



March 25, 2018 Today's Gatherings

Families with Preschoolers
11:30am in the Gym

College
12:30pm in the Conference Room

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- **Starting Point-** *Anyone interested in learning more about Celebration or joining the church | April 8, 15, & 22, 10:15am | Large Conference Room | Join Pastor Doug for a look at what Celebration believes and why, get to know our leadership, learn about the many ministries we offer and how you can get involved! RSVP to jchesney@icelebration.org.*

- **New Horizons Community Gathering-** *April 29, 12:30pm | Loft*
- **Church-Wide Community Gathering-** *Sunday, May 6, 11:30am | on the church lawn | Bring your lawn chairs and join us for some delicious fried chicken! Worship services at 9:00am and 10:15am only that day. All groups (adult, students, and children) will meet as usual.*

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- **Families with Children Community Gathering-** *April 15, 11:30am | Gym*
- **Young Professionals Community Gathering-** *April 22, 12:30pm | Loft*
- **Legacy Community Gathering-** *April 22, 11:30am | Gym*
- **Families with Teens Community Gathering-** *April 29, 12:30pm | Gym*

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- **College Home Group-** *Thursdays, 6:30pm | The Francis Home (3750 Bobbin Mill Rd.) | Dinner & Bible Study.*
- **New Wednesday Night Groups-** *6:30pm | Foundations in Genesis, Women's Study on Haggai, Deacon Leadership Training, Financial Peace University and 33 Series for Men. Visit groups.icelebration.org for full details.*

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FIRST KIDS' BAPTISM CLASS HELD

By Tommy Hendricks

We had our first baptism class for kids and parents Wednesday night. We had 15 families in attendance representing about 20 kids. We talked about the ABC's of salvation and what it means to follow Jesus. Families learned about the meaning of baptism and how it speaks as a witness to others.

At the end of the class kids and parents wrote out their "story" of how they came to know Christ as they prepare to make their video testimony. I also got to pray with several kids to receive Christ and look forward to sharing their stories in the months to come.

We will have a baptism class every few months to help families prepare their kids for baptism. The Celebration Kids team is excited about how God is moving and pray for a steady stream of kids coming to know and follow Christ.



Kids work with their parents on writing about how they came to know Jesus during Wednesday's Baptism Class.

APRIL MEGA VERSE

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.



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ELEMENTARY



WEEK 1

THE BIBLE

Easter Story

SAY THIS: Jesus is alive!

WEEK 2

1 SAMUEL 1:6-2:1

Hannah Prays for a Baby

SAY THIS: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

WEEK 3

PROVERBS 14:29

A Patience Proverb

SAY THIS: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

WEEK 4

EXODUS 32:1-35

Golden Calf

SAY THIS: When you think you can't wait, think about what's true.

WEEK 5

GENESIS 25:24-34

Esau's Impatience

SAY THIS: When you think you can't wait, think twice.

REMEMBER THIS

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!"
Psalm 27:14, NIV

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PATIENCE – Waiting until later for what you want now



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TODAY-** Families with Preschoolers Community Gathering, 11:30 in the Gym
- **TODAY-** Leader Meeting for BLAST & BLAST, Jr. / 5pm - 7pm
- **April 8-** Families with Preschoolers Community Gathering, 11:30
- **April 15-** Families with Children Community Gathering, 11:30
- **April 25-** Adventure Week Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm
- **April 29-** Next Mega Verse Store @ 10:15am
- **April 29-** Next 5th Grade SMAC / Tree 2 Tree Adventures \$30 each
- **May 1-** Adventure Week Registration Opens
- **May 6-** Church-wide Community Gathering, 11:30
- **July 23-26-** Adventure Week for students going into 1st-5th grade

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LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

Adventure Week 2018 July 23-26

**\$60 / for students
going into grades 1-5**

**Registration Begins
on May 1st**

**Join the
Adventure Week Team!
Meeting Wednesday, April 25
6:30pm in the Loft**

mobilize

- **Salt & Light Citizenship Ministry- - Prayer & Action Meeting- TODAY, 4:00pm | Room 9 |** Everyone is invited. **National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 3, 11:30am-1:15pm | 22nd Floor of the Florida State Capitol | FloridaPrayer.** Org. **Southeast Regional Patriot Academy-**

Future Leaders (ages 16-25) | June 11-13 | See PatriotAcademy.com for more details and contact BarryJWebster@aol.com if you are interested.

This Week At Celebration

Sunday, April 8, 2018

- 9:00am Worship Service, Adult Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 10:15am Worship Service, Adult Groups, Student Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr, Starting Point
- 11:30am Worship Service, BLAST Jr
- 11:30am Families with Preschoolers Gathering
- 12:30pm College Gathering
- 4:00pm Salt & Light Prayer & Action Meeting
- 5:00pm Celebration Kids Leader Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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

Thursday, April 12, 2018

- 8:00pm Men's Basketball

Sunday, April 15, 2018

- 9:00am Worship Service, Adult Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr
- 10:15am Worship Service, Adult Groups, Student Groups, BLAST, BLAST Jr, Starting Point
- 11:30am Worship Service, BLAST Jr
- 11:30am Families with Children Gathering
- 5:00pm Focus 2020 Meeting in the Loft
- 7:00pm Focus 2020 Meeting at the Emmerts

To sign up for any of the Focus 2020 Home Group Meetings, contact the church office at (850) 893-1709 or email info@icelebration.org

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!

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