

DON'T FORGET THE PAST; KEEP CHANGING THE WORLD!

- *"Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things He does for me."* (Psalm 103:2)
- **God has been good to the Celebration family these past 35 years.**
    - Grown from 86 attendees in November 1989 to 9000+ regular attendees in 10 New Orleans and 3 Costa Rican Congregations
    - Helped start a number of Churches and Ministries locally and around the world, and supported thousands of missionaries throughout the years.
    - Baptized over 10,000 people in Greater New Orleans in the past 35 years
    - Trained over 25,000 Pastors/Leaders around the world
    - Tens of thousands of people's lives, circumstances and relationships have been transformed by the Lord
- ***What does God want Celebration to be or do in the next 35 years?***

The Lord Wants Us To Always Be A Church Family Where:

GOD IS MET

- **The Bible tells us that God loves people, and that He is available to help them with the challenges, circumstances and relationships of their lives.**
- *"The Lord is My shepherd, I shall not want . . . "* (Psalm 23:1)
- **Experiencing the Lord's help comes from having a salvation encounter with Him, and ongoing meetings with Him that bring transformation to our lives.**
- *"He (God) forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things."* (Psalm 103:3-5)
- **The best thing that could happen to people and their family members is for them to experience the Lord's salvation and transformation in their lives.**
- ***"****The Lord is like a father to us, tender and compassionate . . . His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to His covenant, of those who obey His commandments!"* (Psalm 103:13, 17-18)

- ***When did I have my first life-changing encounter with the Lord, and what have been some other transformational experiences I've had with Him?***
- **Whenever people really meet with God great things happen in their lives.**
- *"I pray you will begin to understand how incredibly great His power is to help those who believe Him . . . the same power that raised Christ from the dead."* (Ephesians 1:19-20)
- **We can meet with the Lord regularly as we pray, study His Word and worship Him; and worship weekly with other believers. (Hebrews 10:24-25).**

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<u>LOVE</u> IS FELT

- *"God showed how much He loved us by sending His Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. . . . This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."* (1 John 4:9-10)
- **It's a great thing to experience God's love in our lives, but then we're to express that same love to others.**
- *"Since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other."* (1 John 4:11)
- Jesus - *"I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."* (John 13:34-35)
- **People have all kinds of needs, but what they need most is to feel loved, wanted, accepted; and that's what the people of Celebration offer to others.**
- *"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."* (1 Corinthians 13:7)

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<u>LIVES</u> ARE CHANGED

- *"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- **When Jesus becomes our Savior and Lord, He begins to transform our attitude, ambitions, actions, relationships and circumstances.**
- *"Once we were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But when God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit."* (Titus 3:3-5)
- ***My Story* Insert**

- ***What changes need to happen in my life, circumstances and relationships?***
- ***Who do I know who needs to experience the Lord's transforming power in their life, circumstances and relationships - and what steps do I need to take to connect them to the Lord and to Celebration Church?***