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Subject: [Every Marriage Matters] What's in the bucket list for your marriage?



Five Minutes for Marriage February 2015

**Husband and wife bucket list:
Whatever you plan to do, plan to do it together.**

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Dear Tom

If you're like Liz and I, you've postponed a number of dreams because of business and the tyranny of the urgent. (Perhaps re-read Charles E Hummel's article [Tyranny of the Urgent](#).) Our Lord has blessed most of us with a precious spouse to enjoy and to grow into His likeness.

I'm reminded of a pastor's wife who gave her husband a yearly planner. As he looked through it he noticed that his wife had written "funeral" on Friday afternoons. Puzzled, the pastor asked why. His wife answered that she noticed that almost all items in his planner were subject to last minute changes, that is all but funerals. She intended those "funerals" to be code for their own uninterruptable time.

Start by building together a "bucket list" for your couplehood of things you've put off and only dreamed of doing, and resolve to do this year. And place the word "funeral" frequently in your office planner. You'll find ideas in the iMom.com article [Husband and Wife Bucket List](#).

In This Issue

Bulletin Insert God's plan for marriage and several resources to strengthen couple relationships.

Upcoming Events around Greater Portland. We'd like to include the event/class you are hosting

January's Video Clip:

What Is Sex?

by Portland pastor John Mark Comer. How the biblical definition of sex actually brings more depth, joy, and beauty than the world's definition.

Upcoming Events:

[National Marriage Week](#)

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February 7-14
National Marriage Week USA
Let's Strengthen Marriage

Valentine's Day is a special time to honor couples and perhaps remind men that their brides all

have a romantic side expecting their men will be expressing their love and appreciation. You'll find resources to help:

- [Healthy marriage handouts](#) from Every Marriage Matters
- Gifts of single roses to women, a chocolate to men
- [Renewal of Vows](#) by Gary and Barb Rosberg
- Offer to partially pay for couples attending the March 13-15 [Weekend to Remember](#) at Sunriver. Registration is free for [pastor couples](#).
- Commit to going deeper in your own relationship.
- Many suggestions at [NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org](#)
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DATENIGHTPDX



The DateNight Comedy Tour is coming to you August 7. It'll kick off August as Date Night PDX, a great time to get back in the habit of having fun with 4 Dates in 4 Weeks. The Comedy Tour will be live at City Bible and also available to your church via a streaming internet.

Join us at one of the following times to learn how Date Night PDX and the Comedy Tour can help revive excitement in couples of all ages and stages. You will be blessed with understanding and resources to build healthy marriage and plan towards August.

- February 19: 10:00am at Luis Palau Assn
2:00pm at City Bible Church
- February 26: 10:00am at New Hope Comm. Church
2:00pm at Living Hope, Vancouver

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[Why Stick with Marriage?](#) It's still the best arrangement for kids - and parents. Two major family scholars, Andrew Cherlin and Isabel Sawhill, have recently released books tracing the decline of marriage. Both books are morally as well as intellectually serious. ... Each wishes us to adapt to the collapse of marriage for the two-thirds of the population that is not college-educated by redrawing social norms of commitment at a different place than marriage. ... Here's my problem with this nice-sounding new script: I think the majority of young people who have children outside marriage are already doing that, to the best of their limited youthful abilities. (by Maggie Gallagher, National Review)

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[What makes for a stable marriage?](#) About a decade ago, the gossip on everyone's lips was that "1/2 of all marriages in the U.S. end in divorce." That factoid was later disproven, but it left a lasting impression on the eligible bachelors and bachelorettes of America. (by Randy Olson on his blog)

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[Myths and Facts About Extramarital Affairs](#) based on research done by Dr. Shirley Glass, Ph. D. (Anne Bercht, Beyond Affairs Network)

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Last Words

[The Secret to Having a Marriage That Never Goes Stale.](#) Always have something to look forward to. It breaks the monotony and it gives you and your spouse a common goal.

-- Jeff Goins, Married People blog

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What a precious gift your Lord has given you: your spouse! Treasure that gift as you treasure your relationship with God. Strengthen both of these relationships by spending time with them. Pray together! Rejoice together! Laugh together! Rejoicing,

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