



At First United Methodist Church we believe that everyone is recovering from something. We have all been hurt, and we have all hurt someone. Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered program which is based on the Bible, takes place every Thursday evening in the Main Building. Our schedule is

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Fellowship and a light meal are offered in the reception area. (Suggested donation is \$3 for children, \$5 for adults).
- 6:30-7:30 p.m - Worship follows in the Main Chapel.
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. - We have Newcomers Group for first time attendees and Open Share Groups for those who have previously attended a Newcomers Group.
- After the Open Share Groups we again gather for fellowship with light refreshments.
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Celebration Station is available for children 1st through 6th grade in the A&E Building, and child care is also provided for infants through Kindergarten.

Reverend Caesar Rentie, Celebrate Recovery Pastor, teaches the lesson or brings the message at our Celebrate Recovery large group worship. A typical evening of worship might include either a lesson or a person sharing his or her testimony and how God is at work bringing His healing in a life where there is brokenness. Another feature each week in the powerful worship hour is the beautiful contemporary music led by Karen McGough, Celebrate Recovery Worship Music Leader.

Thursday nights at Celebrate Recovery are a welcoming, safe place for all who are hurting. The Open Share groups are gender specific and issue specific. Trained Celebrate Recovery leaders are available each Thursday to assist you in locating the issue specific group you wish to attend. New groups are added as specific issues are identified and group leaders are trained and in place.

A key ingredient of Celebrate Recovery is Step Studies which utilize the 12 Steps and the 8 Principles based on the teachings of Jesus in the Beatitudes as found in the fifth chapter of the book of Matthew. Using the four Celebrate Recovery Participant Guides, each group participant embarks on a personal journey in community with other participants in the group. Working through the 12 Steps in a gender specific Step Study group is a process of dealing with one's own hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Step Study groups meet on a night other than Thursday. It generally takes anywhere from several months up to one year to complete a Step Study.

If you would like more information or if you have questions about our Celebrate Recovery Ministry, contact Debbie Black, Director of Care Ministries, debbieb@fmcm.org.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

- July 5 - SPECIAL MUSIC
Menu - Meal Spaghetti and salad
- July 12 - Lesson 19: CROSSROADS
Menu - Meal Chicken and fruit salad
- July 19 - Testimony
Menu - Meal pulled pork sandwiches and slaw
- July 26 - Lesson 20: DAILY INVENTORY
Menu -Quiche Lorraine and salad

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

- Aug 2 - Testimony
Menu - Meal Meatloaf Sandwiches
- Aug 9 - Lesson 21: RELAPSE
Menu - Meal King Ranch casserole
- Aug 16 - Testimony
Menu - Meal Red Beans w/Ham and Sausage
- Aug 23 - Lesson 22: GRATITUDE
Menu - Sloppy Joes and fruit
- Aug 30 - Testimony
Menu - Chicken Pot Pie and salad



Blessings to you-

Your CR Thurs night team at First United Methodist Church, Mansfield



God is moving in CR

This site will serve as an opportunity for CR encouragement, shared changed life stories, resources, and mini-testimonies.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Celebrate Recovery Worship Support

We are currently hiring for the position of Celebrate Recovery Worship Support. Responsibilities include setting up for our fellowship meal, placing and collecting the Celebrate Recovery directional signs, receiving the meal donations and the offering and preparing the deposits, and taking the worship attendance count. If you or someone you know has a heart for Celebrate Recovery and are willing to work 2-3 hours on Thursday evenings each week, contact Debbie Black at 817-477-2287, x-162 or debbieb@fmcm.org.

Hi! CR Family!

We have wrapped up two Step Study groups - the Men's and the Women's, and are taking names for new groups to start in September. God is so gracious in providing us a time and a place to have these, and the lives He changes through this ministry are amazing!! Thank you, Lord! Our Leadership Team is off to the National Celebrate Recovery Summit Conference soon, and we will come back even more pumped up and excited to be part of this. We get to see a preview showing of the new movie, "Home Run, the Movie", that is about the work the Lord does through CR in the life of a baseball player. It is being released nationally, and we are praying that through this movie, God will reach more people with His message - that we are all loved, we are all His Children, and He has a plan for us - a plan to be all that He has designed for us to be. Please go to the website <http://www.homerunthemovie.com> to check out, "Home Run, the Movie". We will get a release date to you soon. Please keep this movie in your prayers for God to use it to reach a wide audience.

Blessings to all! See you Thursday nights!

