

MEET YOUR *Deacon*

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Harry Gere serves as a Deacon at Celebration Church and is passionate about serving in various ministries, including the A/V team, Celebration Students, and Celebration Groups. He also supports Celebration Kids alongside his wife, Becky. Harry and Becky have two adult children: Isaac, who serves in the U.S. Navy, and Emma, a recent graduate from Sojourners School of Ministry.



UPCOMING *Events*

Picnic in the Park | Sunday, September 20

Join us after second service from 12:30–2:30 pm at Cerise Park for an afternoon of food, fellowship, connection, and community! Pulled pork will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert large enough to share with 16–20 people, along with chairs for your family. We will not be at the Amphitheater, but the soccer fields right next to the parking lot. We'll also celebrate river baptisms! If you're ready to take this next step in your faith, fill out the baptism form in the Celebration App. Come eat, connect, and celebrate what God is doing in our church family!

12th Annual Ladies Retreat | October 8–10

Abide Women's Ministry invites you to our 12th Annual Ladies Retreat, October 8–10 at Sonrise Mountain Ranch! This year's theme, *The Intentional Walk With Christ: Living for Christ on Purpose*, will encourage you to pursue Christ intentionally in every area of life. The Early Bird cost is \$150 through September 20 and \$160 starting September 21, with scholarships available. Opportunities to attend for one night or one day are also offered. Space is limited, so sign up soon! Registration is online only through the Celebration website or app.

Ascend Youth Ministry Kickoff TODAY!

Middle and high school students, today's the day! Ascend Youth Ministry kicks off today at 4:00 pm, and we can't wait to see you there. Join us for biblical teaching, worship, small groups, games, and authentic community as we grow together in Christ. Bring a friend and be part of what God is doing this year!

Apache Mission Trip Interest Meeting | TODAY @ 12:15 pm

Interested in our November 15–22 Apache Mission Trip to Whiteriver, Arizona? Join us today for an interest meeting with lunch provided! The trip is \$500 and open to adults and older children with a parent. Space is limited to 10 participants. Trip applications are due September 10 at celebrationmontrose.org.

New D2 Class: Disciple Your Home: Building a Gospel-Shaped Family

Parents, be equipped to disciple your children and build a Christ-centered home through Disciple Your Home: Building a Gospel-Shaped Family. This 12-week D-2 class, taught by Jason Lawson, begins Sunday, August 30, and meets from 4:15–6:15 pm alongside Ascend Youth Ministry. Register in the Hub, online, or through the Celebration app. Childcare is available.

Pastoral Institute Application Deadline is Approaching!

The August 31 application deadline is approaching for the 2026–2028 Pastoral Institute of the Western Slope and Women's Track! These two-year programs equip men and women for biblical, theological, and practical ministry. Classes begin Monday, September 14, at 6:00 pm at Celebration Church. Both men and women meet on Monday evenings—men weekly and women twice a month. Participation is by invitation only. Apply by August 31 at pastoralinstitutews.com.

We know that many of you have amazing abilities in the building trades that would be of great use in building our new church. If you are one of these people and would like to donate your time and talent, please see Tammy Jolley to be added to the skilled labor list. If you are not gifted with those abilities but have supplies you would be willing to donate, connections to suppliers who could offer discounts, or a specific area of the church you would like to adopt financially, see her for the list of donated materials/discounted supplies. Every gift and donation is valuable. If you can do neither of these things, but would be willing to be a daily prayer warrior for the project, we have a place for you as well. This is a massive undertaking, but we know that God is working mightily in this project, and we want everyone to be part of the process!

REGISTRATION FOR CELEBRATION LIFE GROUPS IS OPEN!!

What are Celebration Life Groups?

Life Groups are one of the primary ways we make disciples at Celebration Church. As we gather in homes throughout the week, we grow in God's Word, cultivate meaningful relationships, care for one another, and encourage one another to follow Christ faithfully in every area of life. Each group is unique, but every Life Group is centered on biblical community, prayer, fellowship, and the application of God's Word together.

Who are Celebration Life Groups for?

Life Groups are for anyone who desires to grow in their relationship with Christ while walking alongside other believers. Whether you're new to Celebration Church or have been here for years, Life Groups provide a place to build lasting friendships, receive encouragement, pray with others, and experience authentic Christian community.

Why should I join a Celebration Life Group?

God created us for community, not isolation. Throughout Scripture, believers are called to encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, pray together, and grow in faith together. Life Groups provide a place to live out those biblical commands in the context of everyday life. As we follow Christ together, we are strengthened in our faith and equipped to make disciples who make disciples.

Take Your Next Step

Life Groups begin meeting the week of August 30, and we'd love to help you find the right fit. Pick up a Life Groups Booklet, scan the QR code, or browse available groups online. When you're ready, register online, through the Celebration app, or in the Hub. Don't just attend church—belong to the body. Find your Life Group today.



WORSHIP THIS *Week*

Awesome In This Place

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Build My Life

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Revelation Song