

Schedule of Events

The Iowa Celebration with Will Graham is a <u>Process</u>, not just an event. There are 3 Phases of a Celebration: PREPARATION, PROCLAMATION and PRESERVATION.

Student Ministry Launch March 27, 2021, 5:00–7:00pm

The Bridge | 10025 NW 62nd Ave | Johnston

You, your student ministry leaders and three to five core students are invited to a catered banquet dinner. You will receive a free t-shirt, hear an inspiring message and explore how to engage young people in your community in working towards bringing their friends to the Celebration.

Celebration Promotion Sunday

March 2021

Choose a Sunday in March to set aside for your church to take a special Celebration offering, highlight evangelism, and/or pray for the mission of the Celebration. Many churches emphasize the Celebration weekend and the opportunity to invite and bring friends and family.

(Offering envelopes and other promotional resources are available at the Celebration office.)

Celebration Bring-A-Friend Sunday

April 2021

Choose a Sunday in April for your church to focus on Bring-A-Friend, highlight evangelism, and pray for those family members and friends who you know need the hope that can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We even have a sermon outline prepared for you should you wish to use it.

(Bring-A-Friend resources and a Sermon Outline are available on the website or at the Celebration Office).

Celebration Prayer Gathering

April 15, 2021, 7:00pm

First Family Church | 317 SE Magazine Road | Ankeny

A time of prayer and worship focused on the Celebration. All are invited to attend.

Pastors' "Refresh"

April 19, 2021, 6:30pm

Corinthian Baptist Church | 814 School Street | Des Moines

This is a time of renewal for Pastors and spouses. Guest Speaker Reggie Dabbs will give a message to encourage pastors. Register to attend at http://bit/ly/JUST-COME The Iowa Celebration is one of the sponsors of this event.

Ladies Night With Kendra Graham

April 22 & 23, 2021, 7:00pm

First Church of the Open Bible | 2200 Beaver Ave | Des Moines Please RSVP at IowaCelebration.com/Kendra by April 19

Bring your friends and loved ones for soul-stirring worship and an inspiring message from special guest speaker Kendra Graham. Pray together for your community and the upcoming Celebration, fellowship with other women and enjoy a dessert buffet. The program will be the same for both evenings. Chose one night to join us. Program begins at 7:00pm Dessert at 6:30pm

Children's Ministry Rally

April 30, 2021, 12:00pm

New Hope Assembly of God Student Center | 6800 Townsend Ave | Urbandale

Pastors and their Children's Ministry leaders are invited to hear about upcoming opportunities for children in conjunction with the Celebration. There will be a free lunch, an inspiring message and door prizes.

Sharing Hope in Crisis

May 1, 2021, 8:30am-4:15pm

Walnut Creek-Winsor Heights | 900 64th Street | Windsor Heights

This is a one-day training seminar designed for all Christians and will help you learn about trauma and the process of grief, what to say – or not to say – to someone who is grieving or distressed, and how to appropriately share the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Lunch, snacks and materials will be provided at no cost.

Christian Life and Witness Course Breakfast

May 15, 2021, 8:00 – 10:00am

Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport Conference Center | 6111 Fleur Drive | Des Moines Please RSVP at IowaCelebration.com/events

A representative from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will teach a portion of the Christian Life and Witness Course. Attending the Christian Life and Witness Class Breakfast will give Pastors a clear understanding of the content and materials of the Course as well as what is being asked of each church pertaining to their level of involvement. This complimentary breakfast is for all pastors and church staff.

Celebration Prayer Gathering

May 27, 2021

7:00pm

Location TBD

Christian Life and Witness Course

June 7-26, 2021

(Schedule of dates, times and locations will be available online)

(Evangelism and Discipleship Training – Attend ONE 2-hour class per week for 3 weeks)

This training is for your **entire church**. Please encourage **everyone** to attend this 3-week Course. **Anyone** may take the course. Those who wish to serve as counselors at the Celebration must attend this training. Celebration counselors must be at least 13 years of age. Many pastors say this Course is the greatest benefit gained from their Celebration involvement. This training and all related materials are provided at no cost.

PURSUIT August 28, 2021 9AM- 4PM Grace Church | 4200 E. 25th Street | Des Moines

This is the Christian Life and Witness Course presented in a way that engages Students. Please encourage every student in Middle School, High School and College to attend this Course. Each session begins with worship and a free meal will be provided during the lunch break. The training sessions will cover: What does my walk with God look like? How do I deal with the challenges of life? How do I tell others about Jesus? How do I help my friends grow in their walk? Students will be encouraged to live an effective Christian life and challenged to go make a difference in their world.

Love In Action Projects

September 3 & 4, 2021

Location and Time TBD

The Love In Action Projects are committed to seizing the opportunity before us to "put feet and hands to the Gospel." The projects selected will be short-term and visible to the community. They will also be ongoing which we hope will encourage the development of a caring relationship between the followers of Christ and those in our neighborhoods. Small things done with great love will change the world.

<u>Follow-up Breakfast and Workshop / Promotion Materials Distribution Day</u> August 21, 2021, 8:00–10:00am

Location TBD

All Pastors, Evangelism Leaders and Discipleship Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. At this complimentary Breakfast, information will be provided pertaining to the follow-up of those who come forward at the Celebration as well as strengthening your existing follow-up procedures.

Promotional materials (invitations, posters, etc.) will be available for pick up to distribute through your Church.

Celebration Prayer Gathering

September 28, 2021 Location and Time TBD

Celebration Worker Rehearsals

September 29, 2021 Location TBD Merchandise Sales Volunteers | Usher Volunteers

Supervisor and Counselor Rehearsal

September 30, 2021 6:00pm-7:30pm Supervisors 7:30pm-9:00pm Counselors Location TBD

Iowa Celebration with Will Graham

October 1-3, 2021 Wells Fargo Arena

Will Graham Speaking Great musical Guests An outreach for everyone All seats are free

Friday, October 1—7:00 PM Saturday, October 2—10:00 AM KidzFest Saturday, October 2—7:00 PM Sunday, October 3—6:00 PM Student Night

Celebration Follow-Up

October 4 and following . . .

Immediately following the Celebration, churches will contact those assigned to their church for follow-up. The goal is to provide immediate discipleship for new believers and connect them with the Body of Christ.

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