

# GROWTH TRACK

know. connect. discover. live.

You were made on purpose for a purpose! The Celebration Church Growth Track guides you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you. Growth Track is made up of four steps that equip you to know God, connect in community, discover your design and live with purpose by making a difference in the lives of others.

## know // STEP ONE

Come and learn the spiritual journey that God has for each of us, beginning with knowing Him personally, as together we explore the mission and values of Celebration Church.

## connect // STEP TWO

Life is better in the context of authentic relationships. Find out how to connect in community at Celebration Church.

## discover // STEP THREE

Discover how your personality, passions and spiritual gifts indicate your unique design and point towards God's purpose for your life.

## live // STEP FOUR

What does it mean to live a life with purpose? Learn how you can make a difference in the lives of others at home, work, and through team opportunities at Celebration Church.

## OUR HISTORY

Celebration Church has been around for over thirty years. The church was founded in 1988 by a core group of believers led by Rev. Dr. John Tweedie. Pastor John retired in 2015; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Rev. Lance Tweedie who has followed in his father's ministry footsteps and is now our Lead Pastor. Formerly known as New Covenant Christian Fellowship, the name was officially changed to Celebration Church in 2017. Grateful for our heritage and excited about the future, we believe that the best is yet to come!

At Celebration Church we have one simple goal—to help people connect with God so that they might reach their full potential. With the help of Growth Track, Community Groups and the Celebration Team, we are committed to seeing this dream become a reality.

Celebration Church is focused on people, and people committing their lives to Christ. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday celebrations, and the simple style of Celebration Church has caused us to be known as the happy church. There is nothing more fun than Celebrating God's grace and goodness together!

## A FOUR-STEP SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and **I will bring you** out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. **I will free you** from being slaves to them, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **I will take you** as my own people, and I will be your God.'" Exodus 6:6-7

The Four Cups of Passover:

The Cup of Sanctification  
The Cup of Deliverance  
The Cup of Redemption  
The Cup of Praise

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me... to proclaim the good news... bind up the broken hearted... bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes... and they will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore places long devastated." Isaiah 61:1-4

"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing, teaching with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ" Isaiah 61:1-4

## OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

"I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory – to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers." Ephesians 1:17-19 MSG

## OUR MISSION

### 1. Lost People Saved =

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"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."  
John 17:3

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

### 2. Saved People Pastored =

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"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." James 5:16 NLT

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."  
Proverbs 27:17

### 3. Pastored People Trained =

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"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." Romans 12:6

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT

### 4. Trained People Mobilized =

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"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."  
1 Peter 4:10 NLT

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:8,11

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*Celebration Church exists to help you know God, connect in community, discover your design and live with purpose.*

## KNOW GOD

"The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"God is on one side and all the people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus, is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind." 1 Timothy 2:5-6 TLB

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside His will.

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept His free gift.

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 10:13

## HOW TO HAVE A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

God is longing to have a relationship with you. You can grow that relationship through:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." Hebrews 4:16 NLT

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion." Ephesians 6:18 NLT

"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

2. \_\_\_\_\_

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

"For the word of God is alive and powerful..." Hebrews 4:12 NLT

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."  
Psalm 119:105 NLT

3. \_\_\_\_\_

"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 NLT

"So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHOICES

1. I can \_\_\_\_\_ or I can receive what has already been \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I can try to earn God's \_\_\_\_\_ or I can receive God's \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

3. I can obey out of \_\_\_\_\_ or I can obey out of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Real Christianity is about \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.*

## WATER BAPTISM

God's intention is to bring the whole human race together as a \_\_\_\_\_ united in \_\_\_\_\_.

Becoming a member of the Christian family is not by birth, but by rebirth. Jesus talked about being born of water and the Spirit. Jesus was baptized and he also commanded his disciples to baptize:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 NLT

Baptism is the mark of becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian family and the universal \_\_\_\_\_.

Baptism symbolizes being cleansed, like we were cleansed through the blood of Jesus on the cross. It also symbolizes dying and rising with Christ. Paul explains it like this:

"When we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death... for we died and were buried with Christ in baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we may also live new lives.." Romans 6:3-4 NLT

At Celebration Church, we practice baptism by \_\_\_\_\_ in water. This is the way Jesus was baptized.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove." Mark 1:9-10

BY BEING BAPTISED IN WATER, YOU ARE:

1. Following the \_\_\_\_\_ set by Christ.
2. Demonstrating your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Declaring your commitment \_\_\_\_\_.

*Water Baptism declares \_\_\_\_\_ what has happened \_\_\_\_\_.*

## WE SHARE CHRIST IN OUR CITY, NATION AND WORLD

Jesus gave His Church a mandate to reach our world in three areas:

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

1. "In Jerusalem" - \_\_\_\_\_

The primary ways we reach our city are through our Love Projects, Alpha, community groups with a focus on outreach, and local missions we support like Why Not, Brant Food for Thought, and Brantford Pregnancy Centre.

2. "In Judea and Samaria" - \_\_\_\_\_

The primary way we reach out Nationally is by supporting missions and organizations who do work across our nation, like Gideons and Alpha Canada.

3. "To the ends of the earth" - \_\_\_\_\_

The primary way we reach our world is through missions. Celebration Church strategically invests a portion of its resources in missions work around the world: Neil in Iraq (Ironkite Ministries), Carlos in Mozambique (Word of Life Ministries), and Mighty Oaks Global Initiative in Thailand.

## OUR VALUES

These seven core values inform the way we lead and serve at Celebration Church:

### We Value Excellence

We always bring our best. Excellence honours God and inspires people.

### We Value Community

We are family. Life is better in the context of authentic relationships.

### We Value Next Steps

Growth happens one step at a time. Everybody has a next step with God.

### We Value Celebration

We passionately celebrate God's goodness and grace. Nothing is more fun than celebrating God together!

### We Value Team

We are better together. The local church is the hope of the world and we can accomplish infinitely more together than apart.

### We Value People

We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Jesus. We are the church and we exist for the world.

### We Value Encountering God

We pursue God's presence above all else. Period.

## HOW YOU CAN JOIN US

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for each of these areas that we might reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to these areas to serve others and show them God's love.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

Isaiah 6:8

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your time and resources to reach people for Christ.

"A tithe of everything... belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:30

"On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made." 1 Corinthians 16:2

1) Tithe - At Celebration Church, we practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the church. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving.

2) Offerings - Special offerings support the work of missionaries and outreach programs like Love Project.

3) Gift of Giving – Some people have the Spiritual Gift of giving and the ability to go above and beyond their tithe for the purpose of strengthening and building up the church.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ regularly. Participate in Sunday morning celebrations, your community group, and other ministry activities to use your unique gifts as a member of the Body of Christ.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Give your heart to Jesus to be saved.

You can use the salvation prayer in your #happychurch App as a guide.

2. Declare your relationship with Jesus publicly.

Water baptism is the example Jesus set and we follow this example to publicly share our new life in Him.

3. If you are a new believer, attend Alpha.

Visit our website at [www.celebrationchurchbrant.com](http://www.celebrationchurchbrant.com) to find out when the next Alpha begins at Celebration Church.

4. Join us for Step Two of Growth Track.

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