

Registration for Marriage Preparation Program

Bride & Groom: _____

Bride's Address: _____

Bride's Home & Work Phone Numbers:

Groom's Address: _____

Groom's Home & Work Phone Numbers:

Wedding Date/Place: _____

Minister to officiate: _____

Date of workshop you'd like to attend: / /

Date fee received: / /

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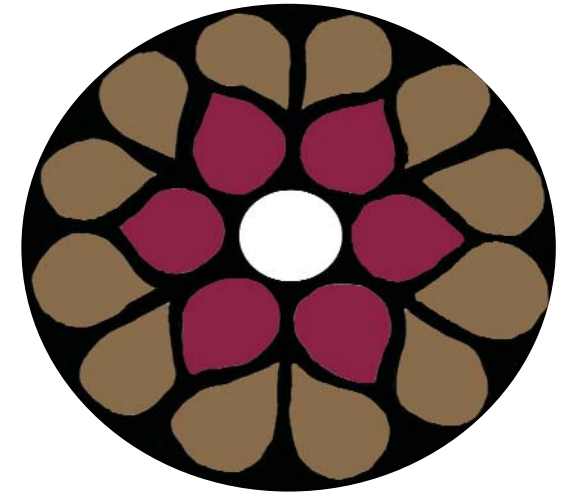
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**The Center for
Family Life Ministries**



**Marriage Preparation
Program**



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Why a Marriage Preparation Program?



Planning a life together is an exciting and fun adventure. Sometimes it can be a little scary. Whether fun or scary, marriage is not a venture one should enter into unprepared.

As you plan your future, you bring hopes, dreams and expectations for your marriage. For your plans to become reality, it is important to explore your beliefs, goals and family experiences with each other. It is also helpful to discuss the ingredients for a healthy marriage, how you prefer to give and receive care, and ways to enhance your communication and resolve differences.

Because marriage is a deep and meaningful commitment, some intentional preparation is reasonable and wise. The engagement period is an opportune time to plan both the wedding and your future.

What will you gain from this program?

- Enhancement of your communication and conflict resolution skills.
- Clarification of your expectations, goals and hopes for your marriage
- An opportunity to consider and discuss the ways a Christian commitment and marriage can strengthen your relationship.
- Development of short and long-term goals for your lives, both individually and as a couple.
- Clarification on how to establish and maintain marital love, support and encouragement.
- Opportunity to explore and discuss how your family origin's beliefs, traditions, relating styles and expectations will blend with your fiancée's and how this will influence your marriage.
- An occasion to talk and share ideas with other couples that are also planning their lives together.
- Time together to focus on your relationship and talk through your hopes and dreams.

When should the Marriage Preparation Program be started?

Whether engaged or just thinking about it, the staff of the Center for Family Life Ministries recommends you participate in our program early in your decision or engagement process. If possible, couples are encouraged to attend the workshop at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

The fee for the Marriage Preparation Program is \$295. This fee includes: the weekend workshop, two workbooks, two consultation meetings, cost of pre-marital inventory and refreshments.

The Marriage Preparation workshop is offered 5 times each year. Call the Center for Family Life Ministries for information about our workshop dates.

How do we get started?

Call the Center for Family Life Ministries to register for the weekend workshop and arrange for your first consultation meeting.

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