

G-CR NEWSLETTER

GARNETT CELEBRATE RECOVERY

G-CR IS A BIBLE-BASED, CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE STRUGGLING WITH LIFE'S MANY HURTS, HANG-UPS, AND HABITS. A PLACE WHERE GOD IS THE HEAD, CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE, AND THE BIBLE IS THE CURRICULUM. G-CR IS A SAFE PLACE WHERE ORDINARY PEOPLE COME TOGETHER FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEALING.

THE OUTWARD LIVING OF FAITH

Story from the Editor-Art Black

Few opportunities in Christian service yield such lasting results as does the outward living of one's faith. It serves as a powerful inspiration to strengthen the walk of others in Christ. If Christ were a flyer, we would readily, eagerly stand and pass

Him out to everyone walking by. Thankfully, Christ is much more than a flyer. He is a lighted billboard that is illuminated by the day-to-day living of His likeness before a world being engulfed by darkness. The light of a life lived in service stands in stark contrast to a world that tends to promote selfishness. We are the selfless light of loving service. The

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words that we speak are only as

powerful as the works of our hands; for if the works of our hands stands in opposition to our words, then we have only worked to nullify our words. Our testimony is in the life that we live, not

the speeches that we give. I have heard a great many sermons in my short tenure as a Christian, but none have touched my heart as much as the living testimonies of time invested in me. Talk has long been labeled as cheap, but time invested in another's life can be priceless; especially when that time is a reflection of Christ-likeness.

AS HE SERVED.

"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ....And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

(Galatians 5:2,9,10)

Doing good rests not in the perspective of those who serve, it manifests itself before the eyes of those being blessed by the selfless giving of another's time, talents, resources, and love.

As Christ gave His life in service to us, so should we for others.

Dear CR Family,

At Garnett Celebrate Recovery, we take the health and well-being of our attendees, staff and community very seriously. Pastor Art and others are monitoring (COVID-19) updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), medical professionals, and other local health departments, as well as updates and recommendations from our District Office. In addition to ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and healthy environment, we have temporarily implemented the following precautionary measures. We are forming plans for additional actions when necessitated by the severity of the outbreak.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- If at any time you are not comfortable attending CR, please keep up to date on our Facebook page, YouTube, and by staying in contact with our CR leaders.
- If you or a family member are sick, may have been directly exposed to the virus or have traveled to a high-alert area (currently South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan), please follow the CDC guidelines and refrain from attending church services and/or activities during the 14-day incubation period and let the church know via phone, text, email, or Facebook. The free flow of information is vital for getting ahead of any threat. Your full transparency is appreciated, necessary, and expected during this time.
- Follow the guidelines from the CDC can help prevent the spread of the virus. (*General guidelines listed at the end of this update*).

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

- Our staff and volunteers are committed to maintaining a healthy environment and will both wash their hands frequently and help sanitize commonly touched places within the church.
- Anyone who is sick or may have been exposed to the virus will stay home for the recommended quarantine period.

MEETING

- In addition to regular cleaning by our team of volunteers, we are sanitizing highly touched surfaces more frequently—this will include but should not be limited to doorknobs, offering trays, and all items in the nursery.
- When greeting one another, we encourage you to smile, wave or bump elbows. Hugs and the shaking of hands are not recommended.
- As a regular practice in our nursery, we disinfect all surfaces and toys and encourage frequent hand washing, however keeping your child home if they are symptomatic is the best way to prevent the spread of illness to other children.
- We will also ask all leaders to assist children in washing their hands as they are most likely to forget to do so.

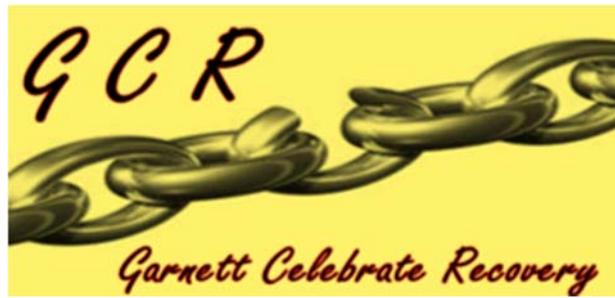
OUTREACH, STEP STUDIES, Large Group, & OPEN SHARE GROUPS

- Starting immediately, we will be suspending these groups. We will be uploading videos to our Facebook page @go2GARNETTCR and to YouTube within a few weeks, so that everyone can still have the benefit of the lessons without placing themselves at risk. All Celebrate Recovery meetings including those at the Garnett Church of the Nazarene will be suspended until further notice. This includes step studies, open share groups, and all other like gatherings.
- We encourage you to use precautions appropriate for your own personal health situation, and to consider the health of our community by following safety guidelines.
- If coronavirus continues to spread in our local community, as stated we will follow the guidance of the health department and CDC.

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.

May the Lord bless you and keep you all safe from harm. - Recovery Director, Rev. Art Black



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