

## Faith-Based Initiatives Newsletter



### Faith-Based Community Regional Coordinators



#### Meet Jaime Harper

Jaime Harper serves as the Faith-Based Community Coordinator for the Middle Tennessee Grand Division where he is a point of contact in the faith community for establishing recovery programs, providing educational presentations, facilitating communication and coordination of substance abuse treatment, recovery services, and mental health services to individuals who would benefit from referral. He has been a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist since 2016, is

a certified QPR trainer through the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, a Trauma Informed Approach trainer, and a Mental Health First Aid trainer. He has worked in the recovery realm for the past nine years. He has a B.S. degree in Psychology and Christian Counseling and is currently in a master's degree program for Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Lipscomb University.

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### Faith-Based Initiative Goals:

1. Connect individuals struggling with addiction to treatment.
2. Facilitate understanding of what treatment and recovery are.
3. Increase knowledge of what addiction is.
4. Understand the continuum of care and collaborate with it.
5. Help groups understand and implement the best practice model.
6. Promote and improve effectiveness of the faith-based initiative and how it connects the community with recovery and support services.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### West Tennessee

- \* 1/18/20 - Strategic Team Accessing Recovery & Treatment (START), Cordova Library, Cordova, TN, 10:00am-12:00pm
- \* 1/19/20 - Brannon Powell, "Real Talk: The Hard Stuff—Addiction & Recovery," First Baptist, Martin, TN, 5:00pm
- \* 1/24/20 - Strategic Team for Overdose Prevention (STOP), Catholic Charities of West TN, Memphis, TN, 3:00-10:00pm
- \* 2/9/20 - Madison County Faith & Recovery Forum, Jackson Madison County Regional Health Department, Jackson, TN, 6:00-7:30pm
- \* 2/14/20 - Brannon Powell's Recovery Story, Discovery Place, Burns, TN, 7:00pm
- \* 2/25/20 - Lake County Faith & Recovery Forum, First Baptist Church, Tiptonville, TN, 6:00-8:00pm

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TENNESSEE'S COMMUNITY-BASED CHANGE AGENTS

**Project Lifeline** Coordinators, Recovery Navigators, & Regional Overdose Prevention Specialists



## Meet Dianne Sherrod

I am a native of Jackson Tennessee and have worked in the field of accounting for 30 years. I am a person in long term recovery that was given the opportunity to work as a peer advocate for the Lifeline Peer Project in

September, 2017. Since then I have been trained as a Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist and I am also a Recovery Navigator. All these wonderful programs are offered as a result of state funding through the Jackson Madison Prevention Coalition. I have also been given the privilege of becoming a state trainer for the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) program as well as a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) I Facilitator and TSPN Suicide Awareness & Prevention (QPR) Trainer. What a gift it has been to work with people that are devoted to helping others find a new and better way to live. This work, along with spending time with my 6 beautiful granddaughters, is and will always be the highlight of my life.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Middle Tennessee

- \* 1/6/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Trousdale County Community Center, Hartsville, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 1/9/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Christ Church, Columbia, TN, 10:00-11:30am
- \* 1/9/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Carthage, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 1/14/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Collinwood Church of God, Collinwood, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 1/15/20 - Faith Forum: How to Address Youth Mental Health, Blackman United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN, 5:30-8:00pm
- \* 1/23/20 - Faith & Recovery Training, Perry County Community Center, Linden, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 1/30/20 - Franklin County Pastors Summit, Franklin County Annex Bldg, 9:00am-12:00pm

### East Tennessee

- \* 1/10/20 - Faith in Recovery, Cleveland, TN, 6:30-8:30pm
- \* 1/18/20 - A.J. Morrow, Recovery Speaker Series, G.R.A.C.E. Harbolt Center, Coalmont, TN, 6:00-7:00pm
- \* 1/23/20 - Voices of Recovery Chattanooga, Floor 5 at the Edney, Chattanooga, TN, 6:00-8:00pm
- \* 1/23/20 - Faith & Justice, G.R.A.C.E., Coalmont, TN, 6:00pm
- \* 2/8/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, The Hill Church, Tazewell, TN, 9:00am-5:00pm
- \* 2/11/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Greenville First Church of God, Greenville, TN, 5:00-8:00pm
- \* 2/25/20 - Faith & Recovery Forum, Shades of Grace, Kingsport, TN, 5:00-8:00pm
- \* 2/27/20 - Domestic Violence & Recovery, G.R.A.C.E, Coalmont, TN, 6:00pm
- \* 2/27/20 - Voices of Recovery Chattanooga, Floor 5 at the Edney, Chattanooga, TN, 6:00-8:00pm