

Birthdays

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Birthdays are fun to celebrate. It's a milestone in someone's life, so it's always great to stop and join in the festivities.

And what a privilege to celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus! We all tend to take a little time on our own birthdays, even if sometimes it is just an acknowledgement of it, so stopping to say, "Happy Birthday Jesus!" is always appropriate.

Happy Birthday Theme Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Title Ideas

- A Birthday Celebration
- A Day in a Life
- A Slice of Cake
- Age of Celebration
- Aging Gracefully in God's Care
- Alive & Well
- As Time Goes By
- Birthdays and Friends
- Birthday's Worth Celebrating
- Busy Living
- Celebrate With Us!
- Celebrating Happy!
- Get a Life!
- Gift of Life
- Golden Years
- Growing Old in God's Grace
- Happy Birthday Jesus
- Happy Birthday Sweet Sisters!
- It's a Wonderful Life
- Joy in Living
- Let Them Eat Cake
- Let's Celebrate!
- Life Goes On
- Life Lessons
- Life's a Party
- Living Large
- Oh, What Fun!
- Story of My Life
- Sweeter as the Years Go By
- Sweeter With Age
- The Sands of Time
- Through the Years
- Time After Time

Spiritual & General Applications

- Celebrate "new life" in Christ.
- Celebrate a special birthday.
- Celebrate the Birthday of Jesus

Theme Verse Suggestions

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3 (KJV) —new life theme—

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (KJV) —new life theme—

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) —Happy Birthday

Jesus Party—

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV) —birthday party—

Devotional Starters & Workshop Ideas

- Study “new life” in Christ and what that means.
- Focus how one life can make a difference (lots of examples in the Bible!)
- Focus on the value of time and how we must choose to use it during our lifetime.
- Focus on the Birth of Jesus Christ.
- Download the “All Around the Manger” Devotional Starters

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/devotional-starter-All-Around-the-Manger.pdf>

Simple Decorating Ideas

- Balloons
- Streamers
- Party hats
- Simple Décor: Tray filled with a party hat, party horn blower, cupcake, small gift bag, hourglass, packaged party favor, with sprinkled confetti.

Icebreakers

Party Games

Play birthday party games such as “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” or “Pin the cherry on Top of the Cupcake”.

Balloon Pop Game

Fold up discussion questions and place inside balloons before filling them with air. Have each guest “pop” theirs and read and answer the question inside.

Discussion Time

- Ask your guests to share what prompted them to have “new life” in Christ (their 2nd Birthday/Salvation)
- Ask your guests to share their “Christian Birthday” Age. (their 2nd Birthday/Salvation)
- Ask your guests to share favorite or memorable birthdays or birthday presents from over the years.

Music

- Sing “Happy Birthday” to birthday gal/guy.
- Sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus.
- Play upbeat/fun music during the party!

Favor Ideas

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| • Boxed notecards | • Mini calendar |
| • Chocolate bar with specialty wrapper | • Mini jar of jam/jelly |
| • Christmas ornament (for “Happy Birthday Jesus” party) | • Mug |
| • Favor bag of candy | • Packaged specialty cookie |
| | • Small plant |

Door Prize Ideas

- Flower arrangement
- Plant
- Candle
- Tote bag
- Calendar
- Bible
- Devotional book
- Writing Pen
- Scarf
- Gift certificate for coffee

Just for Fun

This is Your Life

Do a video or photo presentation of the life of the birthday gal/guy. You could also have people say a few words about the honored guest.

Printed Birthday List

Have a list of all the birthdays in your group to share. (Get permission ahead of time to put people on the list.) Or have mini calendars with the birthdays/names written on the correct dates.

Food & Serving

- Birthday cake
- Cake pops
- Cupcakes
- Ice cream
- Snacks
- Serve the favorite foods of the birthday gal/guy

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