

## CR IS FAMILY

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom as we recover from the issues that are controlling our lives.

We are a family of grateful believers who have been rescued from every kind of sin symptom imaginable, we have been recipients of His grace, and eagerly want to share His grace and love. We don't "fix" each other, we support and encourage one another on the journey to freedom in our Higher Power, Jesus Christ and with our recovery team.

CR is now in over 37,000 churches in 60 countries and 27 languages worldwide. Welcome to our Forever Family!

## CR IS FOR EVERYONE

Living in a broken world we all deal with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits.

A hurt, hang-up, or habit is anything that hinders your walk with God. They postpone or prevent genuine fellowship with Him and your loved ones.

You may be thinking that recovery is only for those with alcohol or drug problems; however, most of life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits and the impact they have on others can be addressed through this one ministry.

## Have you struggled with or been hurt by someone in the following areas?

Abuse	Despair	Mental Health
Abandonment	Divorce	People Pleasing
Abortion	Drug Use	Perfectionism
Addiction	Eating	Pornography
Adultery	Disorders	PTSD
Alcohol	Enabling	Sexual Integrity
Anger	Finance Issues	Sin
Anxiety	Fear	Shame
Childhood	Gambling	Self-harm
Hurts	Grief	Trauma
Codependency	Guilt	Trust Issues
Control	Overspending	Unforgiveness
Depression	Overworking	Unresolved Hurts

**You are not alone!**

## 8 Principles of Celebrate Recovery

Based on the Beatitudes and 12 Steps

**R**ealize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable. (Step 1) "Happy are those who know that they are spiritually poor." Matthew 5:3a

**E**arnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover. (Step 2) "Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

**C**onsciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (Step 3) "Happy are the meek." Matthew 5:5

**O**penly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (Steps 4 and 5) "Happy are the pure in heart." Matthew 5:8a

**V**oluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects. (Steps 6 and 7) "Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires" Matthew 5:6

**E**valuate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when to do so would harm them or others. (Steps 8 and 9) "Happy are the merciful. "Happy are the peacemakers." Matthew 5:7,9

**R**eserve a time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will. (Steps 10 and 11) "Happy are those who Celebrate Recovery"

**Y**ield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and my words. (Step 12) "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires." Matthew 5:10

These Principles help us live a life devoted to Jesus Christ and develop a deeper relationship with Him. We believe that this relationship provides the strength to overcome life's adversities.

## What Is CR?

# Celebrate Recovery

Green Acres Baptist Church



***Transforming Lives  
with the Truth and  
Power of Jesus***

**Monday  
Nights**

**6pm Family Meal  
7pm Large Group  
8pm Small Groups  
9pm Solid Rock Café**



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## WHAT TO EXPECT

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. We all have hurts and if we don't walk through them authentically with Jesus, we can get hung-up and pursue destructive habits. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to work through them. This Jesus-centered 12 step program is open to anyone looking for freedom.

We don't ask people to identify themselves by their struggles. In Celebrate Recovery, we identify as "a believer who struggles with" a specific issue.

There's a huge difference between the two! Your identity isn't your sin. Your identity is in your Savior.

We maintain strict confidentiality and promote an atmosphere of trust that enables recovery. We have a saying that is repeated in Large Group meetings: "who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here."

## DO I HAVE TO SHARE IN GROUPS?

There is no real opportunity to share in the Large Group. And you will never be required to share in the Small Open Share Groups. You can pass anytime you wish, and take as long as you need to become safe enough to share. In Step Studies, however, everyone agrees to share as the group moves through the questions set forth in the curriculum books.

## WHO LEADS THE GROUPS?

Celebrate Recovery groups are not lead by pastors, teachers, professional counselors or paid experts. Instead, CR groups are facilitated by men and women who are in recovery themselves. They all have a measure of substantial healing from their own struggles, and therefore celebrate their recoveries. As a result they have a high degree of sensitivity to those in need.

## WHAT WE ARE

- Bible-based, Christ-centered & God-honoring
- A safe place to share
- A discipleship program
- A place for healing from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits
- A support community
- A place where each person is respected
- A place where anonymity & confidentiality are respected
- A place for progress, not perfection
- A place where you can take off your mask and allow others to know you for who you are
- A place for healthy challenges
- A place for accepting personal responsibility
- A possible turning point in your life
- A place to demonstrate genuine love for others

## WHAT WE ARE NOT

- A place for therapy, counseling, or treatment
- A shelter
- A place for selfish control
- A place for secrets or gossip
- A place to look for dating relationships
- A place to fix or rescue others
- A place to be fixed or rescued by others
- A place for perfection
- A place to judge others
- A quick fix

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY PURPOSE

The purpose of Green Acres Church Celebrate Recovery ministry is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 8 Recovery Principles and 12 steps. By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. As we progress through the program, we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power - Jesus Christ, the one and only true Higher Power. We soon become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with Jesus Christ and others. Many then become a part of reaching out to help others along their path of recovery by working principle 8 and step 12.

## MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

All adults are invited to join us each Monday night, 52 weeks a year. Childcare up to 5th grade is provided at no cost to participants. Follow @CRGreenAcres for updates and encouragement.

## 6PM FAMILY MEAL

Food, fellowship, family, and friends. Donations to cover cost are appreciated.

## 7:00 LARGE GROUP MEETING

Everyone meets together to hear either a recovery centered teaching or a personal testimony of a changed life. We consider this a "shoulder to shoulder" experience.

## 8:00 OPEN SHARE GROUPS

Gender and issue specific groups where each person is safe to share their struggles and victories with others who share similar hurts, hang-ups and habits. We consider this a "face to face" experience.

### Women's Groups

Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits  
Codependency

### Men's Groups

Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits  
Sexual Addiction  
Chemical Dependency

## 9:00 SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

The last element of the General Meeting Night, where participants fellowship and connect in order to develop relationships that support their recovery.

## Step Study Groups

It is often said that "you go to a meeting to feel better, but you work the steps to get better". Step Studies are a safe place to work through the Jesus-centered 12 Steps in a gender specific group. They are about a one-year commitment and meet weekly as a group. It's a place where the "why" behind addictions and behavior can finally be uncovered and freedom can be found. We consider this a "heart to heart" experience.