



Dear Ministry Partner

Red roses, pink cards, and boxes of chocolates are all signs that Valentines Day is coming...are you ready? For those in the honeymoon stage of their relationship, they have been anticipating and planning the perfect day for a long time. For many of those that have been blessed to celebrate several Valentines Days with their special someone, the excitement about this day may be fading. In fact, they might be thinking, "Is it Valentines Day again...already?"

Have no fear! We are going to reveal one of the best Valentines Day gifts ever. A gift that will help honeymooners prepare for a relationship that will last. A gift that will put the excitement back into a seasoned relationship. *The perfect gift is...*

the art of 
marriage[™]

The Art of Marriage is a condensed version of the Weekend to Remember Marriage Get-away put together as a video experience. Typically an event is held Friday evening, and all day Saturday. **Don't get nervous.** This is not something where you get in groups and share your thoughts and feelings on marriage. The *Art of Marriage is an intimate experience just between you and your Valentine.* The videos are not lectures or sermons, they are a combination of dramas, testimonies, man on the street interviews, fake commercials, and Biblical teaching from top scholars on marriage. We encourage you to see some of the video clips of this event online www.theartofmarriage.com

Several couples and churches from around the country have committed to bring this event to their community and church. As you can see from the map there are already **1,633 events being hosted this year!**



Last fall we were connected with a couple who have a passion to help marriages, **Jeff and Sheila.** We told them about The Art of Marriage, they watched the videos online and loved it! Last month they **hosted an event and had 73 couples attend!** Jeff said all the evaluations came back with Excellent reviews. **One couple said it was the best money that they have ever spent on their marriage!** Jeff received phone calls and email messages throughout the next week thanking him for doing the event and telling him stories of what they learned and how their marriages are changing already!

Praise the Lord for couples like Jeff and Sheila! People who no longer want to stand by and watch another marriage crumble, but want to see God-honoring marriages that thrive!

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

Praise: for Jeff and Sheila, and the other couples and churches hosting The Art of Marriage Events around the country! Praise for the lives and marriages changed through the power of Jesus Christ!

Pray: that God will make it clear to us when it is time for I (Nathan) to quit my job as we feel it is drawing close.

Praise: for our ministry trip to Texas this month. Pray for a fruitful trip, full of ministry and changed lives through the Art of Marriage event. Pray we will also have new partners that will feel led to join our ministry team.

Campus Crusade for Christ is becoming **Cru** in the USA.

Watch a video about the name change at www.ccci.org/cru





Weekend to Remember

Branson, March 16-18

Kansas City, March 16-18 or

March 30-April 1

Chicago Area, March 9-11 or

March 23-25

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!

A Lesson Learned...

One of our ministry partners sent us this message after attending the Weekend to Remember.

Before the conference I really felt like I was doing everything "right" in regards to doing my best as a parent, praying for and with my kids and going to the Bible for wisdom, but I still felt very frustrated that I wasn't being as patient as I'd like to be. For example, I kept saying, "God, I'm asking you for help here and I know you said you are with me, but I don't feel like you are helping me! Where is this help you promised to send me in regards to raising these children?" And you know what God showed me over and over as I listened to the speakers this weekend? It was that I've been trying to parent in my own strength and my own abilities and that's why every time I kept coming up short and feeling like I failed! The speakers continued to say over and over, "You can't be the wife or mother God has called you to be unless you allow the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, our helper, to empower you. You simply cannot do it on your own!" I love it! It's like I finally get it! Thank God for His goodness!

Melissa Milliken, wife and mother of 3.

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Several events are being held in our area this spring.

Go to www.theartofmarriage.com and click on "Attend Event" then enter your zip code, you will find a listing of the 10 events closest to you! Or pray about hosting your own event. We would love to see more hearts pop up on this map. Call or email us!

Holy Infant Parish Catholic Church

248 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin MO

Friday February 24, 6-9pm

Saturday Feb 25, 8:30am-4pm

\$45/couple, includes lunch on Saturday and childcare on Friday

To register: Call or email Deanna McClintock
314-363-8015 or dtmclintock@yahoo.com

Or contact us for a registration form

Mission Community Church

316 East Central, Pacific MO

Friday February 17, 7-9pm

Saturday Feb 18, 9am-4:30pm

\$40/couple, includes lunch on Saturday

To register: www.missioncc.org

Or call 636-271-7111