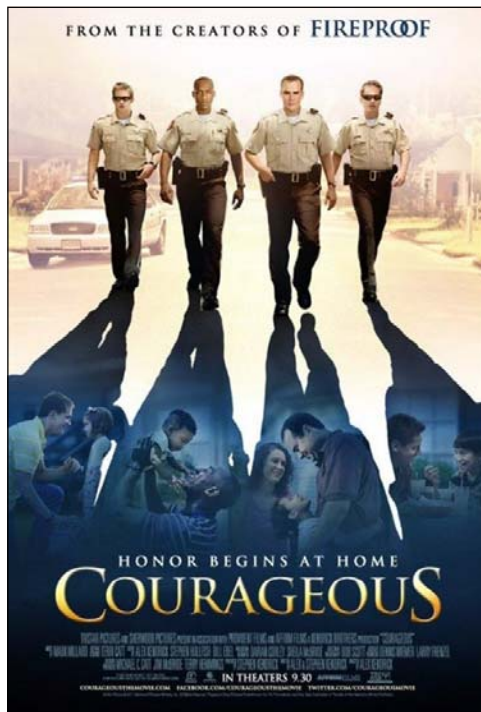




Dear Ministry Partner,

This summer we had the opportunity to go to a special preview showing of the movie *Courageous* at our Campus Crusade (Cru) Staff Conference. It was an *incredible* movie with a very powerful message. Here is a synopsis: [www.courageousthemovie.com](http://www.courageousthemovie.com)



### Honor Begins at Home

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, they are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood.

While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark.

When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God ... and to their children?

Riveted moviegoers will find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the kinds of dads that make a lifelong impact on their children.

We invite you to join us at  
**Cinema 1 Plus**  
**Washington, MO**

**Sunday October 9, 2011**  
**Show Time 1:45 pm**

Purchase your tickets in advance  
\$5.00 per ticket

[www.cinema1plus.com](http://www.cinema1plus.com)

We would love to fill the theatre with our ministry partners and support this inspirational Christian film. Email us if you can be there. **All fathers that attend will get a special gift from us!**

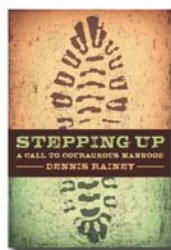
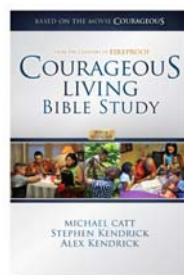
*Nathan & Jennifer*

### FamilyLife is honored to be a partner with the makers of *Courageous*

[www.shopfamilylife.com](http://www.shopfamilylife.com)

*Courageous Living Bible Study:*

A 4-week Bible study to help strengthen families and fathers.



*Stepping Up, A Call to Courageous Manhood* by Dennis Rainey.

Dennis identifies five stages of a man's journey through life—boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch—and examines a man's responsibilities at each step. It's about embracing courage, rejecting passivity and cowardice. **Where are you men of courage?**

### Praises and Prayers

**Praise:** Lucas, our 6 year old, prayed to receive Christ!

**Praise:** Gateway Christian Church hosted a very successful Art of Marriage event last month. About 20 couples participated.

**Pray:** That we will have at least 20 couples sign-up with our group to attend the Weekend to Remember in St. Louis in November. Pray and see if God is leading you to attend or to invite couples to join you. Praise God, we already have 9 couples officially registered!

**Pray:** That God will bring the rest of our support team together so we can be fully funded and report to FamilyLife headquarters in Little Rock, AR by March of 2012.

**Pray:** That God will continue to transform marriages and families through FamilyLife.

### Campus Crusade for Christ is Becoming Cru

Coming in 2012  
Read more about it at  
[www.ccci.org](http://www.ccci.org)





My brother, Jason, and I wore these cowboy costumes when we were growing up. We are now passing them on to the next generation!

Nathan

## Lucas Makes a Decision for Christ

On a normal afternoon while folding laundry, Lucas and I (Jennifer) were having a nice conversation. Lucas started talking about Jesus and by the time we were finished folding laundry, he asked if he could pray and ask Jesus into his heart. I pulled him up on my lap and encouraged him to just pray...to talk to God. I told him to tell God what you believe and what you want. He closed his eyes and said something similar to the following, "Dear God, I believe Jesus is Your Son, that He died on the cross for all the bad things I have done. I want Jesus to live in my heart and guide me the rest of my life." What an incredible blessing it was to pray with Lucas!

Make your marriage sizzle with the newly revised *Simply Romantic Nights*®—it puts the WOW back into marriage. Filled with creative ideas to create special encounters and encourage intimacy.

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This makes a great Wedding or Anniversary gift Under \$25

Some friends of ours went out on a "Simply Romantic Night" and here is what they had to say about their date.

"Jon and I received the romantic date nights set as a gift. Together we read through the materials and did the surveys. Doing this opened a line of communication between us and got us talking honestly about our marriage. *Our marriage was not in trouble but there were definitely areas that we could improve. We decided to make our marriage more of a priority. Our plan is to take turns doing one date card per month.* On our wedding anniversary, Jon did his card. He came home with a rose, a small gift and plans to eat out. When we got in the car I found that he had installed an iPod hook-up device that I had wanted for a long time. After dinner, I found my car with love notes written on the windows. We went to a movie and finally, when we got home he had one more small gift. I felt so special and loved!"

Gussie Schmitz



## Upcoming Events St. Louis Area

FAMILYLIFE® presents  
the art of **marriage**™

**First Baptist Church Arnold, MO**  
Fri Sep 30 2011 thru Sat Oct 1 2011

**Harvester Christian Church**  
Fri Oct 21 2011 thru Sat Oct 22 2011

[www.theartofmarriage.com](http://www.theartofmarriage.com)



**Weekend to Remember**  
**November 4-6**  
The Ritz-Carlton  
St. Louis, MO

Visit our website to receive 50% off of the registration fee. If you are a financial ministry partner, contact us and we can help you save even more!

*It's easy to contact us, visit*  
[www.njwalker.com](http://www.njwalker.com)

