



for married & engaged couples and those contemplating marriage

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“MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT”

As we enter our 4th year of ministry, we reflect on how God has enabled us to accomplish all that he assigned us to do. As a result, numerous marriages were strengthened, engaged couples were married and families were restored. We give God all of the glory.

The expectations for 2020 are to exceed the previous year’s accomplishments. Our theme for this year is, “20/20 - A Clear and Precise Vision.” God has provided our ministry with clear and precise mandates to study His Word. We will embrace His guidance as we minister to married, engaged couples and families by regularly and systematically studying the Scriptures as stated in II Timothy 2:15. God has given us sharpness and clarity of His vision to recognize that we must be spiritually prepared for the attacks against marriages, families and singles.

We are grateful, because God has invited us to join in where He is already working. Therefore, beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2020 the Married Mates Ministry will be offering two Bible Study classes at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. The Gospel of John will be taught by Deaconess Pamela Caple and a Bible study class for married couples only will be taught by Rev. Michael and Rev. Dr. Phyllis Addison. Each class will be held at the church from 6:30 -8:30 pm. at 7001 Harford Rd. We hope that you will join us on January 8th at St. Luke’s, as we learn the Word of God together. Please email us at www.marriedmatesministry.org for more information.

Now let’s take a glance at the accomplishments of the Married Mates Ministry, Inc. in 2019.

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“EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP II”

How can we communicate better and resolve conflict?
How do we navigate through the seasons of marriage?
These are some of the questions that were addressed at the second annual



Married Mates Ministry, Inc. *Empowerment Workshop* held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Village Baptist Church, where Rev. Zollie Bagby is the Pastor. The theme of the workshop was, “Walking in Oneness.” Seventy-five attendees came from around the state of Maryland to seek ways to empower their marriages or engagements so that they truly can have, as our motto says, “Two Hearts, One Beat.” God’s Word says in Amos 3:3, “How can two walk together except they agree?” The overwhelming message is that all of the answers about marriage are in God’s Word, the Bible.

The Reverends Michael and Phyllis Addison (Married Mates



Ministry, Inc.) and Deacon Michael and Deaconess Janice Hicks (“Called To Teach Ministries”) facilitated the event and shared what God’s Word says



about the marital relationship. Each presenter was transparent and honest about his/her marital experiences which consoled many couples in knowing that they were not alone. Between the engaging and informative presentations, we had a “Chat and Chew” session where questions that were submitted confidentially by the participants were addressed as we ate lunch together. Questions were answered by a panel of preselected couples who had years of marital experience and by some of the attendees. It was amazing to see how couples began to encourage each other in their marital situations. The feedback from the participants following the workshop was overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. Many commented that they want similar sessions to follow. God truly blessed everyone who attended.

“CONRAD’S FUNDRAISER”



On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, we hosted our annual fundraiser at *Conrad’s Restaurant* in Perry Hall, Maryland. Crabs, crab cakes and chicken wings were some of the most requested menu items that were enjoyed by our many supporters. Approximately 40 friends and their families came and enjoyed the delicious food and wonderful fellowship. It was so encouraging to see families enjoying a meal together around a dinner table. This is a rare event in today’s culture! A portion of the proceeds were donated to our ministry and we were truly appreciative. These donations help to support the services that we offer married and engaged couples. It is truly a blessing to see couples who are investing in their families and other relationships. Be on the lookout for our 2020 fundraiser.

“A NIGHT 2 REMEMBER II”

Once again, our annual *Night 2 Remember* was spectacular! The celebration of marriage was held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Martin’s East. More than 175 people were in attendance which included singles, married and engaged couples. It was a night for everyone to enjoy and fellowship.

The evening included friendly table conversations over a delicious meal and drinks. The buffet style meal included various appealing appetizers and a vast selection of delectable meats, seafood, starches, vegetables and scrumptious desserts.



D.J. Charles Johnson provided the music for the evening. We listened to music from the 60’s to current hits, R & B,

Soul and other sounds. Of course, there was time to show off the current line dance moves at the end of the evening. Several attendees were given gifts during the event as a thank you from our Ministry. Some received gift cards and the grand prize was a 42-inch television. The recipients were very appreciative.



The entertainer for the evening was from the incredibly funny, Mr. Robert Richardson. We had no choice but to double over with belly aching laughter from the hilarious jokes that he shared. He revealed, through humor, the highs and lows of marriage which helped us to appreciate our spouses even more.

God truly blessed us and it was a night to remember. We are excited about what the Lord will do at the 2020 Night 2 Remember—"A Valentine Gala in September", which will be held on Friday, September 18th at Martin's East. More information is coming soon.

It was truly a time to laugh and have fun.

"UGLY SWEATER FELLOWSHIP"

Ecclesiastes 3:4 says, "...there is a time to laugh..." and that is what we did at our first *Ugly Sweater Fellowship*. It was held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church where Rev. Huber Brown III is the Pastor. Seventy people came to show off the ugliest Christmas sweater from their closets and yes, they were ugly. Flashing lights sweaters, moving reindeer ears, and Christmas garland pinned to sweaters in the shape of a Christmas tree... we think.

The entertainment was provided by our attendees and committee members. The newlywed game and "What do you have in your purse?" were two of the games that we played. Two men were selected to serenade their wives through a love song and several wives had to dance before their husbands. They were judged for their performances by the audience who stood by thanking God that they were not chosen to perform. Great prizes were given to the winners of each game.

We had plenty of delicious food to eat while we fellowshiped with others. Fried chicken wings, sandwiches, salads, desserts and drinks were some of the items on the menu.



- SAVE THE DATES -

● **EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP**

Village Baptist Church
Saturday, April 25, 2020
8:30 am -- 1:00 pm

● **A NIGHT 2 REMEMBER**

“A Valentine Gala In September”
Martin's East
Friday, September 18, 2020
6:00 -11:00 pm

● **UGLY SWEATER**

Date & location TBA

- PRAISE AND PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL -
4th Friday of every month — 7:30 pm - 7:45 pm
Conference Call # 712-775-7085
Access Code 144838

- BIBLE STUDY -

Wednesday Night 6:30—8:30 pm
7001 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD . 21234



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