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he biggest singles event of the year is our **Annual Oasis Singles Valentine’S Event** coming up on **Saturday, February 7th** at **6 pm**. Our Valentine’s events always draw our lar­gest crowds! Hundreds of singles of all ages from diffe­rent denominations and from all walks of life from throughout the tri-state area attend each year. We host these Christ-centered events at **First Evangelical Free Church** located at 6501 Sixth Avenue in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. We suggest that you arrive by 5:30pm because tic- kets cannot be reserved ahead of time.

This year we will be addressing some of the emotions singles feel as they wait for a mate. Sometimes singles begin to feel that God has forgotten them. They have watched their friends get married and wonder if it will ever be their turn. I felt that way, too, until I got married. The enemy works to discourage us with lies that we are alone or lost in this world. But the Bible tells us clearly that God has counted every hair on our head and ordained our steps since before He laid the foundation of the world. How important it is to stay in the Word each day so we can be reminded of His great love for us. Our Valentine’s event will do just that!

We will begin our celebration of God’s love at 6 pm with a catered meal. You can come by yourself or with others. Many singles come alone and travel a long distance to do so. Church singles groups are welcome. The program begins at 7pm.

This year we have changed the format of our program by making it interactive. Guest speakers **Joe** & **Cherri** **Freeman** will share their testimony of how they met later in life with a funny and touching message entitled “Love Broke Through.” You’ll laugh and you’ll learn that God really does have a plan for each of our lives. A time of Q and A will follow. God has been do­ing great things in our events during these interactive times. Singles enjoy asking questions that are near to their hearts and it is great to discuss topics that are relevant and common. It truly feels like a taste of the early church when the Believers got together to share their lives with each and had Christ in the center.

Our guest speakers, the Freeman’s are missionaries for Grace Fellowship International and travel the world sharing God’s truth. Musical guest Aaron Louie is worship leader at Grace Christian Church in NJ. There will be a wonderful time of worship.

We have a special way of helping you do that! OASIS is a very friendly place. If you are tired of the singles scene, OASIS will be a refreshing change for you. There is no excuse to stay home. Come on out and make some new friends! This Valentine’s you’ve got a date with hundreds of Christian singles who are living for God and enjoying their inseparable union in Him. His eternal, unshakeable Love is worth celebrating!

Admission is $15 at the door. Tickets cannot be reserved a head of time. Attire is casual, but neat. If you would like to volunteer to help out the night before the event as we set up and decorate please arrive at the church at 7pm on Feb. 6th. We are done by 9:30pm.  ***If you have questions call 718-836-0029 or e-mail Cindy@CompleteinChrist. com. For directions visit: www.completeinChristcom. Free parking available in church parking lot or take the R train to 69th St. & 4th Ave., Bay Ridge Avenue.***