

Vision Statement: Through Christ, growing healthy marriages that last a lifetime.
“Marriage should be honored by all...” Hebrews 13:4a

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Dating While Married!

And no, we’re not talking infidelity here. We’re talking about spending time with your mate. Uninterrupted time focusing on each other. Sharing time, memories, thoughts and dreams of what and where you want to be when you “grow up”.

date: .n an appointment to meet at a specified time, especially: a social engagement between two persons that often has a romantic character.

Appointment? Specified time? Romantic? That’s right, we all need this...our marriages thrive on it. We were all so good at this prior to getting married. We would set a time and place, get dressed up and treat our date with the utmost respect and dignity while being 100% focused on them.

What has happened to this? In your case, most likely the same thing that has happened in our marriage of almost 12 years...LIFE! Life brings with it stress and exponentially increasing levels of responsibility. In our case, we never really lived close to family and as new parents; we didn’t put much effort into “dating” or spending time with each other. We got caught up in our kids, jobs, and running from one thing to the next. We would, on occasion, have a date night, but we never made it a priority.

Yes, it does require budgeting in a babysitter, but the small investment you make yields grand rewards. Quality time is one of our love languages and those two to three hours out can mean a lot to a marriage. It doesn’t have to be extravagant (or even moderately fancy), just time alone and focusing on each other is the goal here. Most of the time we spend more on the babysitter than we do on the dinner and/or movie.

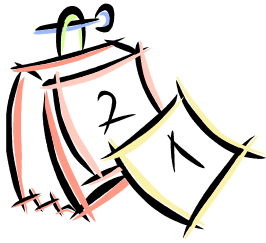
And speaking of date nights, Asbury offers “8 Great Dates with Your Mate” to anyone who can make themselves available once a month on a Tuesday night for eight months. That’s really pretty easy to plan and is a great resource and opportunity for your marriage. This wonderful program offers more than just free babysitting. It can open the door to a wonderful conversation with your spouse and give you tools and insight to open up a treasure chest waiting for you in your marriage. Often times the topic covers something “real” conveyed by “real” people in our church. We all see and hear of all of the books and videos out there to help strengthen marriages, but this is basically a Cliff Notes version to get you jumpstarted. The format is pretty simple. You can come and drop off your child(ren) and then sit back and relax with the other couples for a brief (15-20 minute) discussion before leaving to spend a few quality hours alone with your spouse. There is no pressure put on you and it is not mandatory to attend every month, just come as often as you can and take advantage of this wonderful ministry.

Marriage is such a blessing. We are given such a precious gift with our spouse. Furthermore, you only get out of marriage what you put into it...*“Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”* 2 Corinthians 9:6

By Steve and Kimberly Widner

(Modified from article in February 2010 *Tidings*)

**To sign up for “8 Dates with Your Mate” beginning
Tuesday, February 9, call registrar at 392-1191.**



Don't Miss This...

Dynamic Marriage

There are still a few spaces left in Dynamic Marriage classes beginning February 16 or 17, Email Ron and Jackie Carter to reserve your spot.

Tuesdays starting February 16, 6:30-9:00 pm, OR
Wednesdays, starting February 17, 6:00-8:30 pm
Room 2201-Childcare available
Limited to first 12 paid couples/class.
Cost: \$130/couple (scholarships available) \$50 holds your spot! To register, contact Jackie or Ron at 251-6665 or asburdynamicmarriage@windstream.net prior to first class.

8 Dates With Your Mate

Second Tuesdays beginning February 9, 2010
6:15-7:00 pm, Room 1502, childcare available
Gather to hear a variety of topics led by various speakers (30 minutes), then have dinner out.
Register at 392-1191.

Wit & Wisdom

"Pessimists need a kick in the can'ts." Author unknown

"Everyone has inside of them a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is." Anne Frank

"Believe while others are doubting.
Work while others are wishing.
Save while others are wasting.
Listen while others are talking.
Smile while others are frowning.
Commend while others are criticizing.
Persist while others are quitting."
William Arthur Ward

Sign outside Covenant Moravian Church, York, PA:
"A church is a gift from God. Assembly required."
(From *The Joyful Noiseletter*, February 2010)

"Each of us gets to choose whether we are going to be right or happy." (Often we must choose one or the other!) Lou Tice The Pacific Institute,
www.thepacificinstitute.com

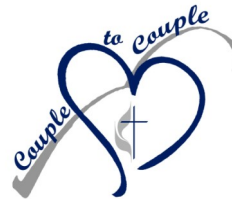
Questions over coffee!

Describe a time you most enjoyed being alone together. Now, together plan your NEXT fun time to be alone together! Note: Sometimes "dates" can even be in your own home, if you are alone. ☺

Check this out...

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.forhim.org
www.family.org (Dr. James Dobson & Focus on the Family)
www.instepministries.com (for single parents & blended families)
www.familylife.com (Dennis Rainey & Family Life Today)
www.SolutionsOnVideo.com
www.ReviveOurHearts.com
RealRelationships.com (Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott)
www.laughyourway.com (Mark Gungor's Ministry, with a biweekly online newsletter)
www.flagpagetest.com (an online personality resource, \$12.50 per person)
www.pacificinstitute.co-uk/pages/productsWinnersCircle.asp (sign up for a daily word of wisdom from Lou Tice's Winner Circle network)



Support Couples Corner

UPCOMING

C2C SUPERVISION MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 in the Parlor
(unless noted below)

- Jan 26:** Panel "What we've learned after 50+ Years of Marriage"
Feb 23: Special evening of romance!
Mar 23: "Incredible!" Winning Nonbelievers Closer to God
Apr 27: Commissioning Banquet (to be held in Family Room, same time)

NEXT C2C LEADERS MEETING:
Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 pm
1st Floor Admin Conference Room