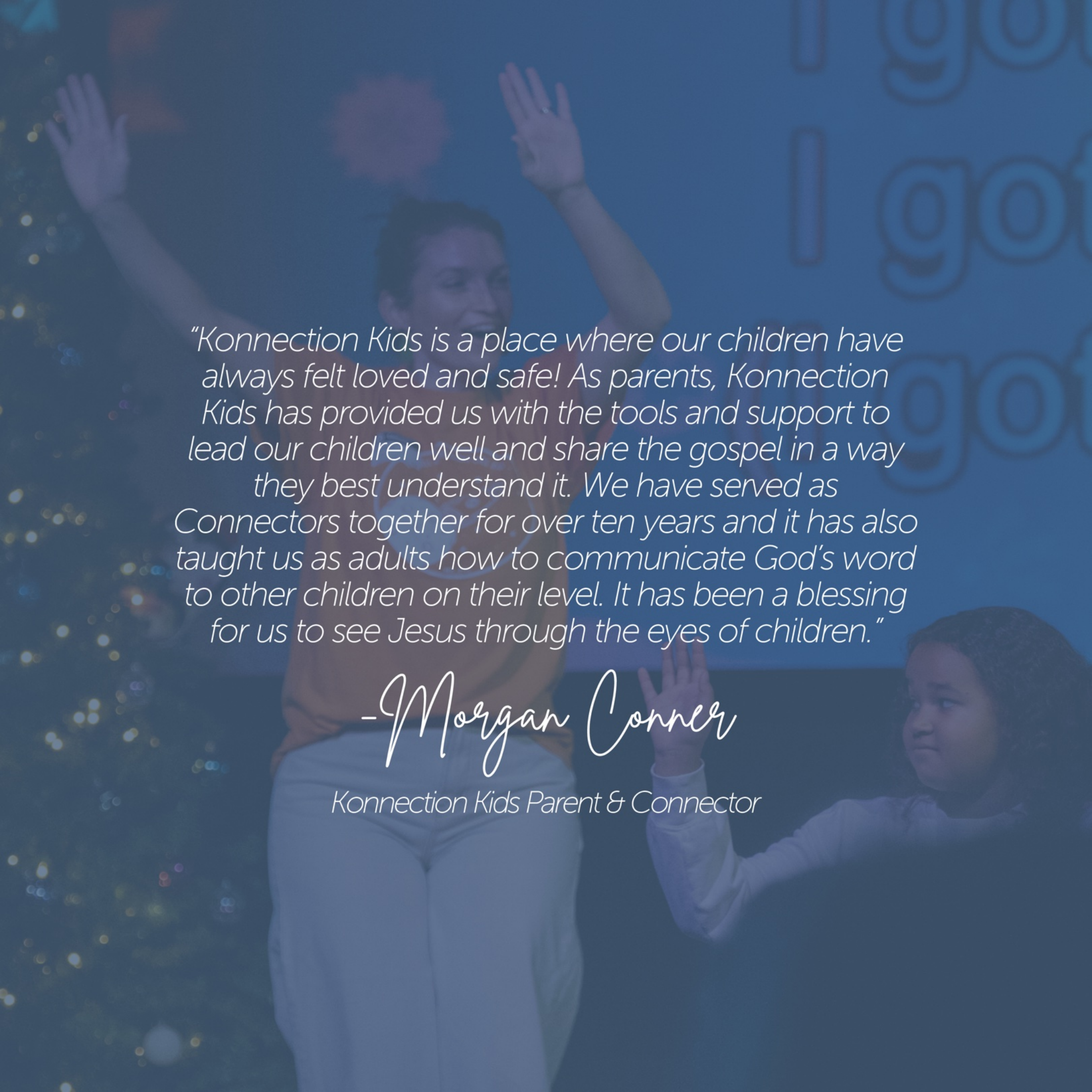
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BAPTISMS

*"God has done some incredible things in Konnection Kids in 2024. We have seen children come to own their faith. Many of our preschool children can recite the monthly memory verse and sing all of the words to the worship songs. Many of our elementary kids have accepted Jesus into their hearts and baptized. They have also become more confident in their prayers. Not only has God blessed us with so many children, He has also blessed us with some really great Connectors who love Jesus and kids. Many of our Connectors have taken their next step through baptism, joining a Connect Group or leading a Connect Group."*

*-Olivia Sandhagen*

*Konnection Kids Director*

A woman in a red shirt and white pants stands with her arms raised in a church setting. To her right, a young girl in a white shirt also has her hand raised. The background features a blue wall with the words "I got" repeated in a large, white, sans-serif font. The overall scene is dimly lit with a blue tint, and there are some bokeh light effects on the left side.

*"Konnection Kids is a place where our children have always felt loved and safe! As parents, Konnection Kids has provided us with the tools and support to lead our children well and share the gospel in a way they best understand it. We have served as Connectors together for over ten years and it has also taught us as adults how to communicate God's word to other children on their level. It has been a blessing for us to see Jesus through the eyes of children."*

*-Morgan Conner*

*Konnection Kids Parent & Connector*



**STUDENTS**

**313**

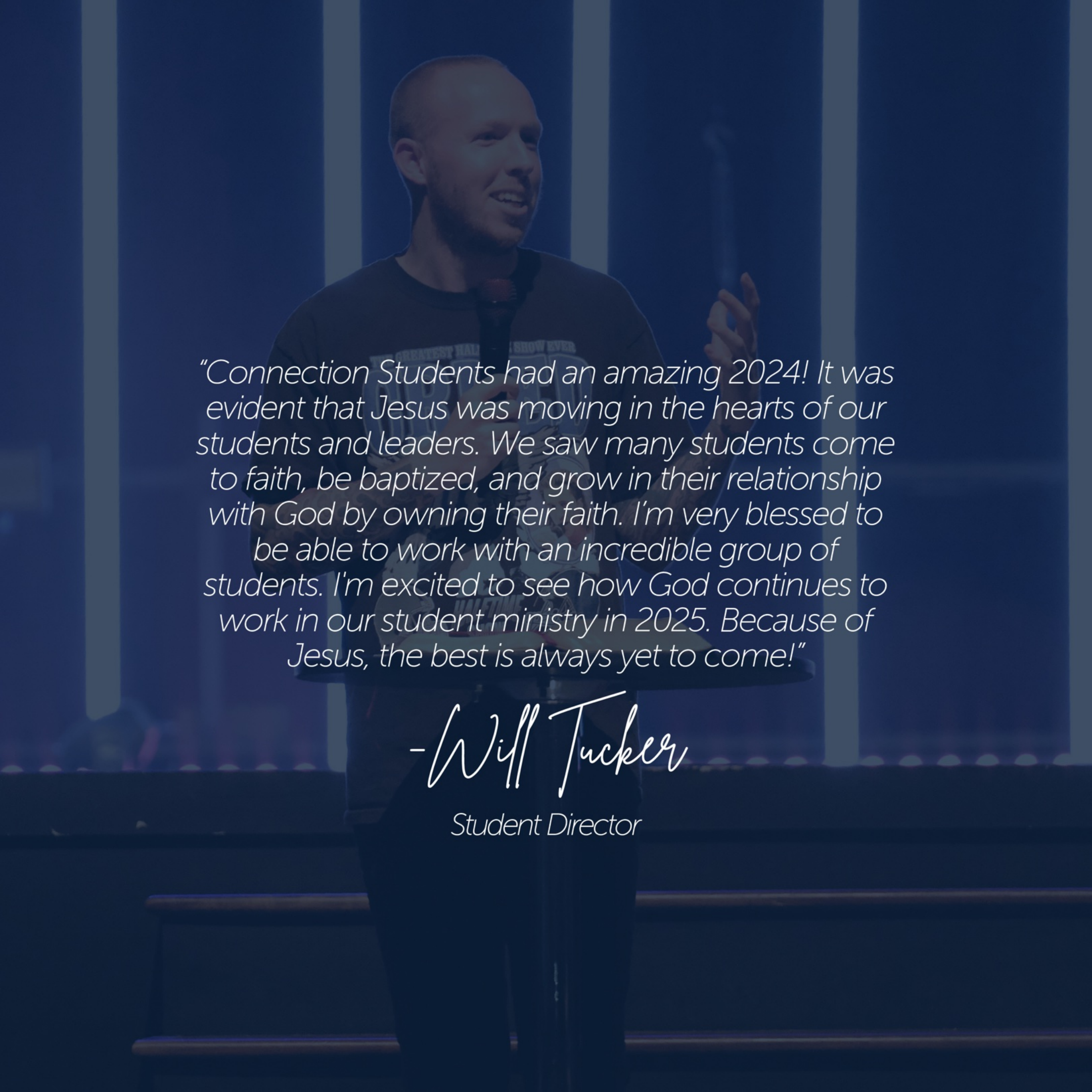
**TOTAL STUDENTS  
ATTENDED**

**17**

**STUDENTS ON STUDENT  
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**14**

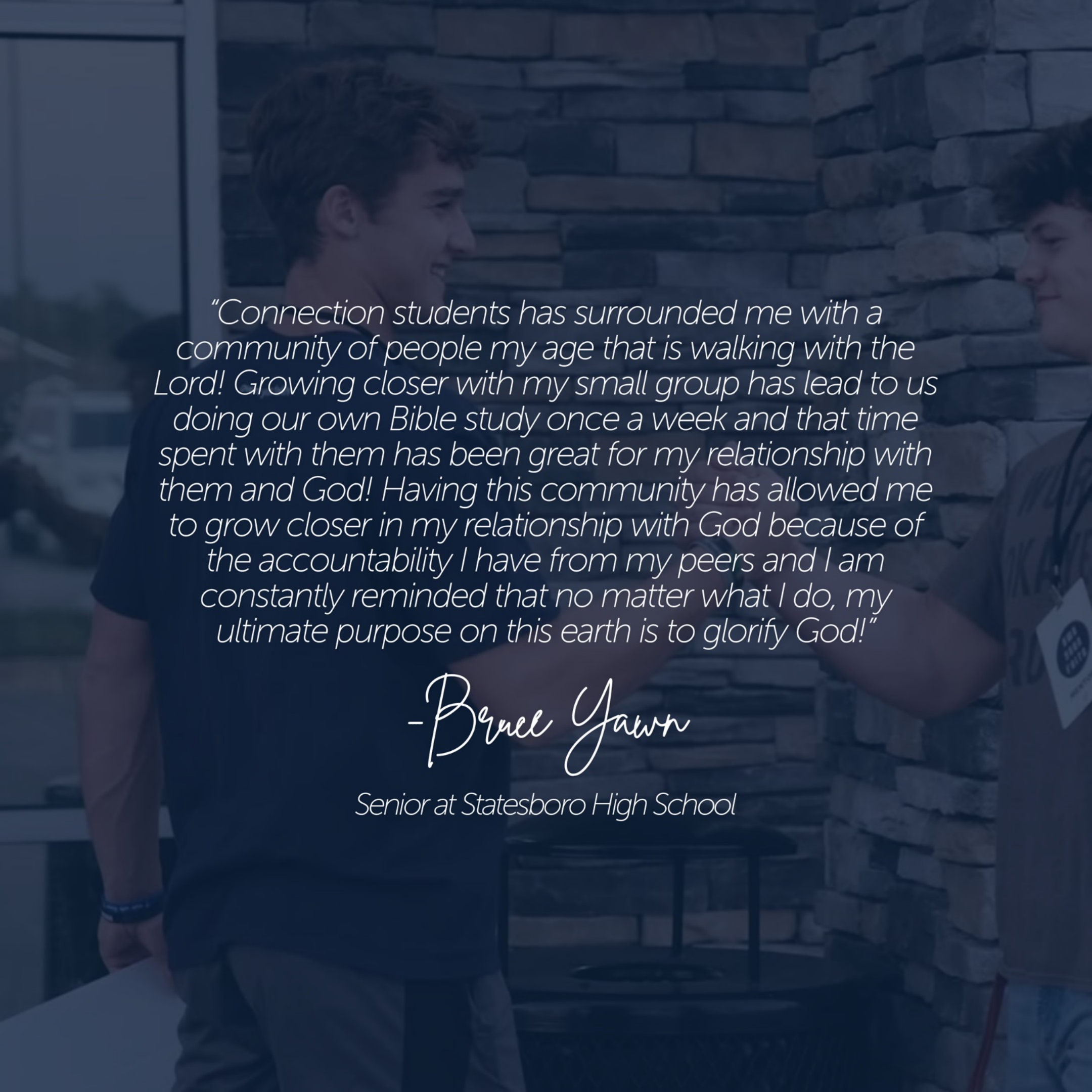
**BAPTISMS**

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark t-shirt, is speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his hands. The background is a dark stage with vertical light strips. A large quote is overlaid on the image in white text.

*"Connection Students had an amazing 2024! It was evident that Jesus was moving in the hearts of our students and leaders. We saw many students come to faith, be baptized, and grow in their relationship with God by owning their faith. I'm very blessed to be able to work with an incredible group of students. I'm excited to see how God continues to work in our student ministry in 2025. Because of Jesus, the best is always yet to come!"*

*-Will Tucker*

*Student Director*



*"Connection students has surrounded me with a community of people my age that is walking with the Lord! Growing closer with my small group has lead to us doing our own Bible study once a week and that time spent with them has been great for my relationship with them and God! Having this community has allowed me to grow closer in my relationship with God because of the accountability I have from my peers and I am constantly reminded that no matter what I do, my ultimate purpose on this earth is to glorify God!"*

*-Bruce Yawn*

*Senior at Statesboro High School*



# CONNECTION COLLEGE

1020

BIGGEST NIGHT  
OF THE YEAR


57

STUDENTS ON  
DREAM TEAMS

28

STUDENTS IN  
LEADERSHIP  
EXPERIENCE

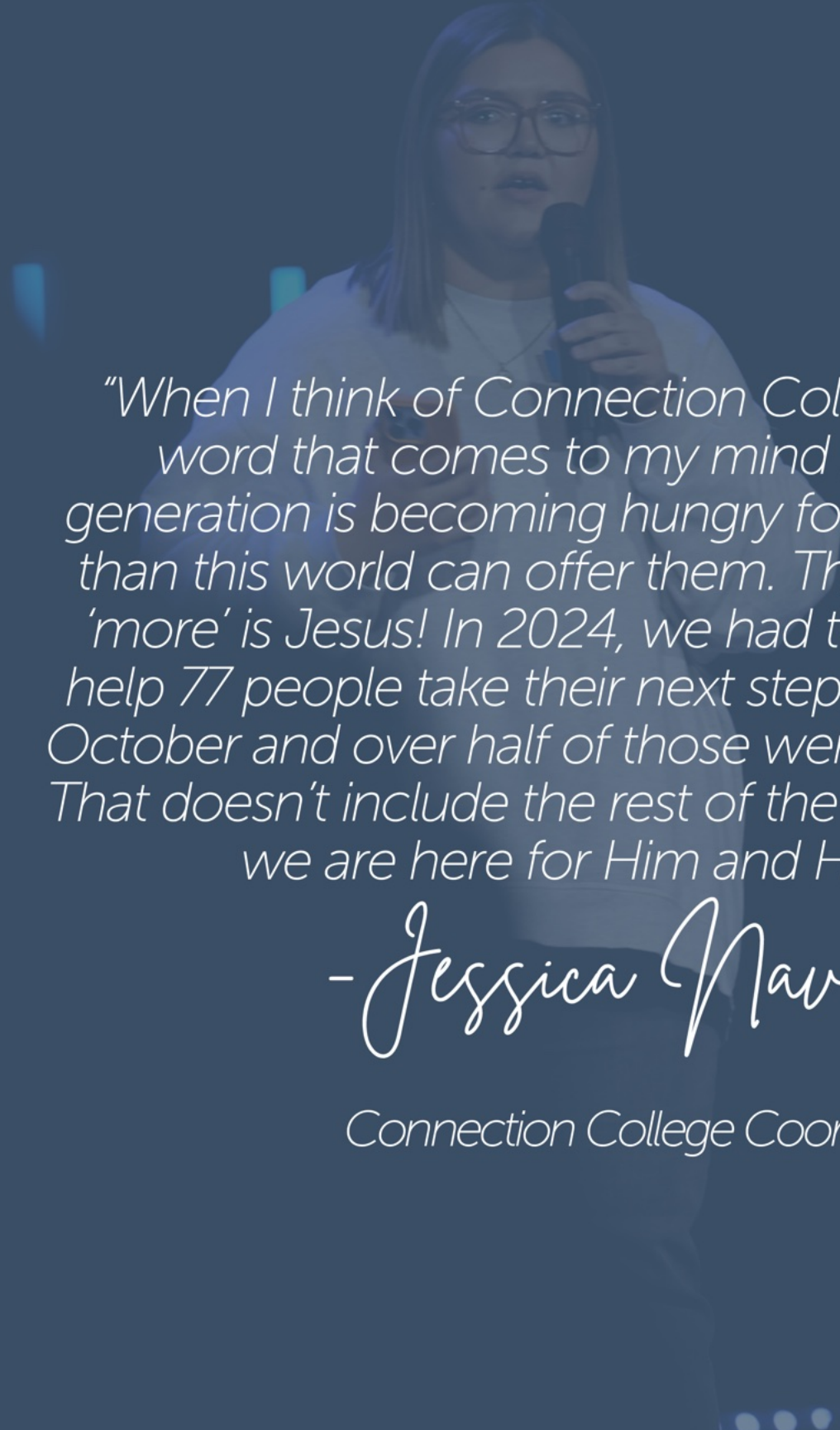




*"College life can be completely consumed with the world and having a community at Connection College to go in and fight that culture with has been life-changing. On top of that, consistent and meaningful connections, lessons, and programs have encouraged me tremendously and I feel more and more equipped as I continue being plugged in. I never thought that a Wednesday church service could prepare me equally as much as my college degree for real life. However, I've never been more confident in my faith and ability to live out God's calling."*

*- Trevor Scoryers*

*Graduate student at GSU*

A woman with long dark hair and glasses is speaking into a black microphone on a stage. She is wearing a light-colored top. The background is dark with some blue stage lights.

*"When I think of Connection College in 2024, the word that comes to my mind is hungry. This generation is becoming hungry for something more than this world can offer them. They're realizing the 'more' is Jesus! In 2024, we had the opportunity to help 77 people take their next steps in baptism just in October and over half of those were college students. That doesn't include the rest of the year! Praise Jesus, we are here for Him and Him alone!"*

*- Jessica Navarro*

*Connection College Coordinator*



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