## **UPCOMING MARRIAGE EVENTS**

AVAILABLE TO PORTLAND AREA COUPLES (Descriptions of offerings follow schedule)



Offering	Start/Duration/Registration*	Location/Contact
JUNE		
Level-Up Your Marriage, by Restored & Remarried	Jun 7-8	Seattle, WA <u>www.RestoredandRemarried.com</u> Register at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/y35x4qrg</u>
National Association of Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME)	Jun 14-19	Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN www.narme.org
Adventurous Life Parenting Retreat	Thu-Sat, Jun 20-22	Clackamas River white water rafting www.AdventurousLife.net
Retrouvaille	Weekend, Jun 21-23	Mt Angel, OR www.HelpOurMarriage.org
JULY		
Date Night Comedy	Sat, July 20	Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualatin www.DateNightPDX.org
AUGUST		
Marriage Encounter	Weekend, Aug 9-11	Bellevue, WA www.wwme.org or (206) 772-2344
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
Retrouvaille	Weekend, Oct 11-13	Mt Angel, OR www.HelpOurMarriage.org
Betrayal Redeemed, Woman's Conference	Saturday, Oct 6	Mountain Park Church, Lake Oswego www.TuffStuffMinistries.com
NOVEMBER		
Cannon Beach Couples Conf (with Gary Thomas)	Weekend, Nov 1-3	Cannon Beach Conference Center www.cbcc.net
Marriage Encounter	Weekend, Nov 8-10	Salem, OR http://www.wwme.org or (503) 853-2758
Weekend To Remember	Weekend, Nov 15-17	Coeur d'Alene Resort, WA www.WeekendToRemember.com
Weekend To Remember	Weekend, Nov 15-17	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA www.WeekendToRemember.com
Weekend To Remember	Weekend, Nov 22-24	Red Lion on the River, Portland, OR <a href="https://www.WeekendToRemember.com">www.WeekendToRemember.com</a>
DECEMBER		
JANUARY 2020		
FEBRUARY		
Love Like You Mean It		Departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL
Marriage Cruise	Feb 9-16	www.LoveLikeYouMeanItCruise.com
* Please recheck details of the seminar with resource provider, plans do change occasionally.		

**Adventurous Life Marriage Retreat** Treat your spouse to an adventurous weekend away that will be fun, challenging, and unforgettable. Spend 2 nights and 2 days in a gorgeous home at the breathtaking Oregon

Coast focusing on your marriage. You will be pampered, including a cook to prepare all your meals, while being challenged with fun and reflective experiences. You will "retreat" with up to 6 other couples, however, the majority of the activities will be done with just you and your spouse. The goal of the retreat is to grow to deeper levels of intimacy and joy in your marriage. As a couple, you will engage with Adventurous Life coaches that will help you to be more intentional in creating clarity and growth throughout this experience. The price is per couple and all-inclusive; activities, lodging, prepared meals, and coaching sessions.

Adventurous Life Parenting Retreat Take a two-day break away from the chaos of activities, music concerts, practices, and games. Focus on how you want to raise your kids without them there to distract you. You will have a blast and then take strategic breaks throughout the activities to reflect on your parenting style, vision for your children and to develop a plan of action. You will be "retreating" with up to 9 other couples or single parents and will have opportunities to build community as we all work to grow in this challenging and wonderful adventure called parenting. If you are a single parent, we encourage you to bring a friend or family member along with you to discuss and reflect with (unmarried couples will be given separate tents). If you do not have kids yet, this is an excellent time to start thinking through how you want to raise your kids someday! You will also engage in coaching conversations with an Adventurous Life coach that will help you to be intentional about planning and reflecting on your parenting. The price is per couple and all-inclusive; activities, lodging, prepared meals, and coaching sessions.

There is no question that parenting is already an adventure. We would love for you to join us for an *exciting 2 days / 2 nights* parenting retreat that will support you on your adventure as parents. You will white-water raft for part of a day on the upper Clackamas River and participate in other activities throughout the retreat, all designed to guide you as you develop or re-evaluate your vision for raising your children. Part roughing it, part being waited on, and a whole lot of encouragement and fun as we camp "pampered" right next to the Collawash River in the Mt. Hood National Forest. You will not be given the answers or advice, but you will be *inspired, challenged, and encouraged* as you are led through a variety of experiences. You will adventure with other parents, but with plenty of personal reflection time to think about how to effectively and efficiently live out this adventure of parenting.

**Betrayal Redeemed, A Journey from Hurt to Hope** is a one-day workshop for women who have been betrayed. It is brought to you by professional counselors who have experienced betrayal and know the road to recovery.

**Blended & Blessed** is the only one-day live event and livestream just for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. With some of today's most trusted and respected experts, you'll be challenged, inspired and encouraged. If you are part of a stepfamily, or know someone who is, this is a can't-miss opportunity!

**Cannon Beach Couples Conference (Spring)** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Shane and Phillis Womack will address difficult issues such as: How to eliminate sexual refusal; How to develop sexual intimacy; How to avoid emotional affairs, and much more. Their skillful presentation is lively, full of content, interesting, and sprinkled with humor and personal stories.

**Cannon Beach Couples Conference (Fall)** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Dr. Gary Thomas is a bestselling author and international speaker. Gary's books have won numerous awards. His writings have established him as a thought leader in the areas of marriage, parenting, and spiritual formation.

**Couples Coaching Training** How many times have you listened to someone in despair over his/her marriage relationship and wished you could help? If you have a healthy marriage, Marriage Team invites you and your spouse to become a coach couple. During 24 hours of training, you will learn to use a proven curriculum that offers hope and practical skills to couples in all stages of their relationship. Pre-married to seriously challenged couples are saving their marriages with the support of couple coaches like YOU!

**Date Night Comedy** Comedians will include Ted Cunningham along with Kristin and Danny Adams. Tickets will be available on line starting February 1, for your Valentine's Day gifting.

**Date Night PDX** is a challenge to all couples to restore the dating habit by Dating 4 Times In 4 Weeks. Having fun together is a great way to build the marriage you've always wanted.

**Date Night Challenge** The happiest, most fulfilling relationships belong to those who spend meaningful time together – that's especially true for married couples. So all across the Portland Metro area we're encouraging couples to take four dates in four weeks during the month of August 2014. Visit <a href="https://www.DateNightPDX.org">www.DateNightPDX.org</a> to

download our remarkable Date Night app. It's filled with interactive games, quizzes, exciting date night ideas, and relationship content.

**Engaged Encounter** Lay and clergy couples share the joys, troubles, and victories that they have encountered in their marriages. Engaged couples then have opportunities, alone as a couple, to discuss the challenges they will face: such as maintaining open communication and resolving conflicts on issues such as religious differences, money, planning and sex.

**Level-Up Your Marriage** (aka What's In Your Rearview Mirror) Taking a moment to reflect on your marriage is much like looking in a rearview mirror! There are blissful horizons and memorable sunsets that bring joy to each of your soul. The history of your travels together reminds each couple of progress, excitement and dreams that have been fulfilled. Your journey of marriage may have regrets; ignored detours that could have led to great adventures, and fond celebrations. Often what are seen in reflections are Road Blocks, Construction Zones, Ten-Car Pileups, Bridge Crossings and missed Rest Stops. Stop the hectic drive of family life for a period of refueling, restoration and renewal. With a passion to encourage marriages, join Gil and Brenda Stuart as they share about hazards, rest stops and a ten-car pileup! You will laugh, be challenged and encouraged. Enjoy this rest stop!

**Love and Respect** We believe love best motivates a woman and respect most powerfully motivates a man. Research reveals that during marital conflict a husband most often reacts unlovingly when feeling disrespected, and a wife reacts disrespectfully when feeling unloved.

Love for a Lifetime, A Marriage Advance Weekend Intensive designed for couples in committed relationships who won't settle for less than God's best for their marriage. In these 15 hours, you'll learn skills to enhance your satisfaction, reduce the erosion (dissatisfaction) factors in your marriage, and make it DIVORCE PROOF. Go to <a href="https://www.dayspringrecovery.org">www.dayspringrecovery.org</a> - Programs - Couples in Recovery - Love for a Lifetime or call Dayspring at 503.244.4350.

**Love Like You Mean It Marriage Cruise** on February 10-16, 2019, (it is almost full, better to start planning for Feb 9-16, 2020) out of Fort Lauderdale, FL, on the beautiful cruise ship Royal Caribbean "Allure of the Seas." Not only will you hear and experience practical marriage help, you'll laugh together, make decisions together, and love together. And if that's not enough, there will be warm Christian fellowship and entertainment. Sponsored by FamilyLife, the folks that also bring us Weekend to Remember

**Marriage Coach Training** If you have a healthy marriage, you and your spouse are invited to become a coach couple. During our 24 hours of training, you will learn to use a proven curriculum that offers hope and practical skills to couples in all stages of their relationship. Pre-married to seriously challenged couples are saving their marriages with the support of couples coaches like you! Check the Website for details: <a href="https://www.MarriageTeam.org">www.MarriageTeam.org</a>.

**Marriage Encounter** A weekend that can help married couples turn a good (or even ho-hum or boring) marriage into a GREAT marriage! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive! Sponsored by many denominations.

Marriage Night A great simulcast event encouraging couples with a refreshing vision for a God-honoring relationship. Couples will laugh and learn as they hear from marriage experts and discover how to cultivate a healthy marriage on a lasting biblical foundation. Speakers: Les and Leslie Parrott, Francis and Lisa Chan; and Comedian Michael Jr. May 31, at NW Contexture, 15660 S. Leland Rd, Beavercreek. Pre-registration required: <a href="mailto:events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/1227">events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/1227</a>

**Marriage Redeemed** is a conference to guide couples on their recovery journey from sexual sin. You will provided an opportunities to learn from four couples that have tested and developed the topics in their own marriages and have found success in "Learning a New Dance". Check out their very helpful videos at www.TuffStuffMinistries.com

Marriage Week (February 7-14) is an opportunity for churches to emphasize our Lord's plan for marriage.

**Nat'l Assoc.** for Relationship & Marriage Education NARME is a national association formed in 2010 to represent the interests and serve the needs of Relationship, Marriage and Family Educators by: Providing ongoing professional training opportunities; Hosting an annual conference featuring skills-based education programs, best practices in the field and the latest research; Disseminating timely and relevant research about the family in America, and the effectiveness of marriage and relationship education programs; Facilitating collaboration among healthy marriage, responsible fatherhood, and other family allies; Supporting public policy

that strengthens marriages and families; and Maintaining a website to advance our mission and activities, <a href="http://www.narme.org/">http://www.narme.org/</a>

**National Marriage Week USA** (February 7th to 14th) is a collaborative campaign to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a culture that fosters strong marriages. Great resources at <a href="https://www.NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org">www.NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org</a>

**Northwest Marriage Conference** Strengthen, enrich, and renew your marriage in this one day conference. Speakers include: Mike and Laurie Sheffield, Hosts of Agape Marriage Connection and facilitators of Re-Engage small groups; Pastor Scott LaPierre Senior Pastor of Woodland Christian Church in Woodland, WA and Marriage God's Way; and Dr Steve Stephens, Psychologist and President of Every Marriage Matters. Presented by WAY-FM.

**PREP Approach in Therapy Master Class** While PREP was designed as a psycho-educational program, the key concepts are particularly potent and easy to use in couple therapy. This is not a training focused on using PREP in a workshop setting; it is a training focused on using and applying powerful strategies in the context of therapy with couples or individuals.

**PREPARE/ENRICH Facilitator Training** Learn to administer PREPARE/ENRICH Inventories and provide feedback to premarital and married couples using six core and over 20 supplemental exercises. Identify a couple's strength and growth areas, teach them communication and conflict resolution skills, and help them resolve key relationship issues.

**Rearview Mirror Seminar** Taking a moment to reflect on your marriage is much like looking in a review mirror! There are blissful horizons and memorable sunsets that bring joy to each of your soul. The history of your travels together reminds each couple of progress, excitement and dreams that have been fulfilled.

**Restored and Remarried Seminar** Encouragement for remarried couples in a stepfamily. Been remarried for awhile or just contemplating the idea? Topics include: Strengthening your relationship, Co-Parenting, Step Parenting, Conflict resolution, Holiday strategies, Finances, and Dealing with the "ex". This seminar is fun and interactive and it's most definitely, "guy friendly." Check Website www.restoredandremarried.com.

**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi) is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is: A marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship; A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend.; Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect; Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

The PREP Approach in Therapy Master Class This training will be a master class from internationally recognized scholars Howard Markman Ph.D., Scott Stanley Ph.D., and Galena Rhoades Ph.D. Their insights and commitment to sound research have led advances in many areas of marital and relationship health, including communication, conflict management, and commitment. These three experts are conducting this training on how to use the skills and strategies of PREP in couple therapy. While PREP was designed as a psycho-educational program, the key concepts are particularly potent and easy to use in couple therapy. This is not a training focused on using PREP in a workshop setting; it is a training focused on using and applying powerful strategies in the context of therapy with couples or individuals.

**The Summit on Stepfamily Ministry** This is the only event geared toward equipping the church to minister to stepfamilies; a significant percentage of communities and churches. For two days the Summit brings together well-known ministries, experts, counselors, pastors, worship leaders, and lay leaders to network, share best practices, and call the church to prevent redivorce, strengthen stepfamilies, and break the generational cycle of divorce.

**Weekend to Remember** A weekend to renew your love and commitment to one another, to reminisce all of the reasons why you married, to restore a little romance in your relationship. It is a weekend to discover the blueprints for a healthy, happy marriage. Sponsored by the FamilyLife division of CTU. Reduced rates are available for groups and for military couples (regular, reserves and National Guard). Free registration is available to all full time pastors and lead pastors. The registration fee does not cover hotel and meals. During January 7-28, 2019, your registration will be HALF PRICED when you use group name "MarriagePDX".

Woodland Christian Church Marriage Seminar Enjoy a wonderful day learning what the Bible says about marriage, while growing in your relationship with your spouse and your relationship with Christ!

Woodland Christian Church pastors, <u>Scott LaPierre</u> and <u>Doug Connell</u>, teaching. Price: FREE and lunch is provided!!! Questions? Contact Pastor Scott LaPierre: <u>pastorscott@woodlandchristian.net</u>