

## New Life Preparing for Marriage Classes

### **Session One: AS A COUPLE WE LOOK AT MARRIAGE**

- Discuss expectations, worldly influence.
- Love as a choice & not just an emotion.

### **Session Two: HOW WE COMMUNICATE LOVE**

- Communication, listening, building trust.

### **Session Three: LOVING GOD'S WAY**

- God has a plan for our marriage ( Rom 8:28-29 )
- Our mate is given to us by God to complete us ( Gen 2:18)
- Our unity with each other and with God gives us power ( Ecc 4:9-12)
- God assigns us specific roles in marriage (Eph 5:22-31)

### **Session Four: THE UNMENTIONABLES Part 1**

- The importance of "leaving and cleaving" (Gen 2:24)
- Sexual expectations and attitudes and their effect on our marriage relationship.

### **Session Five: THE UNMENTIONABLES Part 2**

- How attitudes about spending money affect marriage.

### **Session Six: OPENNESS IN MARRIAGE**

- God's design for openness (Gen 2:24,25)
- Are we more influenced by the *Word* or the *world*?
- A brief review of key points covered in sessions.
- Reinforcing that a Godly marriage is not a destination, but a journey or lifelong process.

## 2010 Preparing For Marriage Classes:

January 10– February 14

April 18– May 23

October 10– November 14

*All classes take place on Sunday mornings at 9am in Room 210.*

Call Nikki Hursh or Bill Robbins at the church office with questions or concerns.  
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So You're Thinking About  
**Getting Married?**



### **New Life Marriage Enrichment Mission**

*Making a difference in marriages by renewing, challenging, and equipping married couples to live a responsible life of trust, intimacy, and unity; reflecting Christ to the family, church and the world.*



# New Life Marriage Preparation

## Marriage Requirements

*Due to the size of our church, our policy is to marry members only. You may inquire about membership by calling the church office at 614.475.8500.*

### 1. The bride & groom must individually confess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

New Life will not knowingly marry unbelievers or join an unbeliever to a believer in marriage. (2 Cor 6:14-18). God's word is clear regarding spiritual compatibility between marriage partners.

### 2. The bride & groom must be scripturally eligible to be remarried.

We believe the scriptures give only 4 approved grounds for remarriage:

1. Your former spouse is no longer living  
*Romans 12:2 1 Corinthians 7:39*
2. You were divorced from your spouse as a victim of marital unfaithfulness  
*Matthew 19:3-9*
3. Your spouse divorced you because of your commitment to Jesus Christ  
*1 Corinthians 7:15*
4. You were married and divorced before accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior. You are now a born-again Christian and want to marry a born-again Christian.  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

### 3. The bride & groom must abstain from physical intimacy or living together.

God created sex for marriage. He gives us clear instructions in 2 Cor 6:3 that sex was designed for couples in a marriage covenant. God's word also gives us clear warnings and consequences of sex outside of marriage. We will ask all engaged couples to sign a purity covenant at the beginning of the engaged process.

***If you meet the above requirements and want to have a wedding and/or reception using a New Life pastor or the church facilities, here are the steps you must take. There is no shortcut to building intimacy, trust, and understanding in your relationship. We ask that you have known each other for a minimum of 1 year and a minimum of six months between the beginning of the engagement to the date of the wedding. Because you need time to plan a wedding and prepare for marriage, we ask that you contact the church office as soon as possible following your engagement.***

We have several Pastors and staff who are licensed to perform weddings. Among these are:

- Pastor Brian Robertson
- Pastor Steve Benninger
- Claude Davis (Director of Spiritual Formation)
- Bill Robbins (Director of Marriage Enrichment)
- Jay Firebaugh (Director of Small Groups)

*Specific pastors may be requested through the application process, but approval must be given based on availability.*

## Then the following steps will begin the process:

1. The bride & groom will obtain an Initial Information and Eligibility form.
2. Form will be turned in to the marriage administrative assistant. Names will be put into the engaged database. If couples request using the church facility or pastor, they will be sent an application for use of the church facilities for weddings.
3. The bride & groom will then schedule a meeting with a pastor to discuss wedding details on the questionnaires. Specific requirements to be married at New Life will also be discussed.
4. If using the church facility for your wedding or reception, you will meet with a New Life wedding coordinator to finalize the registration of church facilities.
5. Following the interview, the couple will be asked to complete a Focus inventory. These inventories help alert the premarital counselors and the engaged couple to areas needing special attention. There is a \$40.00 per couple fee for this inventory.
6. All couples will need to complete the New Life Preparing For Marriage Classes.

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