



# THE COMEBACK

## AUGUST 27, 2017 TODAY'S COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**Families with Teens**  
12:30pm, Gym

**New Horizons**  
12:30pm, The Loft

### FILL

Be a part of Celebration with your family and friends.

- **Starting Point**- Anyone interested in learning more about Celebration or joining the church | September 10, 17 & 24, 11:30am | Room 11 | Join Pastor Doug for a look at what Celebration believes and why, get to know our leadership, and learn about the many ministries we offer and how you can get involved! RSVP to [jchesney@icelebration.org](mailto:jchesney@icelebration.org).

- **Legacy Community Gathering**- September 17, 11:30am | Gym

### DISCIPLE

Grow more like Christ as a part of the Celebration family.

- **College Home Group**- Thursdays, 6:30pm | The Francis Home (3750 Bobbin Mill Rd.) | Dinner & Bible Study.

### CONNECT

Develop relationships with each other through Communities, Groups, and more.

- **Families with Preschoolers Community Gathering**- September 3, 11:30am | Gym
- **College & Young Professionals Community Gathering**- September 10, 12:30pm | The Loft
- **Families with Children Community Gathering**- September 10, 11:30am | Gym

### MOBILIZE

Find new and exciting ways to serve and share the Good News of Jesus.

- **East Africa Mission Trip**- October 2017 | Serving at a refugee camp. Contact Audrey at [ajohnson@icelebration.org](mailto:ajohnson@icelebration.org) or visit with our mission reps on the runway today.
- **Weekend Food Assistance Program**- Contact Audrey if you can sponsor a child during the school year by providing food for them to take home on the weekends. [ajohnson@icelebration.org](mailto:ajohnson@icelebration.org)

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# Student Ministry

## Passion 2018

January 1-3 | Atlanta, GA

Passion 2018 is a gathering for the collegiate generation and is open to anyone who is 18-25 years old. High school seniors are invited to attend even if they are not 18 years old.

Passion is a conference for college students and high school seniors held in Atlanta at Philips Arena. It has powerful worship & speakers with about 40,000 students. 2018 conference speakers/worship leaders at Passion - Louie Giglio, John Piper, Crowder, Andy Mineo, Christine Caine, Levi Lusko, KB and Priscilla Shirer. Go to <https://268generation.com/passion2018/> for a glimpse.

**WE HAVE 32 UNPAID SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

**We have all the tickets- do not buy yours online!!**

Celebration has booked hotel rooms near the Philips Arena, at The Sheraton, which is walking distance. We also reserved a 56 passenger Astro bus and van. The total price for 1 ticket, hotel room 2 nights and bus ticket is \$240. To hold your spot, an \$80 deposit is due ASAP. The next \$80 is due August 21 and the last \$80 will be due November 6. Pay online at [students.icelebration.org](http://students.icelebration.org).

If you have any questions; please email Laurie Arnaldo at [larnaldo@icelebration.org](mailto:larnaldo@icelebration.org)



## Get Involved with Celebration Students

### Fill

- **Converge-** Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Worship Center. Pizza served before Converge starts!
  - Student-led Worship
  - Teaching by Pastor Aaron
  - Discussion time for High-Schoolers
  - Team-building activities for Middle Schoolers

### Connect

- **Families with Teens Community-** Usually meets the fourth Sunday after third service. Free lunch provided! Next gatherings August 28 and September 24.
- **College & Young Professionals Community-** Usually meets the first Sunday after third service. Next Gatherings September 10 (moved due to Labor Day weekend) and October 1.

### Disciple

- **Sunday Groups-** Sundays, 10:15am, Gym. Large group time with teaching from one our Student Ministry leaders, then breakouts into grade & gender groups.
- **College Connection-** Sundays, 10:15am, Room 11.
- **College Home Group-** Thursdays, 6:30pm, Francis Home (3750 Bobbin Mill Rd). Dinner & Bible Study.
- **DNow Weekend-** March 2-4, 2018. In-Town Student Retreat featuring guest speakers, worship, Bible Study, and recreation.

### Mobilize

- **MFuge-** July 2018. Mobile, AL. Mission projects and camp for completed 6-12 graders.
- **Local Service Projects-** Contact Laurie at [larnaldo@icelebration.org](mailto:larnaldo@icelebration.org) to learn more about the many opportunities to serve our local community with Celebration Students.
- **International Mission Trips-** Celebration Students have gone on mission trips to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Ethiopia and more! Contact Audrey at [ajohnson@icelebration.org](mailto:ajohnson@icelebration.org) to learn more about serving around the world with Celebration Missions.



*Celebration Students doing something awesome that will inspire others to join.*

# Your gifts at work

## Middle School, High School & Beyond

Story By Kaitlin Harper

I started attending Celebration the summer before my junior year. I slowly got involved with the youth group and started coming to Sunday school and Converge weekly. Being involved with the youth group here helped give me a solid group of friends at school and at church.

Taking all of the volunteer opportunities to help out at Project Backyard and the Miccosukee Tutoring nights definitely helped me grow spiritually and realize how much I love doing missions work.

I stayed involved my senior year which was so helpful. Prep U was beneficial because we learned about things to expect in college and sticking to your faith even when it is challenged.

After I graduated, I had no desire to

leave Celebration. I wanted to stay involved and help out with the youth because I wanted it to be able to influence these students' lives as much as it influenced mine when I was a student. Being a youth leader has helped me to continue to grow. I feel like I am learning just as much from these students as I am teaching them.



*Kaitlin Harper serving in Nicaragua on a mission trip with Celebration Students in 2016.*

## PREP U

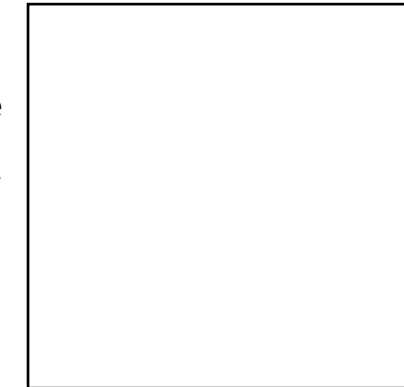
for High School Seniors

**Description:** This Fall and Spring semester course is a practical, philosophical and doctrinal study of worldviews and challenges that will be encountered in community, public or private colleges and/or careers, how to prepare for them and respond to them in a Biblical manner.

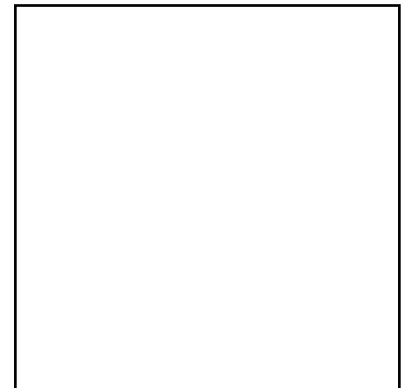
**Course Objectives:** A major purpose of the Celebration Student ministry is to provide salvation through the Gospel of Christ, to provide spiritual growth through bible study and community, and to provide students with an authentic, working world-view that prepares them to continue growing in their faith.

**Tentative Schedule of Weekly Content:** Practical, Philosophical and Spiritual – How to keep your faith in college, authentic community, finding a church home, dealing with differing worldviews with classmates and professors, God's plan, accountability. Practical - Coping skills, campus safety, personal awareness, drug, alcohol and sexual temptation, nutrition, illness, roommate relationships and boundaries, bill pay, laundry, renting.

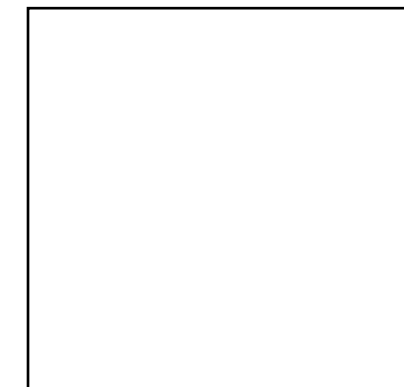
**Methods of Instruction:** Weekly lectures will start promptly at 10:15am Sunday in the Student Room throughout the semester unless you are notified. Class teaching will be augmented with video, guest speakers and group discussion.



*PREP U Picture*



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*Grad Sunday 2017 Picture*

## THIS WEEK AT CELEBRATION

### Sunday, August 27, 2017

- 9:00am Worship Service, Adult Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 10:15am Worship Service, Adult Groups, Student Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 11:30am Worship Service, BLAST Jr
- 12:30pm Families with Teens Community Gathering
- 12:30pm New Horizons Community Gathering

### Wednesday, August 30, 2017

- 6:30pm Adult Groups, KidStuff, Converge
- 7:30pm Worship Rehearsals

### Thursday, September 1, 2017

- 7:30pm Men's Basketball

### Sunday, September 3, 2017

- 9:00am Worship Service, Adult Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 10:15am Worship Service, Adult Groups, Student Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 11:30am Worship Service, BLAST Jr
- 11:30am Families with Preschoolers Community Gathering

## ACCEPTING CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

Living for Christ is challenging, but accepting Him is as simple as ABC:

**A-Acknowledge that you have sinned:** "Sin" means "missing the mark." For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

**B-Believe in Jesus:** Believing in Jesus is more than just knowing he exists. It is placing total trust and faith in Jesus. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved (Acts 16:31).

**C-Confess Jesus as Lord:** Confessing Christ means accepting His plan for your life. If you say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and if you believe in your heart that God has raised Christ from death, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

Coming to know Jesus begins by telling God that you have failed to live up to His standards and need His help. You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer. Prayer is simply talking with God. Here is a suggested prayer.

Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

If these words express the desire of your heart, pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life as He promised. If you've prayed this prayer, let us know. We'd love to help as you begin a new life in Christ. Text your first name to (850) 320-7153 and a member of our leadership team will reach out to you about your decision!

## connect with our leadership

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