

“My grace is enough for you...”

2 Corinthians 12:9 & 10



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celebrating changed lives

Welcome...We are glad you are here.

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to Fellowship and Celebrate God's healing power in our lives through eight recovery principles and the Christ-Centered 12 Steps. This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, strenghts, and hopes with one another. .

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The Twelve Steps and Their Biblical Comparisons

- 1) We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable.
(For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it.) Romans 7:18
- 2) We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
(For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to will and to act for His good purpose.) Phil 2:13
- 3) We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God.
(Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.) Romans 12:1
- 4) We made searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
(Let us search out and examine our ways and turn back to the Lord.) Lam 3:40
- 5) We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
(Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful.) James 5:16
- 6) We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
(Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.) James 4:10
- 7) We humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings.
(If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.) 1 John 1:9
- 8) We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
(Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.) Luke 6:31
- 9) We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
(So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.) Matt 5:23-24
- 10) We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, we promptly admitted it.
(Therefore, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall!) 1 Cor 10:12
- 11) We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and power to carry that out.
(Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.) Col. 3:16
- 12) Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.
(Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you won't be tempted also.) Gal 6:1

Are you a First Time Visitor?

- Wondering how to get plugged in?
- What group is best for you?
- How do I get started?

We've Got The Place For You...

Newcomers 101

Meets every Thursday night during small group time. If you are new to Celebrate Recovery, have questions, or just need to get connected; this is the group for you!

Schedule:

6-7 pm CR Pizza

Enjoy Pizza, Periodic Specials and get to know some people.

7-8 pm Large Group Session

Lesson, Personal Testimony or Special Guest Speaker

8-9 pm Open Share Small Groups

Men's and Women's Groups Issue Specific

9-10pm Solid Rock Cafe

(Second Thursday of the Month)
Great Fellowship, Great Coffee, Great Desserts

PRAYER FOR SERENITY

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. AMEN

- Reinhold Niebuhr

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

8 Recovery Principles, based on the Beatitudes, by Pastor Rick Warren

- 1) Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.
"Happy are the poor in spirit: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs." Matt 5:3
- 2) Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.
"Happy are those who are sad: for they will be comforted." Matt 5:4
- 3) Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.
"Happy are the gentle: for the earth will be their heritage." Matt 5:5
- 4) Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, God, and to someone I trust.
"Happy are the clean in heart: for they will see God." Matt 5:8
- 5) Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.
"Happy are those whose heart's desire is for righteousness: for they will have their desire." Matt 5:6
- 6) Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others except when to do so would harm them or others.
"Happy are those who have mercy: for they will be given mercy." Matt 5:7
"Happy are the peacemakers: for they will be named sons of God." Matt 5:9
- 7) Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and gain the power to follow His will.
- 8) Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.
"Happy are those who are attacked on account of righteousness: for the kingdom of heaven will be theirs." Matt 5:10

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts and feelings. Please limit your sharing to 3-5 minutes.
2. There will be no cross talk, please. Cross talk is when 2 individuals engage in a dialogue, excluding all others. Each person is free to express his or her feelings without interruption.
3. We are here to support one another. We will not attempt to "fix" another.
4. Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group! The only exception is when someone threatens to injure themselves or others.
5. Offensive language has no place in a Christ-centered recovery group, including no graphic descriptions.