

FAMILYLIFE® presents

the art of marriage®

FEBRUARY
26-27 hosted by Myron & Pat Graber
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FRIDAY 7:00-9:30pm
SATURDAY 8:30-11:30am
lunch on your own
1:00-4:00 pm

MARCH
11-12 hosted by Carl & Janelle Reeb
email: cjreeb02@yahoo.com
phone: 309.965.2017

FRIDAY 7:00-9:30,pm
SATURDAY 8:30-11:30am
lunch on your own
1:00-4:00 pm

APRIL
8-9 hosted by Mahlon & Cheryl Householter
email: house@mtco.com
phone: 309.467.4085

FRIDAY 7:00-9:30,pm
SATURDAY 8:30-11:30am
lunch on your own
1:00-4:00 pm

COST: \$50 PER COUPLE

REGISTER by emailing or calling the couple listed as the host of the weekend you would like to attend. The host will be having the event in their home. There is only room for three couples at each weekend, so check your calendar and register soon.

A NOTE FROM THE HOSTS: We want to make sure you understand that this tool is meant to improve your marriage for good. What you put into it is what you will get out of it. We don't feel we have perfect marriages by any means, but want to encourage you to invest in your marriage at whatever stage you may currently be in. We are excited for you to join us!

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?



Your marriage and the marriages around you are colored by personalities, passions, and experiences. Making marriage work is a divinely inspired art form.

For more than three decades, FamilyLife® has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. In *The Art of Marriage®*, we weave together expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. LFFC will be hosting this event three different weekends in the hosts home. It is a Friday night/Saturday video based event. Topics that will be covered include:

SESSION 1: LOVE HAPPENS (PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE)

- God designed marriage and has a great plan in mind.
- The primary purpose of marriage is to reflect God's glory to a watching world.
- It is important to receive your mate as God's perfect gift for you.

SESSION 2: LOVE FADES (DRIFT TO ISOLATION)

- Couples naturally drift toward isolation.
- Our differences and weaknesses push us apart.
- Sin has affected every marriage.
- The gospel brings healing and reconciliation.
- Couples must learn to walk by the power of the Holy Spirit in marriage.

SESSION 3: LOVE DANCES (ROLES)

- God designed different responsibilities for men and women in marriage.
- Though their responsibilities are different, men and women are still equal in value.
- God calls men to sacrificially love and lead their wives.
- God calls women to respect and support their husbands.

SESSION 4: LOVE INTERRUPTED (COMMUNICATION)

- Conflict is common to all marriages.
- The goal is not to be conflict-free but to learn to handle conflict correctly when it occurs.
- Healthy conflict resolution occurs when couples are willing to seek and grant forgiveness.

SESSION 5: LOVE SIZZLES (ROMANCE AND SEX)

- God created sex and has a wonderful design in mind.
- A satisfying sex life is the result of a satisfying marriage relationship.
- The ultimate purpose of sex is to bring pleasure and glory to God.

SESSION 6: LOVE ALWAYS (LEGACY)

- To leave a godly legacy, we must think about the impact of our lives on future generations.
- Our hope for leaving a lasting legacy is through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Leaving a godly legacy requires putting a stake in the ground.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN WE BRING CHILDREN? FamilyLife and LFFC care deeply about children. However, to keep the event free of distractions, and as a courtesy to other participants, we recommend that arrangements for childcare are made for children (including nursing infants).

WILL I HAVE TO ENGAGE IN GROUP DISCUSSION OR PROJECTS? FamilyLife has not designed this event with any planned group discussions. The event is designed that each couple will participate in the projects listed in the book during/after the sessions with their spouse. The projects allow you to immediately apply what you've learned from the videos to your marriage.

I HAVE BEEN DIVORCED. WILL I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE AT THIS EVENT? We understand that divorce is a reality, and family life has designed this event with that reality in mind. We have tried to focus on the condition of your current marriage rather than previous marriages. Our prayer is that you would come to this event excited to make your current marriage a strong, healthy, lasting one, even if it means dealing with some painful memories.

WE HAVE A GREAT MARRIAGE. WHY SHOULD WE ATTEND THIS EVENT? Every marriage relationship is in a constant state of movement: you are either growing closer together or further apart. Unfortunately, it seems that the natural inclination of human hearts is to drift apart over time. Every marriage needs a tune-up from time to time, no matter how well it might be running. This event is designed to heighten even the best marriages. It also serves as a great reminder that you are God's gift to each other.

