

**UPCOMING MARRIAGE EVENTS**  
 AVAILABLE TO PORTLAND AREA COUPLES  
 (Descriptions of offerings follow schedule)



Updated 12/09/2014

Offering	Start/Duration/Registration*	Location/Contact
<b>JANUARY 2015</b>		
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Jan 9-11	Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
Retrouvaille	Weekend Jan 16-18	Mount Angel Abbey, St Benedict, OR <a href="http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com">http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com</a>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Marriage Week	Feb 7-14	Various Churches
Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Feb 13-15	Mt Angel, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
<b>MARCH</b>		
Weekend to Remember	Weekend, Mar 13-15	Sun River Resort <a href="http://www.weekendtoremember.com">www.weekendtoremember.com</a> (details below)
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Mar 13-15	Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
<b>APRIL</b>		
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Apr 10-12	Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Apr 24-26	Powell Butte, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
<b>MAY</b>		
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, May 15-17	Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, May 22-24	Beaverton, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
<b>JUNE</b>		
Retrouvaille	Weekend Jun 12-14	Mount Angel Abbey, St Benedict, OR <a href="http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com">http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com</a>
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Jun 19-21	Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
<b>JULY</b>		
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Jul 24-26	Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
<b>AUGUST</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Date Night PDX	All Month Long	<a href="http://www.everymarriagematters.org">www.everymarriagematters.org</a>
Comedy Night	Fri, Aug 7	City Bible Church, Rocky Butte Campus <a href="http://www.everymarriagematters.org">www.everymarriagematters.org</a>
Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Aug 28-30	Beaverton, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>OCTOBER</b>		

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Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Oct 2-4	Powell Butte, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Oct 9-11	Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
Retrouvaille	Weekend, Oct 16-18	Mount Angel Abbey, St Benedict, OR <a href="http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com">http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com</a>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Marriage Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Nov 6-8	Mt Angel, OR (details below) James & Marisol Carter (503) 853-2758
Engaged Encounter (Catholic expression)	Weekend, Nov 13-15	Our Lady of Peace, Beaverton (details below) <a href="http://www.oregonengagedencounter.org">www.oregonengagedencounter.org</a>
* Please recheck details of the seminar with resource provider, plans do change occasionally.		

**Art of Marriage** brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It also brings a fresh approach to a video event by weaving together some of the following elements to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage: ♥engaging stories; ♥real-life testimonies; ♥man-on-the-street interviews; ♥humorous vignettes. "I had a chance to watch part of 'The Art of Marriage,' and I was dazzled." – Chuck Colson

**Basic Mediation Training** Designed for those seeking to pursue a career in mediation as opposed to training for volunteer work at a dispute center. Genesis Mediation trains in a collegiate model with several staff members teaching in specialty areas. Both lead trainers have taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level. The 40 Hour Basic Mediation Training meets or exceeds state requirements for the states of Oregon, Washington and Colorado.

**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 a professional counselor couple who have experienced betrayal and know the road to recovery.

**"Champions for Children" conference** Hosted by the National Association for Relationship and Marriage Educators (NARME). Hundreds of relationship and marriage educators, fathering and family experts, clinicians and researchers will gather from across the country and internationally. The conference will feature industry experts from family, marriage, fatherhood, and youth/child disciplines.

**Comedy Night** is a fun way to begin the challenge to Date 4 Times In 4 Weeks during the August Date Night PDX, live at City Bible Church and available to other churches via a streaming internet feed.

**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, MarriageTeam 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!

**Couples Conference (Spring)** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Shane & Phyllis Womack lead a frank, honest and biblical study of the Song of Solomon they call Solomon, Sex and Marriage. The Womacks show how his Old Testament book relates to marriage today.

**Couples Conference (Fall)** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Led by Roger Tirabassi, professional counselor, author and the premarital and marriage enrichment pastor at Rockharbor Church in Southern California.

**Couples in Crisis Weekend Intensive** - from the betrayals of infidelity, addictions, abuse, control, anger and intimacy issues. This 20 hour workshop can saves marriages and gives a "Jump Start" equivalent to six months of marriage counseling. Go to [www.dayspringrecovery.org](http://www.dayspringrecovery.org) – Programs – Couples in Recovery.

**Couples Workshop** focus on communication, conflict resolution, parenting, marriage education, and other aspects that help to enhance relationships.

**Marriage Rescue Intensive Couple's Workshop** A three day intensive, skills based program designed for those who are not living the marriage dream – who want the marriage nightmare to end without divorce! Scholarships are available, but you must act quickly.

**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.

**Divorce Options Class** A monthly workshop by Genesis Mediation for a maximum of twelve participants, affording plenty of opportunity to ask questions and otherwise interact with the presenters. You will receive presentation notes and other helpful information. Many couples find it helpful to hear the same material at the same time when considering options and information related to divorce. Your spouse may not be ready to consider this topic, but you may want to gather information and understand the options related to divorce or separation. Therefore, you may attend as a couple or as a single.

**DivorceCare** Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. A national ministry carried out through the local church.

**DivorceCare 4 Kids** DC4K is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides your children with a *safe* and *neutral* place to recognize and learn to share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group at a church near you. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy.

**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 [www.DateNightPDX.org](http://www.DateNightPDX.org) 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.

**Focus on Marriage**, a simulcast from Focus on the Family. Designed to show you what your relationship looks like through the eyes of God, this landmark event will help you understand the bigger picture – the higher purpose – of your marriage while providing practical insights for everyday issues. With powerful worship, biblical truths and inspirational messages from today's top experts, including Dr. Del Tackett, Beth Moore, Dr. John Trent, Dr. Gary Smalley, Gary Thomas, and Musical Guest - Jeremy Camp. Focus on Marriage will change the way you view your relationship. Come see your marriage from a higher perspective!

**Hold Me Tight Couples Workshop** is based on two most highly researched methods of couple and relationship therapy: The Hold Me Tight program by Susan Johnson, Phd, and The Seven Principles That Make Marriage Work, by John Gottman, Phd. Presented by Natalie Mills, LPC, MFT, and Patricia Rohani, LPC, LMFT

**How To Avoid Falling For a Jerk(ette)** Is there any hope for learning how to avoid marrying a jerk or jerkette? The answer is a resounding... YES! Much, if not all, of what a person will be like can be clearly predicted during dating. Learn what to look for in order to shape an accurate profile of the person you are dating. And, then, how to keep proper balances between the bonding forces which form the attachment in a growing relationship.

**I Love You More** How everyday problems can strengthen your marriage. This is on the "repair" track. Les and Leslie Parrott show you how the same forces that can chip away at marriage can become a catalyst for new relational depth and richness. For specifics see <http://www.realrelationships1.com/store/173.html>.

**I Still Do – A Celebration of Marriage** A free, fun-filled dessert event to honor couples who have been married to each other 25 years or more. A fast-paced time filled with music, dessert, a brief talk, and prizes.

**Journey to Financial Freedom Seminar** from Crown Financial Ministries. Learn how to: Make financial decisions according to God's principles; Detect the hazards that lead to financial problems; and Be encouraged as you learn how others have applied the principles. For information contact Charlie Marsolini at (503) 698-1211, register online at <http://crown.org/Events/default.asp>.

**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage** Mark Gungor, a speaker on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, combining striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. Mark's humor makes his teaching enjoyable, effective and memorable, helping husbands and wives remember these insights and immediately put them to work.

**Learning Intelligent Love.** This 2 1/2 hour session is the entry point to over 50 different workshops for couples and parents offered by A Beautiful Marriage Relationship Education Center. Learn why marriage education is often superior to therapy and why divorce never solves the problems in relationships.

**Lasting Relationships Couples Workshop** A valuable training ground for those who want to take their relationships to the next level. Gain insight into how to communicate enjoyably, resolve conflicts, understand your partner, and develop true intimacy.

**Learning Intelligent Love** class focuses on the 40 years of research about what hold couples together and what breaks them apart. It is the beginning class and the gateway class to A Beautiful Marriage Relationship Education Center, Tigard, OR. A Beautiful Marriage offers assessments, counseling, marriage education, marriage profiles, parenting classes, and special events for couples.

**Love and Logic** Most parents have good intentions and still struggle with consistency and the practical application of love and logic principles. Small classes are designed to provide personal attention, hands on application as well as discussion and support with other parents.

**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 [www.dayspringrecovery.org](http://www.dayspringrecovery.org) - Programs - Couples in Recovery - Love for a Lifetime or call Dayspring at 503.244.4350.

**"Love Like You Mean It" Marriage Cruise** on February 10-14, 2014, out of Miami, FL, on the beautiful cruise ship Norwegian Sky. Listen to popular marriage experts Gary Thomas, Voddie Baucham, Dennis and Barbara Rainey, and others. 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 by musical guests Sanctus Real, Michael O'Brien, Matthew West, and more.

**Love Song Couples Getaway** You blissfully awaken to the soft rays of the sun warming your face... ...step out of your oversized guest room onto your lanai to delight in the tropical surroundings... ...walk along the sandy beach hand-in-hand with your spouse... ...and take a stroll over to the chapel garden to sing praises to the Lord during morning worship, followed by a teaching from Dr. Gary Chapman... ...and that's just the beginning! 2014 getaways in both The Bahamas and Maui.

**Marriage101** is a year-long study of the basic building blocks for healthy, Biblically based marriages meeting one Friday per month. The course will utilize the DVD series, "A Biblical Portrait of Marriage", by Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson. This is an interactive course with a 45-minute video, handouts, and round-table discussion with other couples. For children age 4 and up, we will be showing a fun, G-rated movie. Bring pillows and blankets for the kids to get cozy. Sessions:

**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: [www.marriageteam.org/calendar.html](http://www.marriageteam.org/calendar.html).

**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 Mentoring Training Class** using Les and Leslie Parrott DVD's. Mentoring offers tremendous marriage strengthening potential, whether it be premarital, assisting good marriages to become great, or helping couples in distress to overcome the obstacles. And Les and Leslie Parrott are some of the very best trainers.

**Marriage Redeemed** will focus on healing relationships following emotional or physical affairs as well as the damage caused by fantasy relationships. The path each couple walks is unique but there are some basics that are similar. You will learn to recognize areas in which your relationship needs to grow and will be given direction to help move forward on the path to healing.

**Marriage Restored** for couples who have experienced adultery, addiction, pornography, separation or other marriage-threatening circumstances. Hope, love and relationships renewed. Sponsored by the Assembly of God Churches. Further information at [www.marriagerestored.com](http://www.marriagerestored.com)

**Marriage Retreat** Topics include What does a healthy marriage look like; The design and placement of intimacy in marriage; The seven stages of marriage; Problem dynamics; C\*E\*A\*S\*E Fighting (a conflict resolution tool); The recognition and prevention of domestic violence; Keeping your marriage private and special; and The marriage-builder's toolbox. Free, it is funded by a federal grant. Presented by Northwest Marriage Institute.

**Marriage Week** is an opportunity for churches to emphasize our Lord's plan for marriage.

**Mighty Marriages Conference** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Shane and Phyllis Womack have impacted couples with their annual Spring conference drawn from the Song of Solomon. This Fall conference is designed for those who wish to grow in their marriages, and for those wanting to explore deeper topics often beyond the scope of most couples conferences. (Note: Attendance at a Solomon, Sex and Marriage couples conference is a prerequisite.)

**Money Map from Crown Financial Ministries** You will learn: Fundamental, biblical principles of managing resources, saving, debt and setting priorities; God's nature and how He uses money in your life to lead you to financial freedom; Practical steps to establish a plan to properly manage resources.

**New Hope @ Night: That's What She Said** Are women really impossible to understand? What about men? Have you ever been totally confused by something a guy said or did? Is there hope to discover what makes the opposite sex tick? At New Hope Community Church

**Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood** is a free 10-hour program including 2 hours of private coaching in the areas of Workforce Advancement and Financial Stability. It also includes an 8-hour weekend workshop in which participants will learn more about healthy relationships (3 hours on Friday night), healthy fatherhood (3 hours on Saturday morning), and be introduced to the highly successful Parenting with Love & Logic® (2 hours Saturday afternoon). A free box lunch will be provided to Saturday workshop participants. [www.northwestmarriage.org](http://www.northwestmarriage.org)

**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.

**Project Marry Well** seeks to help Christian youth organizations build biblically sound, evidence-based strategy to prepare their teens and singles for successful marriages. Bring your ministry team to this one-day training.

**Pure Desire: Sexy Christians** Sessions discuss the passion, the partnership and the power of sexy Christians. The seminar material is ultimately focused on helping the participants step forward into a greater level of commitment to Christ and to one another which lays the foundation for real intimacy.

**Rebuilding Families** This weekly support group for blending families led by Maxine Marsolini, author of *Blended Families*, is a safe place to discuss what it means to live in a blended family and explore ways to impart wholesome values and support one another. Join us to learn more about families that are creating one family out of two.

**Restored and Remarried Seminar** Encouragement for remarried couples in a stepfamily. Been remarried for awhile or just contemplating the idea? Restored and Remarried will encourage and equip couples for the step family adventure. This seminar is fun and interactive and it's most definitely, "guy friendly." Check Website [www.restoredandremarried.com](http://www.restoredandremarried.com).

**Restoring Intimacy to Broken Relationships** will focus on healing marriage relationships following emotional or physical affairs as well as the damage caused by fantasy relationships. Topics covered include: Developing trust, Working through pain and defensiveness, Developing honesty and openness, and Reconnecting emotionally, spiritually and sexually.

**Retrouvaille** The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6 to 12 post-weekend sessions around 6 weeks to 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Further information at <http://retrouvailleportland.wordpress.com>

**Sex, Love & Communication** a Jimmy Evans Marriage Simulcast. Would you believe someone who told you that God's plan for marriage includes fulfilling sex, romantic love, and healthy, vibrant communication? You should, because it's true! Jimmy Evans explains important truths that will help you create a beautiful, passionate marriage other couples will want to imitate.

**Singles & Single Parents Conference** at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Bill and Pam Farrel have made it their life's work to help people succeed in their own lives, and be men and women after God's heart. This program features a complete kids program nursery through high school.

**STEP Parenting Class** This **S**ystemic **T**raining for **E**ffective **P**arenting class will provide extremely positive approaches to understanding and raising children. The STEP approaches include appreciating that children's behaviors are motivated by a variety of goals, that encouragement for children becoming the best that they can be is extremely important, and that family councils for making decisions for and with children are highly valued.

**The Marriage Rescue: Emergency Marriage Treatment** A three day Weekend Intensive . . . skills based program designed for those who are not living the marriage DREAM . . . Who would like the marriage NIGHTMARE to end without DIVORCE! Learn to recognize danger zones. Rescue and restore your dream. This 18 hour event will give you the equivalent benefit of six months of marriage counseling! Some scholarships available.

**Ultimate Great Dates Seminar** by Dave and Claudia Arp designed to help couples connect and grow together spiritually. Based on their new book, *10 Great Dates: Connecting Faith, Love and Marriage*.

**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 Campus Crusade for Christ. 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. Note: hotel and meals are in addition to registration fee.

**Words With Friends** We all desire connection with others, but instead we experience division, dissatisfaction, and often feel at a loss to change or improve those important relationships in our lives. Join this 3 week workshop to learn some tools and skills to improve the relationships that matter most to you. Guest speakers are local counselors Dave Anderson and Melinda Arnold.