

the art of   
**marriage**<sup>®</sup>  
 getting to the heart of God's design

**Mark your calendars!**

Friday March 6th and Saturday March 7th we are presenting a 2 day marriage seminar open to everyone married and single (those who wish to be married). It's a 6 session DVD course Friday night from 6 pm-8:15 pm and Saturday from 9 am-2:15pm. (lunch provided) Child-care available.

We all know that marriages are under attack these days and talked about from every viewpoint. But how does God see it? Does he care? He should, He instituted it! So the eldership here at University want to equip those we love with biblical information concerning this very important subject.

The Art of marriage weaves together expert teaching, real life stories, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. In the Art of Marriage over 40 ministry leaders provide the biblically centered teaching while couples who have struggled in marriage openly and honestly share their stories of pain, loss, forgiveness and grace. Its information we can't afford to pass up. The Lord says "My people are destroyed from the lack of knowledge". We want to equip ourselves and our friends and neighbors so invite them to come as your guest.

Material is available by calling and reserving it from the office  
 Lunch is provided  
 Childcare available by calling the office

We hope everyone makes plans to be there to take advantage of such great information.

If you have any questions you may call the office at any time we would be glad to answer any questions you might have. If you can't make it also see the office and how we can get you to see this on your own and on your time and schedule.



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We want to welcome each of you attending here this day to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are so glad you are committed in serving the Lord and following Him. If you are visiting we are so glad you have come our way and would invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting we ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here. Also this is the day of our fellowship luncheon we would love to have you stay and be our invited guest. Everyone make plans to stay after services for a good time of fellowship.

I don't have to tell you that marriage is under attack. Just the idea of it. In fact recent surveys show that marriage rates has declined for the first time in 93 years. With our concerns for marriage the eldership here at University has set up a Marriage Seminar "The Art of Marriage" to be held at the SLC March 6-7th Friday from 6-8:15 pm and Saturday 9 am-2:15 pm and lunch being provided. Make plans to attend, invite friends, neighbors and coworkers. This is a very informative and insightful look at marriages with God's Design. I hope you make plans to attend. For more information contact the office any time.

We in the church hear about loving haven't we? Love God, love your neighbor, love your enemy. We all want to be loved but the question I want to pose is how well are we extending our love and how have we defined love? We for far too long have fallen short of what the Lord has wanted us to do and that is Love how HE loved us, and because He first loved us. Lets examine where we are in truly loving others.

**Worship And Study Opportunities**

**Sunday:**

Bible School.....9:30 A.M  
 Worship.....10:30 A.M  
 Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

**Wednesday:**

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.  
 Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:**.....Eric Sharum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Tim Curtis

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....57  
Morning Worship: .....85  
Evening Worship: .....43  
Mid-Week: .....36  
Ladies Class: .....13  
Contribution: .....\$3,264.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$4,084.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Leroy Horn  
Closing Prayer:.....David Byrd  
  
Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Charles Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Perry Warren

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Eric Sharum  
Closing Prayer: .....Greg Ray

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our  
  
web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-**

**ING:** Mason Morris is doing good after his surgery. Coy Watson had a stroke and is in room 448 in Memorial Hospital. Please keep the ones on the continued prayer list in your prayers.

**LUNCHEON:** The luncheon in February will be this **Sunday, February 15th** after the morning service at the Student Learning Center.

**THE SIGN UP SHEET** for the Monday Night For The Master Devotionals is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

**A CARD:** Dear Church Family, We miss you all so very much and the special door-greeter who makes all feel welcomed and loved. The cutting board with your names will always be treasured and the beautiful journal will always remind me of your love. Terry’s special badge brings a smile to N.J. After a life-time of friendships at University our hearts and love will always be with you. Our Christian Love, Terry & Jeanette

**A CONTRIBUTION** has been given to the University Church of Christ in memory of Bobbie Mullins by James & Barbara Bolton and J.L. & Claudine Bolton.

**NEWSLETTER:** We received the February newsletter from Mark Abercrombie today. It is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**LADIES’ DAY:** Dear Sisters In Christ, The Ladies of 8th and Lee would like to invite you to our 24th Annual Ladies’ Day. It will be on Saturday, **February 28th**. We will begin registration at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments. Our theme will be “How To Stay Polished In A Tarnished World”. Our speaker will be Kathy Pollard from the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver, CO. We will have singing, prayers, & two lessons. The ladies

will serve lunch afterwards. We are really looking forward to seeing all that can attend. Please RSVP by February 24th, if possible, to facilitate the planning of the meal. The Ladies of 8th & Lee.

**THE AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR** in Oklahoma City will be February 27-28 at the North MacArthur congregation. The topic will be “Christianity: God’s Blueprint for Living.”

**AFFIRMING THE FAITH - PREACHERS/ELDERS/WIVES DINNER** - Friday, February 27, 2015 @ 6:00 PM - Held in the gymnasium at North MacArthur church of Christ, 9300 North MacArthur, OKC, OK 73132. **Everyone must RSVP by February 23rd! 405-621-5962 or ATF@northmac.org** (Cost is \$8 per person)

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** - Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at the Student Learning Center.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 8 - Aidan Holloway
- 9 - Velma Shook
- 14 - Dave Sharum
- 21 - LaDonna McKinzie
- 23 - David Kelsey
- 26 - Stevie Repp
- 27 - Marie Matthews

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Karla McLaury, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Travis Repp, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook Beckie Wiseman, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Luke Strait, Nathan McBride, Kim Warren, Eric’s sister Nikki & uncle Al and Nicole Hall during her pregnancy.

In Case You Missed It

*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress (1 Timothy 4:12 —15)*

When the apostle Paul was training up Timothy in the disciplines of faith, he established a healthy standard. That standard wasn’t perfection; it was perseverance. **“Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”** He wasn’t asking Timothy to *try* but rather instructing him to *train*. In this passage Paul included both personal and public practices as part of his training for Timothy. This younger disciple was to make sure his speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity were worthy of a follower of Jesus. His teaching and preaching were to be based on the Scriptures, including reading them aloud to congregations. And Timothy was also to be intentional about using this as he ministered to others. This would make a long to-do list if the expectation was perfection. When Paul told Timothy to “practice” and “immerse” himself in these pursuits, he was calling him to an attitude of perseverance. It’s a mindset Paul had stated earlier and was reinforcing for its significance”...**train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come”** (1 Timothy 4:7-8). If we aim for perfection, we fall short. But if we persevere at making genuine progress, willing to let God work on us as long as it takes, good things happen. We won’t ever “arrive” at perfection this side of heaven, but we are growing and moving forward. We’re farther along than we were a year ago—and wiser than we were six months ago. God delights in such progress. Most people already know you aren’t perfect, so we shouldn’t waste our time trying to prove otherwise. But they will pay attention when they see progress in your life. You will be amazed at the way God makes little adjustments in your character that can have a huge impact on others. In order for these good things to happen, you must persevere with Christ. The authentic Christian life is often compared to a long race. As Paul told Timothy, **“I have finished the race”** (2 Timothy 4:7). The writer of Hebrews urged his readers to **“run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus”** (Hebrews 12:1-2). How you run today reflects how much you have benefited from all the training we have received. Even failure is part of God’s training plan. Like Timothy, you haven’t yet finished your race, so today is another opportunity to persevere. Following Jesus is the ultimate marathon.