

Celebration Community Church



Vision Plan 2015



**“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.**

**They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Cultivate Healthy Community

“I felt I needed to find a good church,” she said. “And since I live in the neighborhood, I pass by here all the time. And when I saw the beautiful garden, I thought: ‘If it looks that way on the outside, I wonder what it’s like on the inside?’”

That’s always been the dream, to have a neighborhood presence, to reflect on the outside what our heart is on the inside, to do something beautiful for God. Now it’s happening.

We shouldn’t be surprised. Our church is a God-thing. He planted us back in 1998 and we have learned to trust Him to be our Provider. Under His care, we are well-watered, deep-rooted, healthy, and fruitful. As long as we trust Him, we need not fear.

But living things are fragile things. Gardens don’t just happen. Weeds just happen. Healthy churches don’t just happen. Without care and cultivation, we are vulnerable.

So our vision for 2015 is health. A garden needs good seed, water, air, and soil. Likewise, our church needs health in four critical areas to grow stronger and more vigorous. And we need you! Together, we can be beautiful and healthy inside and out.



Our Vision: 4 Kinds of Health

Financial Health



Your Church

...Look at the ant. Watch it closely; let it teach you a thing or two. Nobody has to tell it what to do. All summer it stores up food; at harvest it stockpiles provisions.

(Proverbs 6:6-8, The Message)

- ✓ Preparedness - A Responsible Emergency Fund
- ✓ Discipleship - Create A Culture of Giving
- ✓ Freedom - Become Debt Free
- ✓ Impact - Increase Missions Giving

Missions Health



Your Neighbor

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

- ✓ Impact - Increase Missions Giving
- ✓ Engagement - Cultivate Neighborhood Presence
- ✓ Involvement - Invite Member Participation
- ✓ Empowerment - Increase Language Learning Opportunities

Our Vision: 4 Kinds of Health (cont.)

Community Health



One Another

“He sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land” (Psalm 68:6).

- ✓ **TLC - Home Visits to Less Mobile Members**
- ✓ **Discipleship - Explore Small Group Strategies**
- ✓ **Hospitality - Mind the Gaps in the Congregation**

Spiritual Health



Your Soul

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

- ✓ **Preaching Focus - Soul Care in Psalms: One Each Month**
- ✓ **Experiential Learning - Monthly Midrash & Memory Verses**
- ✓ **One Book - Spiritual Disciplines Handbook**
- ✓ **Monthly Cross Talks - A Jesus-centered Call to Conversion and Commitment**



Our Ministry Teams

Our Heartbeat

ACTS 1:8

To help Celebration live out what it means to be witnesses of Jesus in “Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Each year, we give money to local and global ministries that are committed to loving and serving others in the name of Jesus. We also seek to mobilize, equip, and encourage people at Celebration to embody the good news of Jesus in whatever sphere of influence God has given us through small group gatherings, outreach events at the church, and promoting the work and passion of the missionaries in our midst. (Elders: Steve Garcia, Ryan Harrison, Amy Nothwehr, & Caleb Nothwehr)

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Our vision for Children's ministry in 2014-2015 is built on 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 and is to increase the number of workers who prepare the soil, to share the Word of God and sow the seed, to cultivate the soil and love God's kids who come to Sunday school, and watch God make it grow and reap the Harvest in His due time. (Elders: Greg Isaac & Kathy Swigle)

DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus’ last instructions to us were to “make disciples”. Celebration is part of a global family of disciples - learners and followers of Jesus. Our dream is to empower a community of people living out God’s mission in their everyday comings and goings, led by the Holy Spirit, daily experiencing God’s Kingdom now , together and forever. (Elders: Jill Jones, Moyra Stiles & Travis Stiles)

HOSPITALITY

To honor the eternal gift in each person who enters Celebration, because they are made in the image of God. Doing this through a welcome and the extension of a place of belonging within our body. (Elders: Anna Barrow & Jill Jones)

STEWARDSHIP

*The Stewardship Committee “Dream” this year is threefold: **Pay the Debt on Allen Hall** which would free us from a monthly obligation and redirect those resources to other ministries. **Accumulate Financial Reserve** equal to one month’s average expenditures. And, to **Renovate the Kitchen**---We have starting dreaming of what the renovation should look like. (Elders: Brad Cornish, Steve Garcia & Russ Powell)*

TLC (THE LOVING CARE) TEAM

To equip and mobilize the congregation to care for one another. Our special focus this year is to explore and promote opportunities for the church to offer TLC specifically to those who are homebound, widowed and fatherless within our congregation. (Elders: Teresa Hood & Jill Jones)

THE PARTY TEAM

Why is Celebration known as "the Party Church"? It is our way of making people feel welcome. When they come for the first time to a service they are treated to a plentiful supply of treats to enjoy. When we have a meal on occasion we hope by our encouragement they will be comfortable enough to attend. Building relationships and a feeling of home is what we pray for. (Elders: Vince Crespin, Joanne Decker & Mike Logan)

WORSHIP

The Worship Team helps create an environment for worship and an awareness of our call as God's people who "declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into this wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). We do this through the use of music, song, scripture, prayer, the arts, and our attitudes. (Elders: David Haas-Howard & Wes Scheu)

YOUTH

The Youth Ministry exists to reach high school and middle school students with the love of Jesus, connect them with other believers, and walk alongside them as they learn to honor God with their lives and sacrifice their time, talents, and treasures for the benefit of His Kingdom and others. We do this through timeless teaching, creating memorable experiences and developing meaningful relationships. (Elders: Wes Scheu)

UNAFFILIATED WISE SAGES

We exist to support the staff and leadership teams as a whole by contributing our ideas, gifts, energy and time in various ways. We seek to be dependable yet flexible, and in doing so, hope to fulfill needs and offer life to the entire church. (Elders: Kelsey Messer & Joe Sprague)

We need YOUR heartbeat...

If you feel intrigued or inspired by any one of these teams, we could really use your help!

To Signup:

1. Visit our website: www.thepartychurch.com
2. "Login to CCB" (our church database)
3. Search for the person you're trying to contact

Need a CCB login? Contact the Celebration office at office@thepartychurch.com

Thank You!

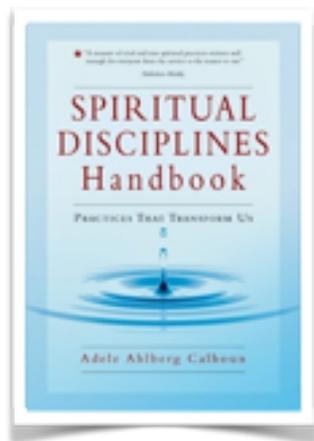




One Book, One Church

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES HANDBOOK

Fasting. Solitude. Contemplative prayer. *Lectio divina*. Have you heard about these practices and wanted to try them? Have you wandered from one practice to another not sure quite what to do? Are you overwhelmed by all the to-dos of your spiritual life? We have good desires--for a more intimate prayer life, perhaps, or deeper insight from God's Word--but we don't know how to get there. So we give up our pursuit, tired from wandering aimlessly, and end up feeling guilty and more distant from God instead of closer. In the *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* Adele Calhoun gives us directions for our journey toward intimacy with Christ. While the word *discipline* may make us want to run and hide, the author shows how desires and discipline work together to lead us to the transformation we're longing for--the transformation only Christ can bring. Instead of just giving information *about* spiritual disciplines, this *Handbook* is full of practical, accessible guidance that helps you actually *do* them. Mothers, fathers, plumbers, nurses, students--we're all on a journey. And spiritual disciplines are for all of us who desire to know Christ deeply and be like him. Here is direction for our desire, leading us to the ultimate destination: more of Christ himself.





who we are...what we do

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

Leadership Team

STAFF:

Pastor: Steve Garcia

Associate Pastor: Jill Jones

Youth & Worship: Pastor: Wes Scheu

Children's Director: Kathy Swigle

Pastoral Assistant: Kelsey Messer

Youth Ministry Intern: Vince Crespin

ELDERS:

Acts 1:8: Steve G., Ryan Harrison, Amy & Caleb Nothwehr

Children: Kathy S. & Greg Isaac

TLC: Jill J. & Teresa Hood

Hospitality: Jill J. & Anna Barrow

Stewardship: Steve G., Brad Cornish & Russ Powell

The Party Team: Vince C., Joanne Decker & Mike Logan

Discipleship: Jill J. & Moyra and Travis Stiles

Worship: Wes S. & David Hass-Howard

Youth: Wes Scheu

Unaffiliated Wise Sages: Kelsey M. & Joe Sprague

CORE PURPOSES:

WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

DISCIPLESHIP

SERVICE

OUTREACH

VALUES & COMMITMENTS:

Love & Informality

Honesty & Humility

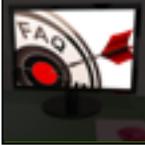
Urban & Global Heart

Diversity & Ethnicity

Reflection & Depth

Justice & Mercy

Humor & Courage



Questions & Answers

Financial Health

Question: What's a "Responsible Emergency Fund"?

Answer: A Rainy Day Fund sufficient to make repairs and solve problems without panic.

Question: What are Celebrations 3 Financial Goals for the year 2014-2015?

Answer:

1. Increase Emergency Fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
2. Pay Off \$40,000 Hall Improvement Project debt and increase our missions budget.
3. Raise \$50,000 to begin the Kitchen Renovation Project

Question: How will we raise this money?

Answer: We'll take three Special Offerings a year on Vision Sunday, Christmas, and Easter.

Question: How much will the Kitchen Renovation Project cost?

Answer: Our contractor estimates it will cost \$130,000.00.

Question: Why so much?

Answer: Kitchens are expensive. Also, the drainage below the kitchen is completely rotted.

Mission Health

Question: How can our Financial Health strengthen our Missions Health?

Answer: We pay \$1,800.00 a month on the Hall debt. Once paid off, we will increase our Missions Budget by \$1,800 a month. That's trading debt for impact — a good trade.

Question: What can you do with that increased Missions budget?

Answer: Support our missionaries and ministry partners, offer ministry grants to our members, and, especially, reach out to our neighborhood. We'd like to offer a full language learning program and explore fresh ideas for engaging neighborhood youth and their families.

Community Health

Question: Who are the "Less Mobile Members" you want visit?

Answer: Precious saints who, due to illness or aging, cannot make it to church much.

Question: How do Small Groups work at Celebration?

Answer: Amazingly well, though we don't have a well-oiled program for Small Groups. We encourage you to begin your own groups under the guidance & support of our Community Life Team.

Spiritual Health

Question: What do you mean by "Soul Care?"

Answer: It's developing a profound awareness of God, an attentiveness to our inner life, and practices such as solitude, silence, and other spiritual disciplines. It's a form of self-care.

Question: Explain the Preaching rhythm for this year.

Answer: Each month we will select a Psalm as we did this September (Psalm 27). We will identify a core issue it targets (such as fear) and spend an entire month marinating in that Psalm. We'll do a New Testament sermon on the topic to get Jesus' view of the issue.