

MARRIAGE STRENGTHENING CLASSES AND SEMINARS
AVAILABLE TO PORTLAND AREA COUPLES
(Descriptions of offerings follow schedule)



Updated 6/25/2012

Offering	Start/Duration/Registration *	Location/Contact
JULY		
Nat'l Assn of Relationship and Marriage Education	Jul 20-25	Baltimore, MD http://www.narme.org
AUGUST		
Date Night PDX – TBA		www.datenightpdx.org
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Date Night PDX – Fight Fair with Les and Leslie Parrott	Sat, Aug 25 A fun, FREE event	City Bible Church, 9200 NE Fremont St, Portland www.datenightpdx.org
Marriage Encounter (Catholic)	Weekend, Aug 17-19	Beaverton Russ &Carolyn Carpio (360) 574-8078
SEPTEMBER		
Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage	Fri-Sat, Sep 28-29	Cedar Mill Bible Church www.laughyourway.com/events/
Marriage Encounter (Catholic)	Weekend, Sep 28-30	Powell Butte, OR Russ &Carolyn Carpio (360) 574-8078
OCTOBER		
Retrouvaille	Weekend, Oct 19-21	Mt Angel, OR www.retrouvaille.org
NOVEMBER		
Couples Conference (Fall)	Weekend, Nov 2-4	Cannon Beach Conference Center www.cbcc.net
Marriage Encounter (Assy of God)	Weekend, Nov 2-4	Newport, OR Keith & Nancy Ruska (541) 772-5819
Mighty Marriage Conference	Weekend, Nov 9-11	Cannon Beach Conference Center www.cbcc.net
Marriage Encounter (Catholic)	Weekend, Nov 9-11	Mt Angel Russ &Carolyn Carpio (360) 574-8078
Marriage Encounter (Assy of God)	Weekend, Nov 9-11	Medford, OR Keith & Nancy Ruska (541) 772-5819
Marriage Encounter (Lutheran)	Weekend, Nov 9-11	Vancouver, WA Dean & Marsha Redman, dmredman@wi.rr.com
Weekend to Remember	Weekend, Nov 16-18	Jantzen Beach Red Lion www.weekendtoremember.com
DECEMBER		
JANUARY 2013		
FEBRUARY		
Marriage Encounter (Catholic)	Weekend, Feb 15-17	Mt Angel Russ &Carolyn Carpio (360) 574-8078

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JUNE		
Assoc of Marriage and Family Conference	Jun 18-21	Dallas, TX www.amfmconference.com
<i>* Please recheck details of the seminar with resource provider, plans do change occasionally.</i>		

Association of Marriage and Family Ministries (AMFM) Conference Our mission is to equip, train, support, resource and encourage those that lead or desire to lead in marriage and family ministry, in the church as well as other supporting organizations. Outside of leading people to a personal relationship with Christ, no mission is more important for the Church today. Conference for couples, marriage leaders, professionals.

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

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. Solomon, Sex & Marriage with Shane & Phyllis Womack. A frank, honest, biblical walk through The Song of Solomon and how it relates to marriage in today’s society. Shane and Phyllis regularly teach at the Cannon Beach Conference Center. Shane is a pastor at an Anaheim, CA church. Phyllis is co-founder of a pro-life pregnancy center in Fullerton.

Couples Conference (Fall) at Cannon Beach Conference Center. Bill and Pam Farrel are engaging, fun, and energetic. Audiences at CBCC have enjoyed journeying through life with this exceptional couple as they’ve shared their story with so many over the years.

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 – Programs – Couples in Recovery.

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

Courageous Moms: Raising Boys to Become Good Men weaves together stories, film clips, and small group interaction to sharpen mom’s skills and understanding of boys in the process of becoming a man. Presented by Rick Johnson, author of That’s My Son: How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Men of Character.

Crown Money Map™ Seminar (Formerly the Journey to True Financial Freedom Seminar) Provides a live, personalized, fast-paced experience on how God intersects with our money and our lives. Practical steps are provided on how to avoid or eliminate debt, how to establish a plan to properly manage resources and more.

Dynamic Marriage Facilitator Training You and your spouse can become facilitators of our Dynamic Marriage-enrichment program, a program that also reaches the lost. Family Dynamics trains

and certifies godly couples to bless the lives of married couples by leading this powerful ministry. Further info at www.familydynamics.net

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!

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, combing 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.

"Love Like You Mean It" Marriage Cruise on February 13-17, 2012, 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.

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 - Programs - Couples in Recovery - Love for a Lifetime or call Dayspring at 503.244.4350.

Love Like You Mean It Cruise from FamilyLife and Premier Christian Cruises

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 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 Coach Training If you have a healthy marriage, you and your spouse are invited to become a coach couple. During our 26 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.

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

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.

Mighty Marriage 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.

News You Can Use lunch sponsored by Marriage Team offering helpful tips and ideas for helping others strengthen their marriages. Co-hosts are Bruce Sussman and Dave Arthur.

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

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.

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 Is your marriage tearing you apart? If there is little or no meaningful communication, or you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille (pronounced ret.ro.vi) is a Catholic peer ministry welcoming couples of all faiths. It is a lifeline for troubled marriages, offering couples the chance to heal their marriage and rediscover each other. The program consists of an intensive weekend plus six evening follow-up sessions that expand on the concepts presented during the weekend. Many couples have gained new hope and rebuilt their marriages as a result of this program.

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 **Systemic Training for Effective Parenting** 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.

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.