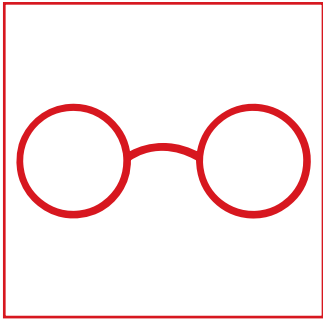


Celebration Community Church

VISION 2012-2013

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The story of the Good Samaritan provides our Scriptural Inspiration for this year.

To recap, in this story, Jesus told his listeners that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. The main thing, the greatest commandment, is to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). When his opponents wiggled under the weight of God's call, he told a story. In this timeless story we find guidance for how to approach life and ministry in the name of Jesus.

See - Where good people with sound doctrine and the right ethnicity avoided eye contact, the outcast and outsider chose to see. To fulfill the call of God, we must be willing to see the realities of human suffering. This year at church, we will cause you to think by informing you of needs and what the Bible calls God's people to know. We hope church will cause you to think this year.

Feel - It's possible to know a lot but to remain unmoved. The Samaritan felt compassion for the abused stranger. Celebration is called to be a community of thinkers AND feelers. Fortunately, this is in our DNA as people who know that everyone we meet carries a heavy load and that if you scratch just below the surface, you will find tremendous pain. May church cause you to feel.

Do - It is not enough to come to church, learn about things, wipe tears from our eyes and leave. We are called to be doers of the Word, not hearers only (James 1:22). In the story, the Samaritan put on a clinic about how to put on a clinic. The Master Storyteller now unleashes a barrage of verbs, action words, because storytellers know they should show, not tell. This year, we challenge you to action.

Go - Jesus finishes his story by saying, "Go and do likewise". You could say that our key word for 2013 is mission. In 2011 and 2012, our ministry plan said things like "Make Room for Growth" and "Improve Communications". We've done that. Now we want to make sure we keep our outreach orientation. From the pews, to the play ground, to our neighbors across the street and around the world, we feel called to "go and do likewise". This year, church will invite you to get up, get in the game, and go!

Yes, But How?

This Ministry Plan features numerous areas of ministry into which you are invited to get involved. It is intended to inform, inspire, invite, and inspect, in the hopes we may each get involved somewhere, somehow. Considering the story of the Good Samaritan, you could look at ministry approach as a partnership between Celebration and her people.

Our pledge is to make Celebration a place that:

- Informs - Calling Us to Think
- Inspires - Causing Us to Feel
- Invites - Challenging Us to Go
- Inspects - Celebrating What We Do

Our people are asked to participate with the following Celebration Essentials in mind:

* Invite & Include. Celebration at it's best is a culture of warmth. After all, "community" is our middle name. Like the Samaritan, you need to see the heartache and hardship of people God places in your path. When you do, reach out and invite them to church. When you are at church, invite and include newcomers into your fellowship. Look for outsiders and make them feel invited and included.

* Sign-up & Show-up. The key word here is "commitment". No church or ministry goes anywhere without dedicated members. Please don't be a consumeristic worshipper. You can't do everything, but do what you can. If you want to feel connected, you have to be a contributor.

* Take Someone Under Your Wing. This is about mentoring. So many young people need and want someone to talk to who has been there before. You don't have to have all the answers or to have things all together. You just have to look around for someone to take under your wing and share life together. God has given you a wealth of experiences and he can use them to give hope to others. This year, we will teach and train you on how to become and find a mentor.

* Be Good to Yourself and Kind to Your Neighbor. We will be a little short-staffed this year. With Steve's sabbatical and Jill's life changes, we are asking you to be patient as we try to do more with less staff presence. More importantly, we want to give you permission to take care of yourself as well. This point is about Self-Care & Soul Care. Continue to find time for sabbath, for journaling, for time with God in prayer and Scripture. Also take time for rest, sleep, recreation, and rejuvenation. After a couple of years of pushing hard at church, we want to create a space for each of us to "be"...and to be healthy.

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

HOSPITALITY 2012-2013

Celebration hopes to be a culture of “inviters and includers,” and your Sunday morning hosts from the Hospitality Team want to make sure Celebration is a warm and welcoming church whether you are joining us for the 1st time or the 91st time!

WE HOPE:

- 1) To make the Welcome Center a place you want to hang out and meet new friends!
- 2) To invite even more volunteers to help make Celebration a great place to be.

CONNECT:

Join the hospitality team if you have ideas to make Celebration a welcoming environment.

SIGN UP & SHOW UP:

Sign up to bring snacks or to be a greeter!

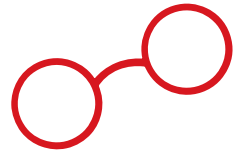
Contact Kaye Mathews at mathewskaye7@gmail.com for more information.

Our church website is your one stop shop to register for events, get connected to groups, and keep track of your online giving, plus so much more!

Go to www.thepartychurch.com to “Log-in.” If you need a log-in, you can do that from the website.

SIGN UP & SHOW UP:

If you’re web or social media savvy, and you’d like to join the web team, contact Steve McDonald at: sjmcdonald@aol.com



COMMUNITY & DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

Our goal is to help adults at Celebration connect and grow, and to know each other and be known! Last year we hosted the Biblical Conversations Forum, a Women’s Retreat, and began a MOPS program. This year promises to be just as full of opportunities to get connected to community.

CONNECT:

Some of the ways to connect this year include:

Financial Peace University
Girls’ Night Out & Women’s Book Group
Love Works: November 9-10

Celebration Connections, a 5 week small group following the New Members’ Class to continue to help people connect to a small group.

Interested in finding out more about this team or ways to connect? Contact Heather Cutillo at: cutillorn@gmail.com or Carmen Wescott at: cwescott2@ctlthompson.com

THE PARTY TEAM

Where would Celebration be without the party team? Well, there’d be less BBQs in the summer, that’s for sure!

We help plan fun Celebration events like the Progressive Dinner, Christmas Eve & Easter Morning, and of course our famous summer BBQs.

SIGN UP & SHOW UP:

If you love throwing a good party, we would love to have you on our team.

Helping “behind the scenes” to set-up and clean up after events is always a huge help!

If you’re interested, get in touch with either Marcia Bickel at mbickel2@aol.com or Heidi Messer at jhmesser@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The Stewardship team exists to provide financial oversight to Celebration.

This year, we hope to:

- 1) Renovate another Sunday School classroom.
- 2) Upgrade Chapel A/V and other facility needs
- 3) Further improve the aesthetic appeal of our grounds
- 4) Stabilize our budget through sustained giving

If you have questions about the Stewardship team, contact Brad Cornish at brad.cornish@mercer.com

CHILDREN'S TEAM

After a year where the size of our nursery expanded to incorporate all of Celebration's new babies, we look forward to even more growth in our Children's Ministry this year! Whether it's Whiz Kids, Sunday School, or mentoring, we want to be a place where kids know they're loved and hope they can't wait to come back!

WE HOPE TO:

- 1) Continue our expansion of classrooms in the south wing.
- 2) Teach kids about the love of Jesus
- 3) Learn how to love our kids like Jesus does.

SIGN UP & SHOW UP:

Be an adult helper, craft leader, or toy cleaner! Or, commit to praying for our kids and their teachers.

Ready to roll up your sleeves and help? Contact Kathy Swigle at katswig@gmail.com or Jenah Johnson at jenahjohnson@yahoo.com.



YOUTH TEAM

Each week, about 25 youth attended youth group! And 19 went on our recent mission trip to Vancouver. On Sundays, you'll also see youth serving all over the church in the worship band, in Sunday School, or at special events.

WE HOPE TO:

- 1) Partner with more families
- 2) Bring in outside experts on topics important to our youth
- 3) Identify more volunteers for mentoring, event hosts and helpers!

CONNECT:

Let Wes Scheu or Amanda Moritz know if you're interested in volunteering with or joining the youth! Wes: sinevader@gmail.com, Amanda: amanda.mortiz@hotmail.com

TLC TEAM

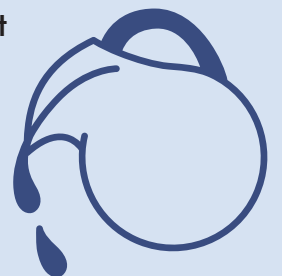
A dedicated team of TLC leaders is ready to take on the 2012-2013 year and share tender, loving care with the congregation of Celebration.

WE HOPE TO:

- 1) Identify effective ways to communicate the needs of Celebration family and friends to the church.
- 2) Meet the needs of the church as they arise (meals, visitations, flowers)
- 3) Recruit people willing to get involved with a little TLC.

CONNECT:

To find out more about joining the team, contact Teresa Hood or Jill Jones. Teresa: thood@q.com, or Jill at jillcarlene@gmail.com



WORSHIP TEAM

With new sound equipment, new songs, and a great community emerging from our talented musicians, the Worship team is gearing up for a great 2012-2013!

WE HOPE TO:

- 1) Develop more worship leaders
- 2) Add to our pool of musicians, vocalists, and A/V volunteers
- 3) Make much needed upgrades to sound system in the Chapel

CONNECT:

Are you interested in joining the Worship team? Contact Wes Scheu at sinevader@gmail.com or Matt Callis at mattcallis@gmail.com

COSTA RICA OR BUST!

Who: YOU!

What: Missions Trip to Costa Rica

When: approx. June 6-16, 2013

Where: Costa Rica

Why: It's been several years since Celebration planned a church wide missions trip and we felt it was the right time to plan a trip! This is an opportunity to travel to Costa Rica and get to know, love, and serve a community!

Cost: up to \$1200

For more information on this missions trip, please contact Acts 1:8 elders, Ryan Harrison at ryeharrison@gmail.com or Wes Hayes at wes@thehayesclan.org.



WELCOME TO THE ACTS 1:8 TEAM!

The story of the Good Samaritan ends with Jesus exhorting his listener to "go and do likewise," and show kindness to his neighbor.

2012-2013 is shaping up to be a year of mission. Learn from our ministry partners, serve alongside Celebration friends in Denver, and even travel to the ends of the earth... or at least Costa Rica...to love and serve a community in need.

WE HOPE:

- 1) Celebration continues to be a place of intentional learning, serving, and loving.
- 2) YOU will prayerfully consider joining us for a missions trip to Costa Rica, or commit to supporting and praying for the team.

CONNECT:

Join the Acts 1:8 team (we typically meet one Sunday a month from 9:15-10:30) by contacting Ryan Harrison at ryeharrison@gmail.com or Wes Hayes at wes@thehayesclan.org

SIGN-UP & SHOW UP:

Opportunities to serve alongside our ministry partners will be presented to the congregation as they arise. Look in early 2013 for ways to get involved at Mile High Ministries and Joshua Station.



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SENIOR PASTOR: Steve Garcia
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Jill Jones
YOUTH & WORSHIP PASTOR: Wes Scheu
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR: Kathy Swigle
STEWARDSHIP TEAM: Brad Cornish
HOSPITALITY: Kaye Mathews
TLC: Teresa Hood, Jill Jones
COMMUNITY & DISCIPLESHIP:
Heather Cutillo, Carmen Wescott
ACTS 1:8: Ryan Harrison, Wes Hayes
YOUTH: Amanda Moritz
CHILDREN'S: Jenah Johnson, Kathy Swigle
WORSHIP: Matt Callis, Wes Scheu
TECHNOLOGY: Steve McDonald
PARTIES: Marcia Bickel, Heidi Messer

Celebration exists to create a life giving,
life changing, missional, mentoring community for
people in need of grace.



Disciples of Christ

Celebration has been a church member of the Disciples of Christ denomination since 2007. More information can be found at www.disciples.org

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Since its founding in 1998, Celebration has held membership in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. More information can be found at www.epc.org



Ordination of Elders

The elders were asked to prayerfully consider and prepare to respond affirmatively to the following questions:

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
3. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the essentials of the faith you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
4. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
5. Do you promise subjection to your fellow Elders in the Lord?
6. Have you been motivated, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
7. Do you promise to be committed and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?
8. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercising of all your duties as Elder, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary peity before the Celebration congregation?
9. Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as an Elder, and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?