



March 2016

Praises & Prayers

Now They Have Hope

Last month we hosted an Art of Marriage® event. On the registration form we asked each couple to “describe your marriage in one word”. Most people used a positive word, but three were words of distress: **Communication-less, Failing, and Strained.**

Communication-less... to Hopeful

Husband’s comment after the event: *“This event has opened up our communication and given us a starting point to work through many years of drifting apart and making mistakes over and over.”* His prayer request: *“Pray that God will bless our marriage and pray that God will help me to become a better man and to love and honor my wife”.* Wife’s comment after the event: *“I told my husband this event was not going to be a fix-all however I see now what it will take to move forward to fix our marriage and just having that brings me great joy! **We prayed openly as a husband and wife together for the first time this weekend.**”*

Failing... to Hopeful

This couple approached us during the event and asked for personal mentoring. We are having them over for dinner this week. We were encouraged by the comment that the husband left on his evaluation: *“**I believe this event has laid a solid base for our fresh start.**”*

Strained... to Hopeful

This couple left the weekend sharing that they were still strained and disconnected, so we continued to pray. One week later, I received the following from the wife: *“Jennifer I wanted to touch base with you, I left last weekend down hearted and thought it was a total waste of time. After my husband and I left we fought all the way home, and into the night. We finally stopped and were able to talk about the things we both enjoyed and liked from the weekend that we would like to bring in our marriage. Since that time **we have both forgiven each other for our past failures and have had the best week we have had in a long time** please continue to pray for us, as we continue to grow towards God’s best. Thank you and Nathan so much for doing the class.”*



Our Volunteer Team

This team helped make our Art of Marriage event possible. We had a blast working together and watching God work in the hearts and lives of the couples who attended.

From Left: Joe & Becky, Clay & Ginger, Tyler & Reba, Us, Greg & Lea, Justin & Melissa. Not pictured: James & Allison who provided child-care

Praise: for an incredible Art of Marriage® event! **2 people indicated that they received Christ during the event!** Praise for all the couples that went from being hopeless to now having hope!

Pray: for the couples that are now making a turn toward the Lord and their spouse. Pray that the Lord will protect their marriage and bring them to a level of oneness they have never experienced before.

Pray: for us as we continue to follow up with several of the couples. Pray that we will mentor the couples God sends to us in a way that is beneficial and that brings Glory to God.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-25

Nathan & Jennifer



Weekend To Remember Marriage Getaway



If you are a financial ministry partner and give regularly to our ministry; please contact us, we have a very special certificate for you. This certificate will allow you to register for the Weekend to Remember for only \$78/couple (regular price is \$300/couple).

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Our family will be coming to Washington MO for Easter Weekend and Spring Break.

We would love to see you!

Please give us a call if you would like to meet for coffee or have a meal together. We will be available Tuesday March 29 through Friday April 1.

Text or Call Jennifer
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