

Things we are...

- ◆ A safe place to share
- ◆ A refuge
- ◆ A place of belonging
- ◆ A place to care for others and to be cared for
- ◆ A place where respect is given to each member
- ◆ A place where confidentiality is highly regarded
- ◆ A place to learn
- ◆ A place to demonstrate genuine love
- ◆ A place to grow and become strong again
- ◆ A place for progress
- ◆ A place where you can take off your mask and allow others to know who you are
- ◆ A place for healthy challenges and risks
- ◆ A possible turning point in your life

Things we are not...

- ◆ A place for selfish control
- ◆ Therapy
- ◆ A place for secrets
- ◆ A place to look for dating relationships
- ◆ A place to rescue or to be rescued by others
- ◆ A place for perfection
- ◆ A long-term commitment
- ◆ A place to judge others
- ◆ A quick fix

The Serenity Prayer

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 - 1926

"Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up."

James 4:10

"We were buried...with Christ through baptism...that just as Christ was raised from the dead...so we also might walk in newness in life."

Romans 6:4



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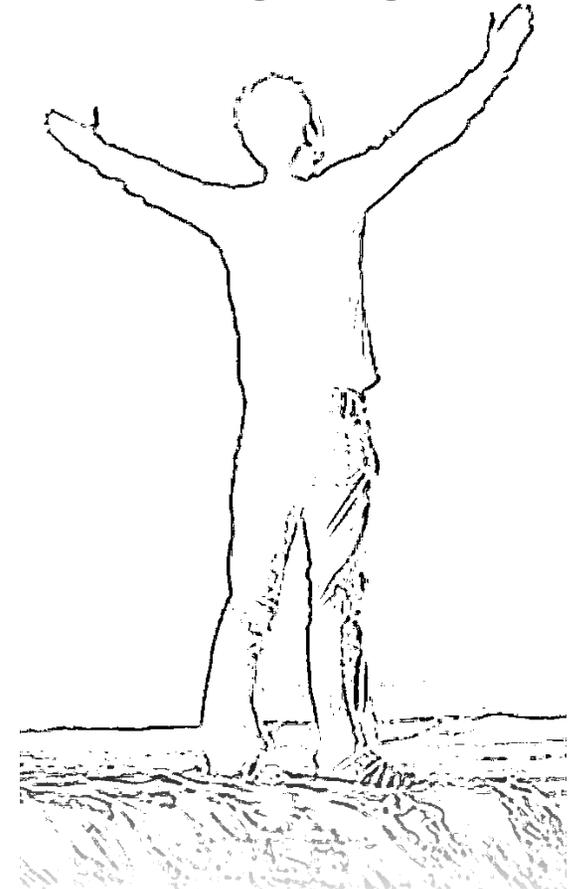
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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrating Changed Lives



Tuesday Night @ 7:00-9:00pm

Starting September 20th



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Celebrate Recovery

Purpose

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to develop relationships with others and to experience God's healing power in our lives through the "12 Steps" and "8 Principles" of recovery. We are changed through this experience. We begin by sharing our experience, strength and hope with others. Further, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life's problems.

As we work to understand and apply the eight Biblical principles that direct the Celebrate Recovery program, we begin to grow spiritually. We recognize our own dysfunctional, compulsive and addictive behaviors, and become free from them. This freedom creates a peace from within, serenity and joy, and fosters a stronger personal relationship with God and with others.

Welcome to an Amazing Spiritual Adventure.

"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." *Romans 7:18*

Who Benefits

Quite simply, anyone whose life has become unmanageable will benefit from this ministry. Some of the hurts, hang-ups, habits, and life circumstances that are represented in our meetings include:

- ◆ *Adult Children of Alcoholics*
- ◆ *Anger and Rage*
- ◆ *Chemical Dependency*
- ◆ *Codependency*
- ◆ *Compulsive Control of Others*
- ◆ *Divorce Care*
- ◆ *Food Addictions*
- ◆ *Grief Share*
- ◆ *Physical, Sexual, Emotional Abuse*
- ◆ *Pornography*
- ◆ *Sex and Lust*
- ◆ *Out of Control Spending*
- ◆ *Tobacco Use*

Even if you did not see an issue from which you are seeking recovery in the list above, you may still be finding it difficult to maintain a meaningful relationship with God, others or yourself. In that case, you should still consider attending Celebrate Recovery.

Come and join a family of believers who, like you, desire a positive life change, to become free from the burdens of sin and pain, and intentionally live the life God intends for us.

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." *Philippians 2:13*

Points to Ponder

Many in Celebrate Recovery have come to discover that freedom is a journey. The goal is to be usable by God. Our obligation is to prepare ourselves for His service, so He can use us to interact with other people in a positive and meaningful way. Lack of freedom prevents that.

We trust in the One and Only Living God as our Savior and Hope. With Him all things are possible. He will deliver us from our pain and compulsive behaviors, and addictions if we surrender completely to Him.

The Tuesday night meetings are a time of reflection and sharing what we are struggling with right now. Attend regularly, stay for some visiting, snacks and dessert to become better acquainted with others like yourself.

The Step Study groups are where the work of looking at our past, facing consequences, embracing forgiveness, and engaging in the ongoing process of spiritual renewal happens. Restoration and recovery will occur through the process of self-discovery and the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of everyone in the Belvidere Church of Christ Celebrate Recovery Ministry, we encourage you to accept our invitation to attend the next meeting. Until then, we bid you peace and wish you well.