

# AUBNAZ CONNECTIONS SURVEY: RESULTS



**Number of responses: 17**

**Scores: 5, 6, 7, 7 or 8, 7 or 8, 8, 8, 8, 8.5, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10 (avg. score: 8)**

## Connection Points That People Mentioned:

- \* Involvement with GAK – 1,1 (MINISTRIES)
- \* Involvement with Sunday School Committee
- \* Involvement with Children’s Ministries Committee
- \* E-Mails from the church, Paula – 1, 1 (COMMUNICATIONS)
- \* Communicating with the people on Sunday
- \* Involvement in Life Group – 1,1,1,1 (LIFE GROUPS)
- \* Involvement in small ministries – 1,1,1
- \* Friendly atmosphere – 1,1 (CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE)
- \* Spending time with people outside church  
(having people to my home for dinner)
- \* Coffee time before Sunday School (VARIOUS ACTIVITIES)
- \* The leadership (PEOPLE THEMSELVES)
- \* Certain friendly people
- \* People I go to church with are people I do life with
- \* Spend time with church family -1,1 (TIME WITH EACH OTHER)
- \* Communicating
- \* Praying with others – 1,1,1,1
- \* Helping others
- \* We always sense the love and joy of the Lord
- \* Check on each other (those missing) – 1,1,1 (REACHING OUT TO OTHERS)
- \* Operation Christmas Child
- \* *Being connected with God to stay strong and spiritually healthy* (MY CONNECTION WITH GOD)
- \* Reaching out to others to offer life and prayer, not just ask for prayer and help for yourself
- \* Occasional contact
- \* Giving my talents for use at church
- \* Seeing people outside Sunday morning from time to time
- \* Sunday School class
- \* Sharing a meal with others
- \* Helping others by providing for their material needs
- \* Involvement in ministry
- \* Wednesday night Prayer Meeting
- \* Great welcome when we first attended (bread and invite back, too)
- \* Bible connection
- \* Prayer
- \* “The awesome community we have worshiping on Sunday morning”
- \* SPARK ministry to kids and teens

*Auburn Church Of The Nazarene*  
**CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Your Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the service areas where.....**  
*..... you are currently ministering, or*  
*.....you have an interest in participation*

**ADULT MINISTRY**



- Work With College-Age Adults
- Life Group Leader
- Life Group Assistant
- Host A Life Group In My Home
- Prayer For Adult Ministries

- Nursing Home Ministry
- Women's Ministry Activities Helper
- Leadership For Women's Ministry
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Young Adult Activities Coordinator

- Nursing Home Sunday Service Assistant
- Men's Ministry Activities Helper
- Leadership For Men's Ministry
- Young Adult Activities Promoter

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**



- Sunday School Nursery Worker
- Sunday Service Nursery Worker
- God's Awesome Kids Teacher (age 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- God's Awesome Kids Teacher (2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- God's Awesome Kids Assistant (age 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- God's Awesome Kids Assistant (2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Fifth & Sixth Grade Worship Teacher
- Fifth & Sixth Grade Worship Helper

- District Activities Coordinator
- Camp Counselor
- Provide Snacks For Activities
- Publicity
- Prayer For Children's Ministries

**MUSIC & WORSHIP**



- Sing With The Worship Team
- Operate Sound System
- Help Pass Out Communion
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting Leader

- Play Instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- Operate PowerPoint Slides
- Prayer For The Worship Team
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting Musician

- Participate in Drama
- Read Aloud During Service
- Perform An Offertory
- Nursing Home Musician

**MISSIONS**



- Prayer For Missions
- Missions Potluck Dinner Coordinator
- District Missions Representative
- Missionary Care For Dee Sudnick

- Missions Bulletin Board
- Special Emphasis Coordinator
- Books & CD's Facilitator
- Child Sponsorship

- Publicity
- Visiting Missionary Transport
- Visiting Missionary Housing
- Faith Promise

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# DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH



- Assist W/ "Meet The Church" Lunch
- Help Plan A "Meet The Church"
- Flyer Distribution
- Ministry To New Christians
- Personal Evangelism
- Training People for Evangelism
- Lead Seeker Bible Study

- Send Invitation Cards
- Hospital Visitation
- Contact Absentees
- Assist with Outreach Events
- Transportation to Church/Home
- Visit Shut-ins
- Special Needs Prayer In Homes

- Contact New Residents
- Prison Ministry
- Outreach Event Preparation
- Outreach Event Publicity
- Lead A Bible Study
- Pray For Discipleship/Outreach
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# SKILLS



- Masonry
- Church Library
- Graphic Arts
- Painting
- Mechanic

- Landscaping
- Arts & Crafts
- Carpentry
- Maintenance
- Computers

- Photographer
- Interior Decorating
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Lawn Mowing

# SPECIAL SERVICES



- "Welcome Center" Hospitality
- Table/Chair Set-Up For Activities
- Housing For Special Group/Persons
- Bring Food for Funerals, Hospitalized
- Cook For Special Events
- Pray For Special Needs
- Daily Prayer For Pastors
- Daily Prayer For The Church
- Money Counter

- Church Office Assistant
- Transportation To Church
- Bake Bread Or Dessert
- Help With Holiday Decoration
- Kitchen Helper
- Publicity For Events
- Movie Night Coordinator
- District Assembly Delegate
- "Labor For Your Neighbor" Worker

- Direct Parking Lot Traffic
- Greeter
- Usher
- Meal For Sick Or Shut-ins
- Telephoning
- Poster Design/Art Work
- Help With Cleaning At Church
- Assist People Who Are Moving
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



- Teach Sunday School (age group \_\_\_\_\_)
- Substitute Teacher (age group \_\_\_\_\_)
- Start a New Class (topic \_\_\_\_\_)
- Assistant Teacher/Helper (age group \_\_\_\_\_)

- Records/Attendance Secretary
- Sunday School/Discipleship Council
- Prayer For Sunday School

# YOUTH MINISTRY



- Assist with Activities
- Host for Activities
- Prayer For Youth Ministries

- Assist With Fundraisers
- Transportation to Activities
- Mentoring Teens

- Assist with Publicity
- Chaperone Activities

# PEOPLE I WOULD LIKE TO HELP



- Divorced
- Elderly
- Homeless
- Teen Moms
- Single Parents
- College Students

- Singles
- Career Women
- Young Married Couples
- Refugees
- Parents
- Empty Nesters

- Disabled
- Widowed
- Poor
- Hospitalized
- Unemployed
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Getting Connected With My Church

## *Consider This Situation*

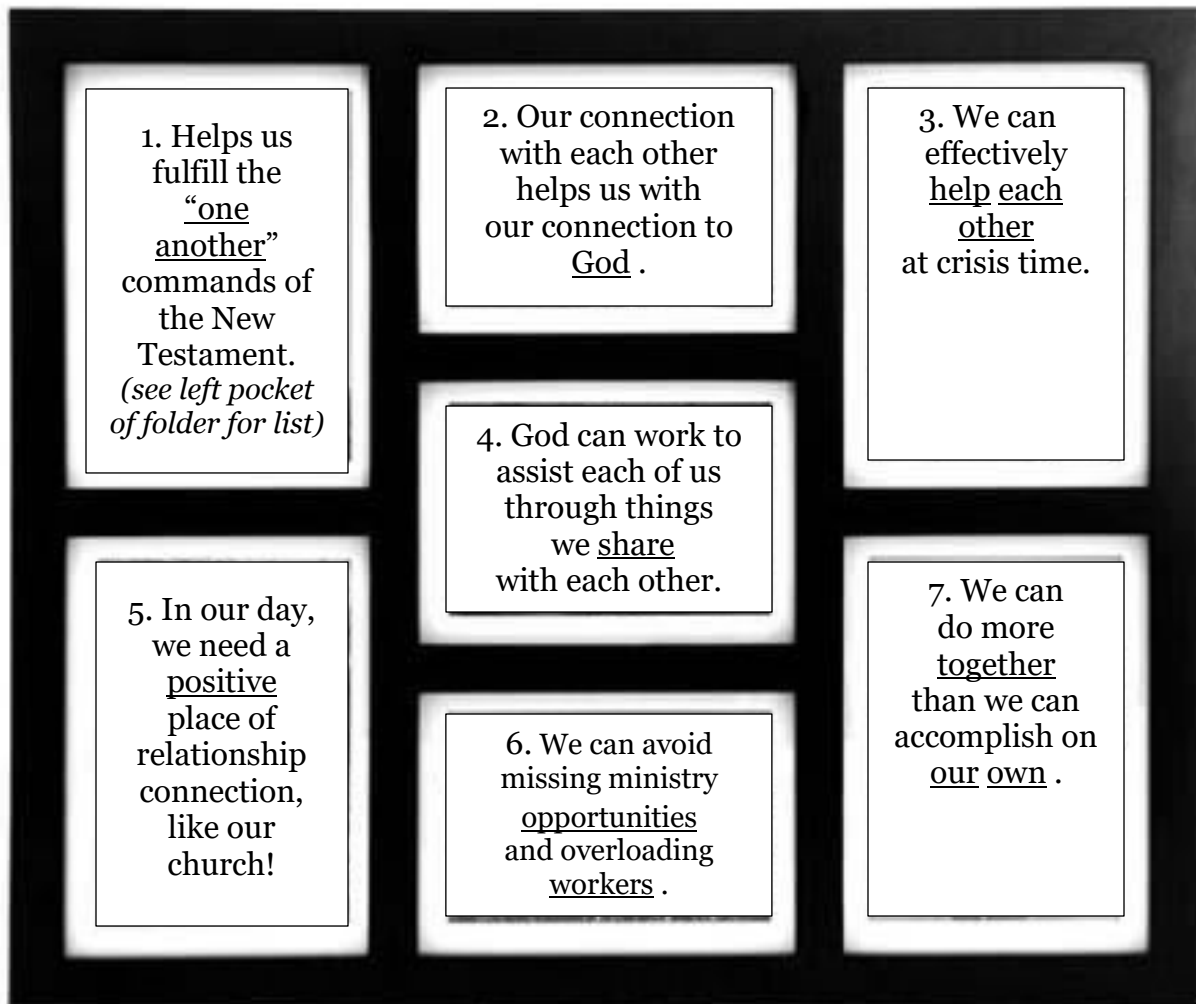
**(1) Situation #1:** You have just started a new job, working at a bank. Among the employees that you come to know is Barbara, who has been at the bank for 10 years. One day, at lunch break, you and Barbara start talking about spiritual things. You discover that she gave her life to Jesus when she was 9, considers herself to be a Christian, but has not consistently attended church in 3 years. She tells you why: *“I had a bad experience with a couple of people at my former church. It really took the zest out of my desire to go to church every week. I go every 2 or 3 months, just because I feel I ought to, but am not really associated with a home church. Despite that, my life seems to be going fairly well. So, I’m not convinced that I need to be attending church on a regular basis.”* What would your response be to Barbara?



Seven different photos = a “complete picture” of a connected family...



Seven different benefits = a “complete picture” of connection to a church family...



## Getting Connected With My Church

### *Another Situation To Consider*

**(2) Situation #2:** You are at a family reunion. People are grabbing a plate, heading through the buffet line to fill their plate, and then sitting wherever they can find a spot. You end up sitting at a picnic table with Herb, an uncle of yours, who goes to church 3 times a year. He likes God, doesn't have anything in particular against any church overall, but just never got in the habit of going to church. Herb is a very likeable person, and very outgoing. So, you appreciate the opportunity to visit with him for a while. As you are seated at the picnic table, Herb brings up the topic of church, for your sake. He says, *"Your Mom tells me that you've been attending a Nazarene Church, and you like it there. I'm glad to hear it! So, are you doing anything special there, in terms of church activities, or serving people? If not, don't worry – I think that if a person meets the right people in an organization, and says the right things, he or she will make the church inner circle, and find some good works to do. It's all about the people you connect to!"* Would you agree with what Herb is saying, or is there more to consider when it comes to getting connected to a church?



# Getting Connected With My Church

## *God Is At Work To Help Me With Connections!*

1. On a scale of 1 – 10, how much are you tapping into the work of God, to let Him help you with getting connected at the church? (circle one)

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

2. The “Acts” of God, in helping the people of the early church “get connected” – what was God up to?:

**Filling** people with the Holy Spirit and subsequent love

**Bringing** people together to do ministry

**Sending** His people to care for, and minister to, people in need

**Organizing** situations that brought His people together

**Transforming** problems into connection opportunities



3. Which of the above-listed “Acts” of God do you think He uses today to help get His people connected? (circle each one)

4. Some ways to tap into God’s activity, so that He can help me get connected:

- \* **Trusting** that He *will* help me with connections
- \* **Praying**, from start to finish, over connections
- \* **Expecting** Him to provide relationships
- \* **Obeying** Him when He asks me to enter connection situations He has provided
- \* **Following** Him, for He can lead me to connections in the church
- \* **Listening** to His voice when I feel down and out about a lack of connections
- \* **Taking** advantage of the “connection points” He has provided in our church  
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see also “CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES” in right pocket)

## Getting Connected With My Church

### *Situations To Consider...One More Time!*

**(3) Situation #3:** It's Super Bowl Sunday, and several people from the church have come over to your house to watch the game and enjoy some snacks. Among the people at your house is Lenny, who has been attending your church, fairly consistently, for about a year now. But, in conversation at half time, you can tell that something is bothering Lenny. Three people – you, Lenny, and Pat (another layperson at your church) – are seated at the kitchen island, when you hear Lenny say, *“I really like our church. The preaching is good, people are friendly, and the church dinners are really something special. But, to be honest, I haven't yet really figured out my place in the church. I mean, I want to keep attending our church, but I have yet to find out where I really fit in.”* What advice would you give to Lenny?





## Getting Connected With My Church

### *Connection Utensils I Can Use!*



#1: Start with, and continue with, prayer over your search for connection.



#2: Get 2-3 Christians to pray with you as you search (especially if you are struggling in your search for connection).



#3: Make a list of connection points that you are hoping for.  
*(church activities; ways to serve the Lord and the church; relationships; classes or small groups; etc.)*



#4: Be careful about comparing your present possible church with past churches you have attended (caution about expectations).



#5: Keep your eyes and ears open for possible connection points.  
*(church bulletin; newsletter; brochures; e-mails; conversations; etc.)*



#6: If you have questions, or need information, talk to a pastor or other church leader.



#7: By faith, expect God to reveal possible points of connection to you.



#8: To help you get plugged into a church best, it helps to know your Spiritual Gifts *(get a spiritual gifts test from Pastor Ed)*  
Heart *(what do you love to do in church?)*  
Abilities  
Personality *(are you introverted or extroverted, for example?)*  
Experiences

## Connection Utensils I Can Use! (cont'd)



#9: Most electronic appliances don't work until you actually plug them into an electric outlet. Translation: At some point, you have to move from thinking about connection points, and take action.



#10: As often as you can, be proactive in producing connection points, and not just reactive. (*example: Invite someone to your house or to a cup of coffee, instead of waiting to be invited*)



#11: Experiment with different connection points. If one does not work, leave it, and try something else.



#12: Persevere until you get connected – keep seeking, keep praying, overcome discouragement in your quest.



#13: Hook up with a church veteran, to see what advice and possibilities they would suggest.



#14: If you don't find certain connection points that you are looking for, could it be that God wants to work through you to get new connection points started?



#15: Get on a discipleship path, offered by the church, that helps you grow in Christ – this will provide you with a strong connection point.



#16: Target the following areas, to help you feel connected:

- a) Regular worship attendance
- b) A place of service
- c) Meaningful relationships
- d) A place of growth (like a Sunday School class or Life Group)

## **SOME "ONE ANOTHER" PASSAGES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

- \* **Love one another** (John 13:35 - this command comes 16 times)
- \* **Be devoted to one another** (Romans 12:10)
- \* **Honor one another above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)
- \* **Live in harmony with one another** (Romans 12:16)
- \* **Build up one another** (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- \* **Be likeminded towards one another** (Romans 15:5)
- \* **Accept one another** (Romans 15:7)
- \* **Admonish one another** (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)
- \* **Care for one another** (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- \* **Serve one another** (Galatians 5:13)
- \* **Bear one another's burdens** (Galatians 6:2)
- \* **Forgive one another** (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)
- \* **Be patient with one another** (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
- \* Be **kind and compassionate to one another** (Ephesians 4:32)
- \* **Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19)
- \* **Submit to one another** (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)
- \* **Consider others better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3)
- \* **Look to the interests of one another** (Philippians 2:4)
- \* **Bear with one another** (Colossians 3:13)
- \* **Teach one another** (Colossians 3:16)
- \* **Comfort one another** (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- \* **Encourage one another** (Hebrews 3:13)
- \* **Stir up one another to love and good works** (Hebrews 10:24)
- \* **Show hospitality to one another** (1 Peter 4:9)
- \* **Employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another** (1 Peter 4:10)
- \* **Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another** (1 Peter 5:5)
- \* **Pray for one another** (James 5:16)

