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Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Marriage Ministry Plan for 2009



Marriage Ministry Roster

1. John & Sonmi Lewis Ministry Leaders
2. Alton & Araneetae Russ
3. Joseph & Cynthia Johnson
4. Larry & June Norfleet
5. John & Gail Lewis
6. Greg & Angela Dockery
7. Luther & LaMesha Brock



Ministry Vision

- Exalt God
- Equip Husbands & Wives
- Evangelize “Lost” Marriages
- Enable Married Couples
- Encourage Married Couples

“Mount Zion’s vision begins with God and serves as a reflection of what God wants to accomplish through us; God allows us the latitude and creativity to implement the vision and make it happen.”

- Bishop George W. Brooks -



Ministry Purpose

- To Reconcile Marriages at Mount Zion
- To Restore God's Original plan for Marriage
- To Reflect Christ in Mount Zion Marriages

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Pastoral Challenge

Our Pastor has decreed that there will be no more divorces in Mount Zion marriages.



OUR Challenge

To build an effective, purpose driven ministry that meets and/or exceeds the needs of marriages in our body.

To create a Culture of Marriage within the body.

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Marriage Ministry

Chair Lewis

S.O.D.

Leadership Team
(Provides Ministry
Vision)

Provides Overall Ministry Vision
Responsible for Co-ordination,
Connectivity, Strategy of all Ministry
Activity

Couples of Hope
Lewis

One Flesh
Russ



Marriage Ministry Objectives

- Build Healthy Marriages Through Effective Ministry
- Educate & Enlighten Couples Through Pre-marital & Marital Counseling
- Create Enthusiasm About Marriage In The Body
- Increase Fellowship Among Couples
- Solicit Input From Couples Within The Body
- Energize And Mobilize Couple Volunteers
- *“Decrease The Divorce Rate Within The Body”*

–We will encourage, exhort, enrich, equip, & educate



Ministry Operating Principles

- Prayerful
- C-A-F-E Principle
 - Commitment
 - Accountability
 - Follow-up
 - Excellence
- Proactive & Action Oriented



Ministry Goals - 2009

- Establish Ministry Leadership Team
- Initiate Strategic Planning Session
- Conduct Questionnaire/Survey
- Develop Communications/Marketing Strategy to reach Couples
- Identify Baseline Data
- Define Critical Ministry Success Factors
- Create Couples' Database
- Execute Implementation Plan



Ministry Success Metrics {COH}

- Qualitative
 - Pre-marital & Marital Caseload Analysis
 - Counseling Evaluation Feedback
- Quantitative

MZBC Divorce %	COH Divorce %
# Counseling Requests	# Counseling Started
# Hrs. Counseled	# Counseling Completed
% Members	% Non-Members
% Applicants	% Non-Applicants
% Pre-marital Recommended	# Referrals to One-Flesh
% Contacted within 1st 3 Days	% Follow-up Completed

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Marriage Ministry Components

Marriage Enrichment & Education

Workshops & Seminars Onsite
Retreats Offsite
Marriage Academy/School of Discipleship
Monthly events & activities
Resources

Marriage Mentoring

Pairing Newlyweds with Mentoring Couple
Mentor Qualifications
Define the Relationship
Communicate Expectations

Marriage Strengthening/Rebuilding

Marriage Counseling (Couples of Hope)
Premarital Counseling
One Flesh Marriage Groups & Bible Study
Marriage Intercessory Team (MIT)

Divorce Recovery

Education/Video Series
Single Parents
Children
Follow-up

Administrative Team

Couples database
Ministry metrics
Marketing Team
Benchmarking team

Relationship Skill Development

Resources for Children,
Adolescents, Young Adults,
Adults



Marriage Academy Objectives

- To equip men, women, and children with the necessary tools to be successful in marriage & relationship
- To provide continual education and training in marriage, and relationship
- To encourage application of what's being learned... "Doers and not just hearers"

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Marriage Academy Vision & Goals - 2009

- Built upon the success of SOD's Marriage & Pre-Marital Classes – Great, but what's next?
- Like college, The Marriage Academy will offer multiple classes simultaneously and sequentially.
 - Scalable Model
 - Each Class is tentatively scheduled for 4 weeks
 - Classes are scheduled to meet once per week
 - Class will contain both lecture & application
 - Initial offering begins in September '09
- Offer Mt. Zion Marriage Certification (Examples Below)
 - Newlywed, 7 Yr. Itch, Teenager, Empty Nester
 - Elementary, Middle, High, Undergraduate, Graduate



Upcoming Events

Please visit the Marriage Ministry Website regularly for scheduling updates and event information.

- Movie on the Lawn
- Couples Night Out
- Couples of Hope: New Counselor Training 8/28/09 & 8/29/09
- The Marriage Academy @ Mt. Zion
- Marriage Workshop
- Holiday Party
- 2010 Marriage Retreat



Ministry Opportunities

These are the current areas of the Marriage Ministry where couples can serve:

- Couples of Hope Counselors
 - Provides Marital & Pre-Marital Biblical Counseling
- One Flesh Couples Group
 - Small Group Study & Fellowship
- Marriage Academy Facilitator
- Marriage Retreat Planning Team for 2010
- Marriage Mentor Volunteers
- Marriage Interest/Activity Group Leaders (Saleable)



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