



The Couple's Club



# Love Notes"



February 2022 ~ Volume 4, Issue 4

## Upcoming Events

### **Date Night**

Who Done It Murder Mystery  
Friday, February 25, 2022

### **TCC Game Night**

Saturday, March 12, 2022

**NO RESCU** this Month  
Sunday, March 13, 2022



### **Black Marriage Day**

Saturday, March 26, 2022

### **RESCU**

Sunday, April 10, 2022, 6PM

### **2nd Tyme Around Prom**

Saturday, April 23, 2022

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Saturday, April 30, 2022

### **RESCU**

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 6PM

### **Date Night (TBD)**

Saturday, May 28, 2022



### **RESCU**

Sunday, June 12, 2022, 6PM

### **Father's Day Cookout**

Saturday, June 18, 2022

### **Date Night (TBD)**

Saturday, June 25, 2022

### **RESCU RECESS**

July & August, 2022

### **Date Night (TBD)**

July 30, 2022



### **Date Night (TBD)**

August 27, 2022

### **TCC Couples Retreat Weekend**

Friday, October 14-16, 2022



THE COUPLES CLUB PRESENTS:  
THE 2ND TYME AROUND PROM

## "Dancing Through It All"

SATURDAY  
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DOORS OPEN AT 6PM,  
DINNER SERVED AT 7PM

BUFFET DINNER, DJ, DANCING, PROM COURT

\$120/COUPLE

AFTER PROM FOLLOWING  
HOTEL ROOMS AVAILABLE \$94.00  
INCLUDING A BREAKFAST FOR TWO

**MASKS REQUIRED**

DOUBLETREE  
1100 CROCKER RD, WESTLAKE, OHIO, 44145

## Spot Light On A Couple



### Meet the Grimes!!!



Levon and Sandra Grimes are newer members of The Couples Club, having joined through the TCC Facebook Group Page. In fact, Levon is the new Moderator for that page keeping the club engaged and involved!



Levon was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, while his wife, Sandra is from Akron, Ohio. 20 years ago, when they got married, The Grimes, relocated from Ohio to Charlotte, North Carolina where they currently live. Together, the Grimes have five children.

Levon teaches an online bible study as their weekly worship experience although his ministry is covered by Pastor Johnny Brown.

This is one BUSY couple! Each of them essentially works three jobs and thoroughly enjoy everything that they do! Levon is a site supervisor for Ricoh, he is a manager at a Pizzeria, and he also works in ministry facilitating bible study on Sunday as well as Christian outreach.

In addition to doing prep work at the same Pizzeria, Sandra works as a Travel Agent and Insurance Agent, AND she operates an additional business baking cakes and cookies from home!

The next time that you are on the Facebook TCC Group Page, shout out Levon and Sandra Grimes, strike up a conversation....you will be so GLAD that you did!!!

## CALLING ALL YOUNG COUPLES!!!!!!

Over the next several months, The Couples Club will be making extremely intentional efforts to recruit and attract couples in their 20's, 30's, and even 40's to it's membership! TCC will be seeking and recruiting very youthful couples to serve on the TCC Planning Committee. There is an old adage that "water seeks it's own level"..... That being said, who better to help recruit younger couples than other YOUNG couples! If we want a diverse club, we must have a diverse committee working on the club events!

Realism is important! No one ages backwards. As we are all growing older day by day, we need additional members with lots of energy to work along side us keeping the fire burning in our organization as we fan the flames of our own relationships! So couples, be READY to answer, "YES" when approached about serving on the TCC Planning Committee or on any of our events!

We want YOU!!!! (in our Uncle Sam voice)





## Happy Anniversary



### Twenty Years!!!!

Guess WHAT???? 2022 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of The Couples Club and where and how it all began!!!

While we know that 50 year anniversaries are celebrated with GOLD, and 25 year anniversaries are celebrated with SILVER.....we have found through research that U.S. tradition states that 20 year anniversary celebrations are celebrated with PLATINUM and the gem of Emerald! So get ready, folks, throughout 2022, you will see The Couples Club and all of our subsidiaries celebrating our anniversary with Platinum and Emerald! Yes, it was 20 years ago this upcoming February, 2002 when Faith Lloyd-Smith and her husband, Marvin Smith, sat down and made a list of every married or committed couple that they knew. From that list, they sent out invitation letters to each couple inviting them to join the Smiths at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Southgate USA in Maple Heights, Ohio. Couples like Darrien and Wanda Wilkes, Earl and Dawn Marshall, Elgan and Wendy Reynolds, Haward and Hazel Johnson, Ron and Tiffany Broome, Howard and WaLinda Jackson, Langston and Linda Higbee had such a great time, that they all agreed that this was something to continue every month! That event was the beginning of the monthly Date Nights that The Couples Club maintains on the last Saturday of every month still to this day!

We hope that you and your mate will join us in 2022 for one or more of our many Platinum and Emerald events that we have planned to CELEBRATE 20 years of "re-kindling the old flame" and "Keeping the FIRE Burning"!



### Prayer Changes Things

In past issues of Love Notes, this was a common article. "Prayer Changes Things". We just want to remind all couples to pray for one another. Pray for all of the couples on our mailing list. Those that you meet at events and outings, pray for them by name. We don't have to know specifically what is going on in their lives but just know that the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy our relationships so we all need prayer and support. Remember to keep all of the couples associated with The Couple's Club in your prayer list. Pray for their relationships, their families, and that God's will be done in their lives. If you would like your special prayer requests listed in this newsletter, please submit them to [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) before the 20th of each month.

Our club's theme scripture is Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of the Lord". We are our brothers and sisters keepers!



## Relationship Humor

### Marriage Counseling

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up. "Oh, we'll never need that. My wife and I have a great relationship," the husband explained. "She was a communications major in college and I majored in theater arts. She communicates really well and I just act like I'm listening."

### Football Marriage

One man to another, "My wife thinks I put football before marriage, even though we just celebrated our third season together."

### Sorry, Officer....

John and Jessica were on their way home from the bar one night and John got pulled over by the police. The officer told John that he was stopped because his tail light was burned out.

John said, "I'm very sorry officer. I didn't realize it was out. I'll get it fixed right away."

Just then Jessica said, "I knew this was going to happen! I told you two days ago to get that light fixed."

So the officer asked for John's license and after looking at it said, "Sir your license has expired." And again John apologized and mentioned that he didn't realize that it had expired and would take care of it first thing in the morning.

Jessica said, "Did you forget that I told you last week that the state sent you a letter telling you that your license had expired?"

Well by this time, John is a bit upset with his wife contradicting him in front of the officer, and he said in a loud voice, "Jessica, shut your mouth!"

The officer then leaned over toward Jessica and asked, "Does your husband always talk to you like that?"

Jessica replied, "No, only when he's drunk."

## HAPPY Anniversary

1/08/2005	Jamil and Staci Jones
1/10/2010	Ephraim and Anju Abdullah
1/27/1984	Darryle and Sharron Foxx
1/27/2016	Paul and Debra Smith
2/14/1990	Allen Stevens and Pam Parrish
2/14/1981	Earl and Sharon Smith
2/14/2018	Chris and Anita Shambley
2/21/2009	Toz and Tamika Johnson



## Start Snitchin'

Back in 2008, MFM managed a Hip Hop Production Company, "Ladie Smith & Co." which toured around the United States providing full length concerts ranging from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the needs of the venue. These concerts included singing, dancing, rapping, and drama!

At that time in the United States, gang members had a popular theme where they were telling society to "Stop Snitchin'". In certain areas of the country they wore t-shirts with smiley face emojis with a zipper across the mouth that said the same phrase.

Choosing to promote positivity and help us to spread our message, MFM designed a similar t-shirt with the opposite slogan. We encouraged folks to "START SNITCHIN'....and TELL the WORLD About JESUS!" by wearing these bright smiley face t-shirts!

Check them out in the 3MB Online Store at <https://3mb-gt-start-snitchin.creator-spring.com> and pick up your "Snitchin'" items so that you too, can TELL the WORLD about JESUS!

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## 2022 Events Calendar

### Monthly Events

**RESCU Group** (Relationship Enhancement Support Class for YOU)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6PM**

RESCU is for Married, Engaged, Dating, and Co-habiting Couples. This group meets monthly for 30 Minute Discussion group generally led by a speaker. Each month hits on a topic relative to Communication, Finances, or Sex which are the three leading causes of divorce in marriages. The evening opens with dinner and generally ends with the TCC Battle of the Sexes Game.

**Date Night**



**Last Saturday of every Month**

**Father & Son Outing**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

Men bring their sons, grandsons, nephews, and/or mentees to various community venues for bonding, fellowship, and support.



**3MB Men's Night Out**

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Evening**

Men 18 years old and up meet at various community venues to go bowling, shoot pool, play chess, cards, and/or dominoes. This is a social fellowship time for men.

**3MB Movie Night**

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month at 6PM**

Men and boys of all ages gather together to watch a selected movie, eat snacks, and discuss the movie and beneficial themes afterwards.

**Tips & Tidbits Tuesday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month**

It is an interview with a couple broadcast live on the TCC Facebook Group Page. This couple will share 5 Tips that they feel lead to a successful relationship. They will also share one challenge that they currently face, and then they are given the opportunity to plug a business or event that they may want to share with the group.

### Weekly Events



**3MB Kickback**

**Fridays from 4-8pm**

Men and boys of all ages meet for dinner, recreation time including chess, Uno, Connect Four, outdoor activities (weather permitting), and ending with discussion group.

**Ladies Bible Study**

**Thursdays 7pm on Zoom**

**Men's Study Group**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays on Zoom, 7pm**

**Girl Talk Mentoring Program**

**To be announced**

### Daily

**3MB AfterSchool**



**Monday-Friday 2:30-7pm**

## Black Marriage Day 2022



In honor and in memory of two of our mentors in supporting marriages and families, Tariq Saleem Ziyad and his lovely departed wife, Krsnanandini Dasi, founders of the Dasi-Ziyad Family Institute, on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**, The Couples Club will host Black Marriage Day, which DZFI spearheaded in the Greater Cleveland area on multiple occasions over the past decade.



Established by the Wedded Bliss Foundation, Black Marriage Day started in 2003 with just 30 cities participating and has blossomed into a collective of over 300 communities.

Marriage and family is being looked at again as institution of hope for saving children and couples. In the 1960's and 70's, most Black children grew up in two parent homes and we are realizing that couples who have healthy skills, tools, commitment and a spiritual foundation, are the basis of healthy societies.

Because The Couples Club is a culturally INCLUSIVE organization to support and encourage healthy relationships, we want to celebrate Black Marriage Day with people of all races and nationalities on Saturday, March 26, 2022, as did DZFI!

Although the location is yet to be confirmed, it is the plan of The Couples Club to carry out the vision of DZFI by gathering up to 100 couples to renew their wedding vows!

Saturday morning, registered couples will arrive at the venue at 9am to sign in and fellowship with a continental breakfast. There will then be an icebreaker/get acquainted session. Couples will partake in a joint session for couples, then there will be a split session for the men and the women, followed by lunch. After lunch, the couples will reconvene for one last joint session. There will then be a one-hour break where couples will be able to have a little free time at the venue, fellowship with other couples, or perhaps change clothes for the "wedding"! At 4pm, all couples will prepare to process into the sanctuary for this renewal ceremony. Each couple will be able to invite up to four guests to attend as well. After the celebration ceremony, all of the couples and their guests will retire to the fellowship hall for a cake and punch reception!

AND as an added BONUS, The Couples Club has two engaged couples who are choosing to get married for the FIRST time to each other as their fellow club members recommit!

The cost of this great celebration is just \$75 per couple!!! (10%, 20%, & 30% Savings for TCC VIC Couples)

This will be a BEAUTIFUL event NOT to be missed!!!!



## January RESCU and Date Night

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, The Couples Club GREW much stronger as we welcomed SIX brand new couples from New Beginnings Ministries to RESCU Group as their pastors, Greg and Teresa McCurry shared with us on "What's Your Plan?" The McCurrys shared with the group 25 ways that we can better prepare and make good plans for our future. They shared how important communication is between life partners as far as documentation, health, and current and future planning. If you want to learn some of the specifics that were shared, check out the TCC Group FB Page for details! It was too good to be missed!

If you'd really like to attend RESCU Group sessions and are unable to make it, reach out to us in advance at 216-309-1636, and we will make arrangements to Zoom you in for just \$10 per couple or at NO COST if you are a VIC Member!

This evening opened with a scrumptious Italian meal of rigatoni pasta, vegetable Alfredo pasta, a large tossed salad, veggie tray, fruit tray, croissants, rolls, beverages, and cookies for dessert. Following that great meal, we heard from the McCurrys, followed by the TCC infamous, "Battle of the Sexes" Game! This month the game was Catch Phrase, where the ladies currently have "bragging rights" as they earned the trophy! A great time was had by all!

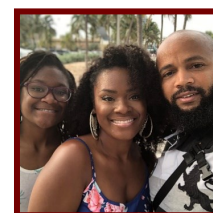
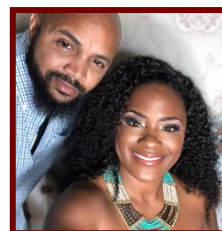
Saturday, January 29, 2022, TCC had a Virtual Paint & Sip as Date Night. Four couples met on Zoom to complete their masterpiece art work compliments of "Blame My Canvas.com"! This was a great evening in the comfort of your own home during our Ohio wintery weather! We spent the evening painting our art work, listening to jazz music, and getting to know one another. First time, TCC couple Lonnie and Lisa Jackson, second timers, Chad & JonQuil Medley, and founders, Marvin Smith and Faith Lloyd-Smith were all present right here in the Cleveland, Ohio area. But one of the benefits to our "Virtual Date Nights" is that we are able to reach out to and fellowship with couples from around the world!!! Also painting with us all the way from Miami, Florida, was the Smith's daughter, Dyna! Although Dyna's significant other, Lavert, could not join us that evening, we all had a great time getting to know one another and even just sharing a few parenting tips! Every had something that they were sipping on while painting.

Get ready because we do plan to many other Virtual Date Nights! Due to the pandemic, folks with child care needs, elder care needs, health limitations, and the ability to reach out to others both near and far, we have found that this is a very beneficial ability! So be sure to watch BAND, Facebook, and emails for our next Virtual Date Nights!

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### Meet the Designer!

We want to give a massive shout out to Couples Clubber, Dyna B. Smith who created the two new MFM Online Stores and designed ALL of the items featured! Dyna, her significant other, Lavert, and 15 year old daughter, Inglesh reside in Miami, Florida. Check out her online store as well at <https://teespring.com/stores/designedbydynab> to view some of her truly unique creations!



## January RESCU and Date Night Gallery



From Virtual Paint & Sip



LOVE





## Communication Update

### Stay Connected, Stay Informed!

Watch your email and text messages for directions to join the BAND! There will be Band Mobile Apps for 3MB, Girl Talk, and The Couples Club coming very soon! Each Band Group will post all of the updates for the group that you are involved in such as youth meetings, field trips, and outcomes of events. For The Couples Club, date night events, RESCU Group, pictures and so much more. Be sure to join the BAND as soon as it comes to your device!

Want to get in the BAND and haven't been invited? Send a text message request to **216-309-1636** and we will send you an invite!

### Men's Study Group on Zoom!!!

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7-8pm, join the men of 3MB and The Couples Club as they read and discuss the book, "The Measure of a Man", by Gene Getz. This is a time for men to gather together virtually and learn and share with and from one another. At every TCC Retreat, during the split session, the men always feel a desire to continue that type of camaraderie throughout the year. This is an opportunity to continue those type of discussions. All men age 18 and over are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Zoom Meeting ID # is: 889 4585 6443**  
**Passcode is: 3MBMSG**

### Let's Talk Sessions

Parents, watch for monthly "Let's Talk" Sessions to learn more information on issues that we or our children may be facing. "Let's Talk" is parent support group and information session that meets on **Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 8-9PM.**

**The Zoom Meeting ID# is: 828 0044 0192**

**The Passcode is: TALK**

The November "Let's Talk" Session featured a presentation by Professor Monica Starks, wife, mother, grandmother, educator, advocate, speaker, author, and Chronic Kidney Disease Patient. Monica shared with us her personal testimony relative to CKD and valuable information about things that we all should and should not do in efforts to take care of our kidneys. 11 parents and family members joined us on Thursday, November 11, for an hour of great dialogue, knowledge, and sharing!

While on the call, 3MB/Girl Talk/Marvelous Faith Christian Family Day Care (MFCFDC) mom, Stacy Raines won the raffle drawing to receive a copy of Monica's Book, "Down But Not Out, My Journey with Chronic Kidney Disease". First-timer and new MFCFDC and 3MB Mom, Jasmin Norman was the proud winner of the \$10 Subway Gift Card!

For those of us who were not so BLESSED as to receive Monica's book in the drawing, have no fear! You too, can have your own copy by purchasing from her website, [www.monicaastarks.com](http://www.monicaastarks.com), at [www.barnesandnobles.com](http://www.barnesandnobles.com), or at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)! Told you had nothing to worry about! Watch BAND, Facebook, email, and text messages to find out what we are going to "Talk" about on **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 8PM!**

Hope to see YOU next month on Zoom!!!



## Upcoming Events



**Marvelous Faith Ministries, Inc.**

# COMMUNITY Outreach

I don't know....  
What's YOUR Plan?" "Whatcha Plannin'?"  
"Plan Your Work. Work Your Plan"

**Sunday, January 9th, 2021 | 6pm**

**RESCU Group Every 2nd Sunday**  
**Date Night Every 4th Saturday**

**TCC Host:**  
Faith & Marvin Smith

**Guest Speakers**  
Greg & Teresa McCurry

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022	SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022	OCTOBER 14-16, 2022
Black Marriage Day Celebration Morning Workshops & Marriage Renewal Service of up to 100 Couples!!!	"2nd Tyme Around Prom" Double Tree by Hilton in Westlake, Ohio	TCC 20 Year Anniversary Couples Retreat Location to be Determined

**DON'T miss it!!! & Bring another couple!!!**

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FOOTAGE BAR

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There is everything from t-shirts, jobbers, and hoodies, to blankets and phone cases!!! Be sure to check it out today!

Don't have a lot of money today?

No worries! Our stores are hosted by teespring.com which offers "afterpay" which allows you to make 4 payments for your merchandise!

TCC Store

<https://the-couples-club-cle.creator-spring.com>

3MB Store

<https://3mb-gt-start-snitchin.creator-spring.com>

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## MFM Annual Calender

Being an organization that believes wholeheartedly in NOT reinventing the wheel and that collaboration is key, and there is STRENGTH in numbers, we partner with several other groups, ministries, churches, and organizations. Many partners have asked us for our Event Calendar for this year. I thought that it would be a good idea to share this info with our program members as well! Most of our events are routine and are based on a certain regular day or date. For Example:



### Men's Night Out

**3MB Men's Night Out** meets every 3rd Saturday of the month! This is an opportunity for **ADULT men ages 18 and over** to fellowship and bond. Call or text 216-309-1636 or email [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) to find out the event and location each month!



### MFM Annual Events

#### **Black Marriage Day**

Last Saturday in March annually

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom**

Last Saturday in April annually

#### **Mother's Day Brunch**

The Saturday **before** the Saturday before Mother's Day

#### **Father's Day Cookout**

The Saturday before Father's Day (which is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June)

#### **The Couples Club Retreat**

Sweetest Day Weekend



The **3MB MoMu Project** is currently accepting applications for new program participants.

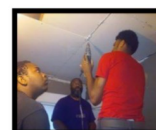
**MoMu** is Moving On & Moving UP:

- Residential Project
- Targeting young men ages 18-30 years of age
- Home Renovation Project
- Provides Weekly Independent Living Skills Sessions
- Provides Weekly Faith-Based Study Sessions
- Weekly Recreation Activities
- Weekly 3MB Kickback Facilitation for Youth
- Monthly Men's Night Out
- Community Service Projects 1-4 times monthly
- College Tours and Exposure to Trades and Higher Learning Institutions and Opportunities
- Provides Job Readiness Skills Sessions
- Assists with securing and maintaining Employment
- Annual Wilderness Camping Experience

MoMu Project Participants receive all of the above, bed, meals, cable TV, and FREE WiFi services.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call:

**216-309-1636**





## LADIES' Ongoing Events

### Ladies' Night Out

All Ladies are invited to **Ladies Night Out** every **3rd Saturday** for various fellowship outings!

Call 216-309-1636 for more information and the outing location each month!

Ladies, do you ever just need to talk or share with other like-minded ladies who are all trying to live better and live for Christ?

Join us weekly on Zoom for the Ladies Bible Study, taught by Min. Lesa Hamlett. This is a great sisterhood of believers striving for EXCELLENCE! Any and all ladies are welcome to join us, **The Ladies Bible Study has moved to Thursday evenings at 7PM.** Call or text 216-309-1636 or email [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom code. You WILL be glad that you did!



The **Kara's House MoMu Project** is currently accepting applications for new program participants/residents.

**MoMu is Moving On & Moving UP:**

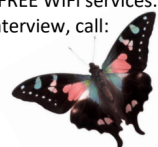
- Residential Project
- Transitional Living Arrangement
- Targeting young ladies ages 18-30 years of age
- Provides Weekly Independent Living Skills Sessions
- Provides Bi-Weekly Faith-Based Study Sessions
- Provides Weekly Recreation Activities
- Provides Weekly Girl Talk Mentoring Program Facilitation for Youth
- Facilitates Monthly Sista 2 Sista Sessions
- Offers Monthly **Ladies' Night Out** Opportunity
- Community Service Projects 1-4 times monthly
- College Tours and Exposure to Trades and Higher Learning Institutions and Opportunities
- Provides Job Readiness Skills Sessions & Guaranteed potential Volunteer and **PAID Job Opportunities**
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- **Perfect For Students of CWRU, CSU, & CCC**
- Upon program completion, ALL MoMu Alumni receive assistance in moving into their new living arrangement and are assisted with start-up items!

All MoMu Alumni remain a part of the Girl Talk/Sista 2 Sista/Ladies Night Out Sisterhoods.

MoMu Project Participants will receive all of the above, bed, meals, Local TV Channel Access, **Social/Rec Room**, and FREE WiFi services.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call:

**216-309-1636**





## *Things Mama Never Told You.....“Or Maybe I Wasn’t Listening.....”*

I have decided to add a column to our newsletter called, “Things Mama Never Told You....or Maybe I Wasn’t Listening.....”

How many of us know that there are a TON of those things! Things that we wish our parents had told us about....and then realistically, if we think back there were conversations about some things but maybe we just didn’t want to hear it.

Many of us when we become that “Magic” #18 and go off to college, those credit card applications come flying our way! So I “Heard” my dad always say that it was important to make a name for yourself. To me, that meant get lots of credit cards...and like most college students, I DID!!!! I had every one known to man!...and I knew how to get them for others and mess up everyone else’s credit, because they, like me, didn’t always comprehend, the whole “buy now, PAY later” concept of the credit card! So many of us now know or eventually learned the hard way about credit card debt.

Well, here is one that many of us do not know.

I was sitting in a meeting with my personal banker having a personal consultation. I shared how I am in the process of repairing and rebuilding my credit score. We talked and shared about the whole credit card issue that many people experience. Then he shared that his credit score took a huge attack from an emergency room visit because he did not have any medical insurance. He also shared that as he works in his current role, he comes across many people in similar situations whose credit score suffered from medical and hospital bills! That was something that this young man wished someone had told him.

I’ve got one more.

Working as a social worker for over 25 years, I learned that some things NEVER go away! We know that about some criminal records, but how many people realize that when a “case” is opened relative to your family in the child welfare system, those records never go away. When an individual has what is considered to be a “substantiated” case of child abuse or neglect at age 19, 22, 27, 30 or any young age.....and then at age 42, 50, or even 65 and now you have your life completely together, home owner, business owner, self sustained and now you want to give back and help someone else in the family or perhaps you’d like a job or even a volunteer position working in a field helping or working with children. Because of choices that we may have made in our youth, those things follow us for the rest of our lives. When the background check is completed at age 46, this information pops up from age 21...a much-less cautious time!

This is real stuff and one of those things that many people wish Mama or somebody would have told them.

Maybe there is some little bit of wisdom that you wished that someone had told your younger self. I am encouraging readers to share what you wish Mama had told you...or maybe she (or dad or some wise person) did by submitting your entries to [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com), include your name or request to remain anonymous. We would LOVE to hear from you!



## Youth News

Pressing through the pandemic, the youth outreach programs have been continuing to teach, educate, and expose our young people to lots of great things!

We have three very recent events. The first is an ongoing partnership with OK, Inc. where staff from the former, Operation Keepsake, have traveled some as far as Youngstown, Ohio to share their curriculum with our young people. Whereas Operation Keepsake was an abstinence program which encouraged its participants to abstain from having sex until marriage, their new ploy is to encourage youth to set goals for themselves and to “follow their dreams”. They discuss with the participants how making poor choices or participating in “risky Behaviours” can deter or detain them reaching the goals that they set for themselves.

The Girl Talk program meets with OK, Inc. bi-weekly at Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Road, Cleveland 44105. If you have a young lady in middle school or high school that you would like to participate in these sessions, please call 216-309-1636 to find out the dates.

3MB's middle school and high school young men, participate in OK, Inc on the alternate Fridays at Faith Alliance Bible Church, 17045 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 44112. Again, should you have a young man that you would like to refer, please feel free to these sessions, feel free to call 216-309-1636 to register and find out the schedule.

On Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, a group of 20 members of 3MB, Girl Talk, two parents and four staff traveled to the Cleveland Play House' Allen Theatre for the solo performance of “Where Did We Sit on the Bus?” A story of a Latina girl who learned of the civil rights movement in her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and chronicles her own thoughts of racisms, prejudices, and cultural experiences. Our organization was blessed by the Tickets for Kids charity to be able to take our young people out for this experience.

Then finally, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 3 staff from the 3MB AfterSchool Program took 6 teen boys from 3MB to view the movie, “Sabina; Tortured for Christ” at the Regal Richmond Theatre in Richmond Heights, Ohio. This film tells the story of how a once atheist couple, later come to accept Christ, and made it their mission to help save and help Jewish people from Nazi soldiers. There is a scene where the main character protected someone who even told her that if tables were turned that he would not have done the same for her. This was a tale of forgiveness. For our youth, we will have many conversations relative to the themes of forgiveness, standing up for your faith, loving your enemies, and so many other discussions will stem from this spiritual history lesson.

Want to know ways that you can help expose our youth to should events, sponsor youth, host or fund an event, see our Program Wishlist in this and future issues of “Love Notes” or call 216-309-1636 OR email [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) and we will be happy to share with you ways to assist in any of our outreach programs.

Know that you may always make tax deductible donations to \$3MBMentor or PayPal.Me/3MBMentoring



## Renewal Explanation

On behalf of The Couples Club, I would like to give some clarity to the concept of "Vow Renewal". There has been some confusion and misunderstanding of what it means when a couple chooses to renew their wedding vows.

Truly, there are couples who will go all out for a milestone anniversary and may choose to have another whole wedding ceremony at a large venue or host a grand reception. Some folks may choose to hold a large event ceremony, or "wedding" at a later date and hold their initial nuptials at the Justice of the Peace.

Point of clarification. The first time you vow before an officiant to become man and wife and receive a signed marriage license...

THAT is the date of your marriage. Your wedding anniversary is one year after THAT date every year. So if a couple chooses to have a small private ceremony in February and then decides to have big summer wedding in July, the date of their marriage and their anniversary will always be in February! That never changes.

Fast forward now to renewal ceremonies. Get used to it, The Couples Club intends to host a Black Marriage Day Celebration of some sort as an annual practice from now on. Every year at The Couples Club's Retreats, at some point of the weekend, there is always a recommitment ceremony of some sort to allow the married couples the opportunity to consider what they have learned over the weekend and to make a conscious decision to re-dedicate their energy, efforts, and commitment to their spouse and their marriage. It is a renewal ceremony.

For those of us who are Christians, many of us, every first Sunday, every Sunday for

some and once a year for others, we choose to take a look at our lives and decide to make a conscious effort to make better choices and rededicate our lives, our energy, our efforts to Christ. Rarely, do we take the stance, "well, I gotta think about this." Or "I don't want to mess up the date that I gave my life to Christ the first time." No. We take a look at ourselves and our lives and if we are content with how things are going, we simply say, "God I love you and I want to continue to serve You." If things are not quite in order, we take that time to say, "Lord forgive me. I want to do better and I want to rededicate my life to You and begin to serve You better."

It is a very similar thing with marital relationships. Marriage is a covenant relationship. Sometimes things are going extremely well and we choose to look one another in the eye with total joy and bliss and we say, "Honey, things are wonderful. I am so glad that I have chosen to share my life with you. Today, I want to rededicate my life to being your spouse."

Then of course there are those rocky times when a couple may look at one another and realize that they have not been giving their marriage their all and may need to choose to say, "Honey, I want to rededicate myself to you and to our marriage. I want to work harder to make our marriage better."

Whatever the case may be, marriage is a covenant agreement. It is quite honorable to recommit and rededicate yourself to your spouse as often as you desire.

Want to rep your organization well? Well check out the two new ways that you get the LATEST in gear for The Couples Club, 3MB, and Girl Talk!

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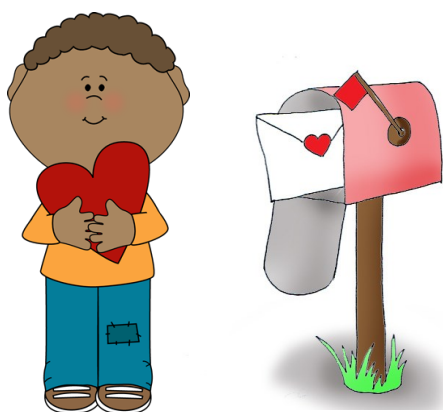
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## Patti's Corner

Hello Loyal Readers,

I pray that the year 2022 will bring you a better year.

So PLEASE wear the mask when you are at any huge gatherings for the holiday season. Amen!

1. The river Yangtze is in which country?
2. In total how many men have walked on the Moon?
3. In the periodic table which element is number 79?



Answers:  
1. China  
2. 12  
3. Gold





## Date Vs. “DATING”

As most people know, The Couples Club is an organization of married, engaged, and “Dating” couples. What exactly constitutes a “dating” couple? So glad that you asked.

For the purposes of The Couples Club, we are a group of monogamous couples in relationships with one man and one woman.

With The Couples Club, should a single person desire to attend one of our events, that person could choose to bring a “date” to the event. Those two individuals are both single and are aware that they are not in a relationship but that they are ON a “Date”. In this sense, “Date” is a noun. Date is the person attending the event with you, Date can be the place where you go, and Date can be a “thing”... noun, as we know, IS a person, place, or thing. Oxford Languages defines the noun, “date” as a social or romantic appointment or engagement.

DATING, on the other hand, implies that there is a commitment of some sort established in this relationship. Dating implies that two people are now only seeing each other exclusively. They have chosen to take their relationship to the “next level” beyond just going ON a “Date”.

Based on today’s “anything and everything goes” mentality, for the purposes of The Couples Club, I felt led to shed some clarity on some terms and situations.

So just to assure that this is well understood, let’s give an example:

A single gentleman has heard about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom and would love to attend! He has been told by the TCC Committee that he is welcome to attend with “A DATE”. So he asks a young lady from his church if she would accompany him to the prom as his DATE. They have a great time together. There is no romantic interest. They are two people who enjoyed an event together.

Well, two months later, this same gentleman hears about the TCC Sip & Paint Party. He loves to paint! The young lady from church is not available for this event so he asks his neighbor if she would be interested in accompanying him to a Sip & Paint Party. She had never attended such and was very interested. This also is okay because she IS his date. Date being person. At the TCC event, during the icebreaker or introductions, they would introduce themselves individually as each other’s DATE. Example: “Hi, I’m John. This is my DATE, Brenda. I heard about the Sip & Paint and wanted to come check it out. Brenda is my neighbor and had never been to a Sip & Paint, so I asked her if she’d like to come with me.”

Well, let’s just say at the Sip & Paint, this gentleman and his neighbor realize that they have a lot in common and decide that they would like to get to know each other better and would like to go on more dates together. At some point in their relationship, these two friends may decide one of two things. One that they would like to continue to go on occasional dates with each other...dates meaning outings...but they still go on dates with other people. They are friends who enjoy one another’s company....period.

## Continued Date Vs. “DATING”

Now, of course on the other hand, this gentleman and his neighbor could decide that they enjoy each other's company so much, that they are not interested in going on dates with anyone else anymore, so they decide that they want to date each other EXCLUSIVELY. This is a mutual decision made by this couple. Historically, this new change in status of the relationship was actually established by the young man actually ASKING the young lady would she like to date him exclusively, much like a marriage proposal, and she would have to accept or decline.

Some of this may seem silly for me to take the time to write all of this out. It may also seem archaic. For some people reading this from some generations, it is a no brainer and like a well-known fact. But again, due to the views of the world today, the influence of media, these things could appear far-fetched and unheard of.

Unfortunately, based on what we see in the movies, on television, and many times in our very inner circles, you meet someone in the grocery store, “he's cute!...wanna come to my place?” Bypass dinner, dates, and everything else and go right for the gold....many times, she's THINKING...”oh, we're in a relationship now...that's my man”....he's thinking, “oh, that was fun.” That is it. Definite grounds for miscommunication.

I don't know about other people, but I still like to be pursued and I like to be asked. I don't want to make assumptions. You know what they say about assuming. These old ways of doing things may seem silly, but communicating, being pursued, and being asked can reduce the need for assuming and reduce the amount of broken heartedness.



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The scriptures have told us in James 4:2-3 that "we have not, because we ask not." There are other quotes and famous sayings like, "a closed mouth doesn't get fed." We are keeping these things in mind as we list the things that we need to assist in making a difference in the lives of others.

Financial donations are also helpful! Again tax deductible donations can be received by CashApp at **\$3MBMentor** or **\$TheCouplesClub** and through **PayPal** at [PayPal.me/3MBMentoring](https://www.paypal.com/3MBMentoring), and by check made out to **Marvelous Faith Ministries, Inc., 2650 East 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44120**

### ***MFM/Girl Talk/3MB Wish List***

1. Nail Polish (All colors)
2. Nail Polish Remover
3. Nail Decals
4. Cotton Balls
5. White Glue
6. Fabric Glue
7. T-shirt Paint
8. Plain t-shirts (all sizes)
  - a. Various colors
  - b. White t's
  - c. Grey t's
9. Lip Gloss
10. Hygiene Items
  - a. Deodorant
  - b. Lotion
  - c. Soap
  - d. Tooth Brushes
  - e. Tooth Paste
  - f. Dental Floss
  - g. Combs
  - h. Brushes
  - i. Feminine Hygiene Products
11. Small fragrances
12. Scented shower gels
13. Shower sponges
14. Christian CD's
  - a. Christian Hip-Hop
  - b. Christian Rap
  - c. Christian Rock
  - d. Christian Contemporary
  - e. Worship
15. Gift Cards
  - a. McDonald's Arch Cards
  - b. Subway Cards
  - c. Other Fast Food Restaurants
  - d. Movie Passes
16. Gas Cards
17. Colorful Socks



18. Avon Products
  - a. Men's Products
  - b. Ladies' Products
19. Play Station 3 or 4 Game System
  - a. Non-violent games
  - b. Sports games
20. Wii Gaming System
  - a. Games for the system that encourage physical fitness
21. NIV Bibles
22. Earrings
23. Hair Accessories
24. Jewelry
25. Large Sewing Needles
26. Jewelry Beads
27. Masking tape
28. Scotch Tape
29. Metal Storage Cabinet
30. Iron Fuse Beads
31. Hats/Gloves/Scarves
32. Hair Accessories
33. Journals
34. Make-up
35. Basketballs
36. Uno Cards
37. Volunteer Speakers
38. 15 Passenger Van
39. T-shirt Transfers
40. Ink Cartridges & Copier Toner
41. Bottled Water
42. Snack items
  - a. Healthy Snacks
  - b. Chips
  - c. Cookies
  - d. Beverage
43. Xbox Kinect Games
44. A Building
45. A Gymnasium
46. Volunteer Mentors
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**Our Motto is: Just COME and BRING another couple!**

**Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galations 6:2, KJV)**

