

WELCOME TO...



why do
church?

What do you celebrate?

- Birthdays!
- Marriages
- Promotions
- Holidays
- Gasparilla
- Graduations
- SPRING BREAK!
- Fridays
- The Sabbath
- Football

In the church

- New Birthdays
- New Marriages
- Visitors!
- The Resurrection
- Pastors
- Numbers...
- GOD!!

How do you celebrate?

- Eat
- Gifts
- Music
- Getting Crazy
- Acknowledge important people
- Clap and make noise
- Cow bells on the front porch? The dinner bell?
- With other people!
- WE AVOID WORK!!!

Birthdays

- Food (CAKE!)
- Fireworks
- Sing happy birthday
- Celebrations involve Ceremony
- Traditions a better word?
- HOW things are presented may be different—makes it special
- Is it ok to celebrate liturgy?
- We also break routine

Why do you celebrate?

- It's fun!
- It's what we're *supposed* to do
- To observe the importance/significance of an event
- To be together
- People
- Dumb things—to keep morale up!
- To not go to work

What would make a church service
a celebration which would fulfill
these purposes?

Hebrews 10:21-25

- To meet
 - “Gathering”—to bring together an assembly of a group
 - The church met daily at the temple, *and* they met at homes
 - The central church was never called to Evangelize

The purpose of celebration

- To *Enter* God's presence
- To *sustain* our hope
- To *motivate* acts of love and good works
- To *encourage* one another