

**A Breaking the Chains
of Addiction Event**



September is **RECOVERY MONTH** so we are having an event called **Happier Free**— a breaking the chains of addiction celebration! Our goal is to celebrate with those in recovery and provide resources for those who may be struggling with their recovery. This is a **FAMILY** event. From 4:30-6:30 the atmosphere will be a lot like a carnival. There will be horse and carriage rides, a bounce house, a dunk tank, face painting, a photo booth , carnival type games, items for a silent auction, and food.

At 7 there will be an adult service in the auditorium. We will recognize all the support vendors, have a time of worship and then hear testimonies from Krista Henry and Lisa Kessler Peters. During the service our children will be entertained by professional magician Richard Benninghoff.

You do not have to be in recovery to attend! If you want motivated and encouraged, join us.

Happier Free will be held at Access Church 3601 South Atherton Street State College, Pa 16801

Our Go Re-Entry team is growing every week. I would like to give a special shout out to 2 of our team members.

Travis filed a petition to go to court to have his probation end 6 months early. We were



there to testify to the great progress he has made. That was not needed, the DA's Office did that for us. When the judge heard how great Travis was doing, he immediately ruled that his probation end. Congratulations Travis!



Shawna is an amazing lady. Her pursuit of God is evident. This month, she celebrates 1 year clean. She has recently taken on a huge job for Go Re-Entry. She is our van driver. This is a huge

help! Be sure to congratulate her on her 1 year clean.

Go Re-Entry is 1 year old! So far, we have helped over 113 people. We would like to thank all those who have partnered with us financially, volunteering, and praying. Please consider continuing partnering with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 16 Go Re-Entry Board Meeting
- Oct 9 Alan Scott Band—Story Tour
at Christ's Community Church
- Oct Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
- Nov Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Dec Christmas Celebration for children
Go Re-Entry Christmas Party

Every week I send out a text message to several asking them if they need a ride to church. I remind those who drive that they should be in church. WHY? I'm sure some get annoyed with me and wonder why I am always push attending church. There are several reasons why attending church is important. When we start our journey (re-entering or recovery) we ask God for His help. We attend church, life groups, etc. The longer we go on our journey's we get more and more confident, sometimes too confident. We think we can do it on our own. Truth is that we loose focus. We take our eyes off Jesus and try to walk on our own. Peter walked on the water, when he took his eyes of Jesus he began to sink. He got distracted. Knowing Peter, I'm sure he got confident. Maybe even saying, "Look what I'm doing everyone." Church by no means is a requirement to have a relationship with Jesus. Church is though a way to stay focused on Him. Missing church is ok, we all do it. My concern is that we don't loose focus. Allow me to challenge you to make church a weekly thing. It will help us stay focused on they 'Chain Breaker'.

Focus is not the only reason why you should attend church. When you are not there, you miss opportunities to build valuable friendships. You miss opportunities to encourage others.

Attending church is also because it strengthens our faith.

Who can I pick up for church this week?



WE ARE HERE IF YOU NEED :

- Help with sobriety
- Help with housing
- Help with employment
- Support
- Accountability
- Education— Re-Entry Strategies
- Hope



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