

## AN ENGAGED COUPLES CLASS WILL HELP YOU...

- ◆ Explore your relationship strength and growth areas using the Prepare Inventory.
- ◆ Learn to love your partner in a way they will feel loved.
- ◆ Strengthen your communication skills, including assertiveness and active listening.
- ◆ Learn effective strategies for resolving conflict.
- ◆ Develop realistic expectations and goals.
- ◆ Develop a basic financial plan that will enable you to meet your goals.
- ◆ Prepare for a marriage that will endure in sickness and health, joy and sorrow, plenty and want.

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Most couples spend a great deal of time, energy and money on a wedding ceremony that lasts a few hours. They spend little time acquiring relationship skills needed to build a marriage that could last decades. Here are a few comments from class attendees:

*"We thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with the class leaders and the other engaged couples. It was such a comfortable environment. Plus we enjoyed Pastor Wells' visit at the end of the course. God bless any couple who dedicates their time to this. We are so much more spiritually connected now."*

*"The leaders made this experience so enjoyable and educational. We thoroughly enjoyed them and feel closer as a couple with their guidance. We will have a truly happy marriage...one I hope is as understanding, forgiving and loving as theirs."*

*"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece."  
-John Ruskin*

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not just your wedding

# Preparing FOR Life Together

Engaged Couples Classes

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## PREPARE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE, NOT JUST YOUR WEDDING

*“... In plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.”*

Those are remarkable words! Marriage is a wonderful relationship that will bring your highest joys. But let's be realistic- every good marriage also experiences rough times.

There's nothing magical about marriage. It takes some effort to grow outside of yourself to love another person. But it's the most rewarding adventure the two of you can do together.

We want to help you prepare not just for your wedding, but also for your marriage. We believe that by preparing, you can experience the thrill and adventure of a marriage beyond your wildest imagination.

Won't you join us for the class, "Preparing for Life Together?" Call us, or fill out the attached registration form today. Your preparation today will pay rich dividends tomorrow.

## PREPARING FOR LIFE TOGETHER. . .

Each month, a group of 5-6 couples meet together to prepare for life after the wedding. They learn more about marriage and their partner in several areas: the nature of love, family background, communication, conflict resolution, financial planning and realistic expectations.

A trained, happily married couple leads each group. These classes include instruction with ample time for couples to respond on each issue privately with each other. The premise of these classes is "Love is a Decision."

Each class involves 20 hours spread over a month and a scheduled private consultation with the instructor-couple.

The class fee of \$100 covers all the materials. Pre-registration is required. Call Amy Scherschligt, 967-4784, ext. 847, for information or to register for a class.



## REGISTER FOR PREPARING FOR LIFE TOGETHER

Fill out and return this registration form to:  
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**Her Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**His Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred class** (month) \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 fee enclosed *or*  
Fee already paid (or will be paid to Wedding  
Coordinator for weddings at Fair Oaks Pres. Church.)

The following information is necessary so we can  
provide the correct class materials and will be kept  
confidential.

Her age \_\_\_\_\_ His age \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you living together? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have either of you been married before? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do either of you have children? \_\_\_\_\_