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# Celebrate Recovery at LWWC

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**Bloomfield, Missouri** - Celebrate Recovery recently started in Stoddard County at Living Water Worship Center (LWWC) in Bloomfield. Celebrate Recovery has been held at different churches throughout the past couple of years but LWWC anxiously took on the challenge of hosting it back in September. The group has grown since the kickoff and will continue to grow in the near future.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-based program that helps you get over your “hurts, hang-ups, and habits”. Although it is similar to a twelve-step-program, the founder of Celebrate Recovery believed that Alcoholics Anonymous was missing something: Jesus Christ. With services and minds centered on the Bible, Celebrate Recovery has a success rate of nearly 85%.

Living Water Worship Center plans to reach out and touch many lives in the local area. The leader of this program is Bryan Gentry, a former member of Celebrate Recovery, believes that the program will continue to grow and thrive in our area so that many lives will be touched and changed forever.

“My wife, Tish, and I are Ministry Leaders for Celebrate Recovery at Living Water Worship Center. CR is a Christ centered recovery program that helps people deal with and recover from all kinds of issues that make our lives become unmanageable,” Gentry explains. “Married for 28 years, Tish and I have always felt God's call on our lives to serve together in ministry. We had no idea that I would end up struggling with alcoholism that took our family to a very low place. Knowing God was the answer. He helped me

make the decision to turn around. Celebrate Recovery and His Amazing Grace has kept me sober for three and a half years. God has given Tish and I the burden for others to find sobriety and healing for the entire family. With Celebrate Recovery, God will bring victory and healing for life's hurts, hang-ups and habits, including life controlling addictions.”

Living Water Worship Center reaches out helping hands to those lost or in need. With God’s grace and much needed support, many lives will be altered. Even those without “hurts, habits, or hang-ups” are welcomed and are offered a chance to have a closer walk with God. Adults, teens, and children are all welcomed to Wednesday night service because there are programs for each and every one of them.

Services on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:00pm have been going on for the last couple of months, but don’t fret! Beginners 101 Class will be held for the newcomers to explain how Celebrate Recovery works and what it’s all about. Each service begins with Praise and Worship, led by Curt Hillis, the band leader at LWWC. Later, there will be “Chip Time”, where members celebrate their clean time during their recovery by collecting chips or coins depending on the length of their recovery so far.

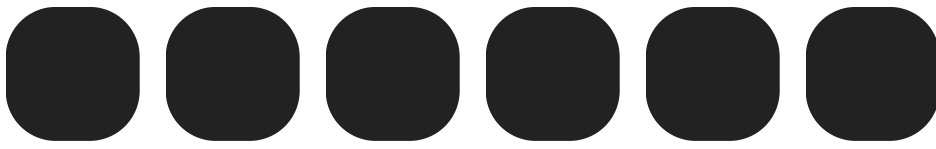
After a large group meeting held in the sanctuary, where Praise and Worship, Chip Time, and a testimony take place, members are welcome to branch off into different small groups. Small group meetings are broken down into chemical dependency and life struggles, each lead by a different staff member of the church. There are six different small groups: two for men, two for women, one for teens (youth group), and one for the younger children (The Celebration Station).

During large group and small groups, members have a chance to get to know each other during fellowship in the fellowship hall. Snacks and drinks will be served every Wednesday night. This allows members to talk one-on-one with other people or leaders, just in case they do not feel comfortable talking about certain topics in small group sessions.

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## Holy Week at First Christian Church

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**Dexter, Missouri** – The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) would like to invite you to attend their services during Holy Week.

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday with Worship Services beginning at 10:00 a.m. This celebration falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> is Maundy Thursday with services in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. – *Passover Seder in the Disciple Center*. This Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper and the Christian sacrament that involves consecrating bread and wine.

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday with services in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. According to gospel, the Crucifixion of Jesus and his death was on the Friday before his resurrection, three days before Sunday.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> is Easter Sunday with Sunrise Service on the lawn of Bob & Janice Barney followed by Easter Brunch. Then at 9:00 a.m. there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Barney's. Easter Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

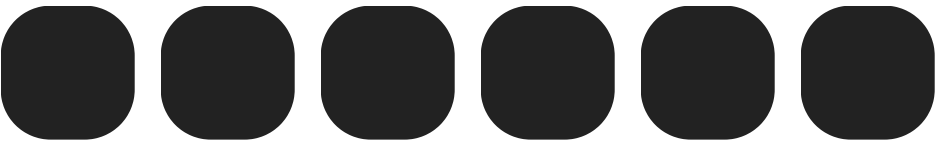
You don't have to be a member to attend the services at the Church. The Disciples of Christ Church doors are always open to anyone wishing to attend. The Church is located at 224 East Stoddard Street in Dexter. They also have a Facebook page to follow and a website, [www.fccdexter.org](http://www.fccdexter.org).

Invite a friend and join them as they journey through Holy Week.

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# Need Some New Duds?

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## Need Some New Duds?

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**Dexter, Missouri** – Need some duds, a spring dress or perhaps an Easter Outfit? Come take part in the First Baptist Church Ladies Ministry's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clothing Giveaway Monday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Did we say GIVEAWAY? Yes, this event is open to anyone and everyone and the well-kept second hand clothing is free.

Why do these ladies have this event, well it is simple. They want to share with others and with so many folks participating these days in weight loss programs and exercising more, many are losing pounds and could use a change in their wardrobe.

The Ladies Ministry will hold their event in the Fellowship Hall on West Castor St. Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a wide variety of clothing available, so come out and have some fun shopping for free!

Check out the ShowMe Times Facebook page. We created an event. Invite your friends and family and join the Ladies Ministry.

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# Friendship Baptist Spring Revival

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## Friendship Baptist Spring Revival

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**Dexter, MO-** Today was the start of Friendship Baptist's Spring Revival. The first Revival Service was held at the church this morning at 10:45 A.M.

Special guests for the revival are Steve and Christy Bradford and Mark and Kimmy LaRue. Steve and Mark are serving as the revival team. Steve leads the worship, while Mark will be doing the preaching throughout the rest of the Spring Revival services.

Steve Bradford is the associate pastor and director of music and youth at the First Baptist Church in Portageville, MO. Mark LaRue is the pastor of Riverview Baptist Church in Savannah, Tennessee.

For tonight's service, Steve will be bringing his youth group to present several skits. After the service, a church-wide fellowship supper will be held.

Friendship Baptist Church would like to invite everyone who is able to come to come out and enjoy the 2013 Spring Revival services.

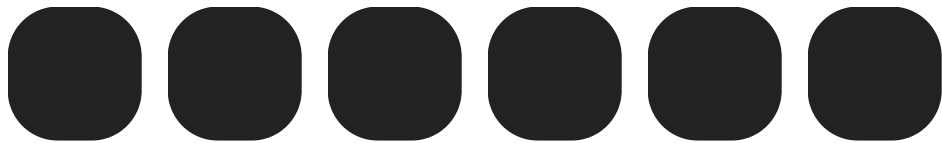
Tonight's revival service will begin at 6:00 P.M. The Spring Revival services will continue through Wednesday night; after tonight, all services will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Friendship Baptist Church is located at 13437 Plaza Heights Dr., Dexter, MO.

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## FBC Auction February 16th

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**Dexter, Missouri** – The First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri will be hosting an Auction for Missions on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m.

Concession stand will be available for those wanting to quench their thirst with soda and enjoy a hotdog or popcorn while they bid!

All proceeds from the auction go to help defray the cost for individuals going on mission trips planned for 2013. They are taking a Family Mission trip to Cumberland, Kentucky on July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> to help Club 180 Ministries (a ministry of North American Mission Board). The church's members will conduct a day camp for children and complete some building repair on their mission building.

That same week they will another group traveling to Nicaragua to build houses for

the needy with Project Hope.

The First Baptist Church is also planning a mission trip to Romania to conduct sports camps and work with youth. They have also had a group travel to Belarus every year to teach English classes and share the gospel.

What magnificent work the Church is sponsoring. Anyone wishing to donate to the auction may drop off items on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from noon – 8:00 p.m. Please take items to the side doors on Walnut Street, the Fellowship Hall. If you are physically unable to deliver the items, they do have a small pick-up team on Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. Please contact the church for assistance.

Furniture, antiques, quilts, tools, jewelry, decorations, glassware, any items of value except clothing will be accepted for auction. It's time to clean out those storage closets and garages and help the missions! It is truly a worthy cause to support these folks in their efforts in the U.S. and around the world.

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