



The Couple's Club



## Love Notes"



March 2022 ~ Volume 4, Issue 5

### Upcoming Events

**Black Marriage Day**  
Saturday, March 26, 2022

**RESCU**  
Sunday, April 10, 2022, 6PM

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## 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

A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four legs instead of just her husband's two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. He says, "Hi darling, your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"

*Laughter*

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

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Ralph is driving home one evening, when he suddenly realizes that it's his daughter's birthday and he hasn't bought her a present. He drives to the mall, runs to the toy store, and says to the shop assistant, "How much is that Barbie in the window?" In a condescending manner, she says, "Which Barbie?" She continues, "We have Barbie Goes to the Gym for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Shopping for \$19.95, Barbie Goes to the Beach for \$19.95, Barbie Goes Nightclubbing for \$19.95, and Divorced Barbie for \$265.00." Ralph asks, "Why is the Divorced Barbie \$265.00 when all the others are only \$19.95?" "That's obvious," the saleslady says. "Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's car, Ken's boat, Ken's furniture..."

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

## HAPPY Anniversary



Lorenzo & Annette James 3/16/2009

James & Deonna White 3/19/2016

## 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!!!!



## 2nd Tyme Around Prom Again

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

It is that TYME again, everyone for the TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom!!! For those of you who have never been to a TCC Prom before, KNOW that you are in for a TREAT!!! When we say that we do Prom, we do PROM!!!!

Ladies, whether you like the Southern Belle of the Ball gown, the long black sleeky, spaghetti strap dress, or perhaps you are into the Tina Turner midi shimmery dress....as long as it is "tasteful", it is up to you, because this is YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom!

For some of us, we never attended our high school prom... Well, now is your chance to experience what you may have missed...only BETTER!... OR for some of us, we had such a GREAT tyme at our first prom, we want the opportunity for a 2ND TYME!!!

The TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Tyme Around Prom is an event with a Buffet Dinner for Two, DJ, Dancing, Live Entertainment, Prom Court, Door Prizes, Contests, Desserts, a Year Book, Photo Booth, and SO MUCH MORE!!! And as if that was not enough, TCC even has an AFTER PROM!!!! Go upstairs to your hotel room if you are staying overnight at the lovely Double Tree by Hilton in Westlake, Ohio, change into your "After Prom" attire, and head on down to the hotel's hospitality suite to listen to more music, have some snacks, play some cards, dominoes, and hang out!

### TCC Prom Yearbook

We want to give everyone an opportunity to have a picture of you and your mate in the TCC 2022 Yearbook! Even if you will not be able to attend the prom this year, for just \$5, your picture can be in the TCC Yearbook, and for an additional \$3, we will assure that you get a copy of the yearbook as well! Feel free to have multiple pictures placed in the yearbook from various TCC events in which you and your mate may have attended or just a pic of yourselves for the book. Whatever you desire!

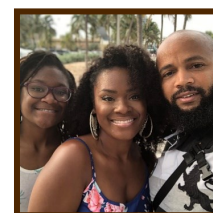
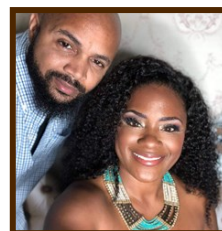
And for very affordable rates, you can even choose to promote your business in the TCC 2022 Yearbook. See our Yearbook Ad Sheet in this issue of Love Notes. Email your ad to [thecouplesclubtcc@gmail.com](mailto:thecouplesclubtcc@gmail.com) and CashApp your payment to \$TheCouplesClub. You may also send your ad through US Mail by Friday, April 8, 2022 with a check or money order payable to The Couples Club, 2650 East 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44120

We hope to see you and your business in the TCC Yearbook!!!



### 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!



## *New Exciting Collaboration*

### **New Partnership**

We all sometimes just need someone to talk to, someone to listen. Around the WORLD today, due to all of the death, illnesses, and isolation as it relates to the pandemic and COVID 19, many people have trouble coping emotionally and mentally.

With that in mind, Marvelous Faith Ministries is proud to announce our newest collaboration and partnership with Life Solutions South. Life Solutions offers services for adults, children, and the whole family. One their staff there are therapists, case managers, and even a psychiatrist if needed, who Director, Dezmond Hopkins says, "can prescribe meds if you need them, but he is no 'pill pusher'!" That kind of candidness and honesty certainly helps one develop the kind of trust and rapport that is needed when selecting any new health care provider.

Need any type of mental health care services, go to the MFM website at [marvelousfaithministries.org](http://marvelousfaithministries.org) , scroll to the bottom of our Home Page, and click on Life Solutions South. They will be sure to take care of you or your loved one! Be sure to tell them that you were referred to them by MFM and The Couples Club!



### **Kalahari Family Fundraiser**

Hey Everybody, it is that time again!!! We had some fabulous times in 2021 at Ohio's LARGEST Indoor Water Park! This year MFM is offering all of our families THREE more opportunities to join us in Sandusky, Ohio on May 30, 2022 and June 19, 2022!!!

Keep in mind that these events include your hotel room at the amazing Kalahari Resort PLUS you will receive not one, not two, but FOUR wristbands for admission into the water park! And although check-in is generally at 3PM, your family can actually arrive earlier and enter the water park....AND even though check OUT is generally at 11 am the next day, you and your family are welcome to spend the day in the water park AFTER you check out! How AWESOME is that!!!!!! So go ahead and click on the link below to register for your family's mini vacation getaway, TODAY!!!! OH....please note that you MUST register before 30 days prior to the event or you will get locked out of this deal!... So again, be sure to register TODAY!!!!

#### **Registration link for the May 30, 2022**

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50267408/owner/49785631/home>

#### **Registration link for the June 19, 2022**

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50277303/owner/49785631/home>



## 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**

### New VIC Membership Perk!!!

Ever have to make a few color copies and had to take them to Office Depot, Staples, or the like? You no doubt had to pay \$.49 per color copy even if there was just ONE color on the paper or even just a 1 inch object...color is color, and color costs more! That same document in black and white would be \$.07-.10!

As an added BONUS for VIC Membership, TCC VIC Members can pay just \$.10 to have color items printed with your own paper and just \$.25 without! WHAT a GREAT DEAL!!!!

Remember to get your VIC Membership, TODAY!!!! Call 216-309-1636 to find out how!

### Check Out Our Website

So thanks to Boss It Up Attraction Marketing, the MFM Website has FINALLY been updated!!!! NOTHING will ever be like our original FOUR websites hosted by GoDaddy and designed and maintained by the one and only, late Darryl "Tiny Biggs" Johnson, God rest his soul! Those were some AMAZING sites...but unfortunately, they went to the grave with Brother Darryl....

But PRAISE GOD that our current site has an updated page for each and every one of our outreaches! There will be a photo gallery and event flyers on the site! You will be able to register for events on the site and so much more!

Thank you Boss It Up for getting up back on track!



**UPDATED  
Website**





## Updated News

### 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!



### Support Families!!!

Have you ever wondered how you might be able to effortlessly help to support the work of The Couples Club, 3MB, and the Girl Talk Mentoring Program? I am SO GLAD that you asked! Here is the most simple way EVER!!! Since February/March of 2020, more people make purchases online than ever before! Make your purchases count for additional GOOD by registering the charity of your choice! Every time you or your family members make a purchase on Amazon, a small percentage of your total can be donated to Marvelous Faith Ministries, Inc. to assist in the work of these great faith-based outreach programs that make a difference in the lives of couples, men, women, and children, "From the Cradle to the Grave", Call 216-309-1636 should you need assistance setting up this on-going support avenue!

### Start Snitchin'

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](https://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!



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### 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!

### HELP WANTED

We are seeking committed couples to serve on the TCC Planning Committee! We need individuals to help plan events, select venues, invite others, post on social media forms, set up for events, clean up from events, sign folks in, run the 50/50 Raffle, get door prizes, prepare meals, take pictures, post pictures, making flyers, making tickets, work on the yearbook committee, seek ads for the yearbook, seek ads for Love Notes....there is something for EVERYONE! Come on and get in where you fit in!

Please reach out by calling 216-309-1636 or emailing [thecouplesclubtcc@gmail.com](mailto:thecouplesclubtcc@gmail.com) or [marvelousfaith@gmail.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@gmail.com) if you think that you might be interested in serving on the TCC Planning Committee!





*May 30, 2022*

## Marvelous Faith Ministries / The Couples Club Fundraiser Event!



## Marvelous Faith Ministries / The Couples Club!

Monday, May 30, 2022: Only \$134!!

Mark your calendar to take a break!! Get away without going too far from home to America's LARGEST indoor waterpark and enjoy a special rate for families and friends! Rooms are ONLY \$134 and feature 2 Queen beds and INCLUDE waterpark passes! A portion from EACH room booked will benefit Marvelous Faith Ministries/The Couples Club. BOOK on or before April 30, 2022 to avoid being shut out. Book online today!  
<https://book.passkey.com/event/50267408/owner/49785631/home>



Limited # available. For call-in reservations 1-877-525-2427 ask for the Marvelous Faith Ministries / The Couples Club Group Rate. sleep 4-6, admission for 4 to the Waterpark! Up to 2 guests may be added for \$50 each. Rates prior to 13.75% tax.





June 19, 2022

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America's largest indoor waterparks



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Hand-tossed pizza

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## 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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## 2022 Sponsors and Supporters

The bible tells us in the book of James that we "have not because we ask not". Marvelous Faith Ministries as a whole has embraced this concept and has been blessed in many ways by the time, gifts, and talents of so many over this past year and by the following supporters in 2018:

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## Patti's Corner

Hello Loyal Readers,

I found 2022 unpredicted strange so I pray that things will get better for everybody. Amen!

1. Who wrote the novel The War of the Worlds?
2. How many notes are there in the musical scale?
3. Romeo and Juliet was a top 10 hit in 1981 for which band?

Answers:  
1. HG Wells  
2. 7  
3. Dire Straits



## 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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Like to know ways that you can HELP???

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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**, 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
47. Sporting Event Tickets
48. Theater Tickets.
49. Event Admissions



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As Christian couples, we seek to unite and fellowship on a monthly basis in support of one another. We desire to have good, clean and wholesome fun in the name of Jesus. We seek to witness to unbelievers in a non-threatening, non-judgmental way, leading by example. We are non-denominational. All are welcome regardless of age, race, religion, nationality, color or creed. Our key goal is to nurture our relationships and "Re-Kindle the Flame".

**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)

