

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

WEST IRVING CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HELLO MARRIED COUPLES!!

God was good to the married couples in 2012, and we look forward to what He will do for us in 2013. Marriages were strengthened, and we all recommitted ourselves to our spouses as well.

The 2012 Valentine's Dinner was held at Texas de Brazil in Addison, TX. Approximately 25 couples attended the event, and it was definitely a night to remember. Some couples arrived in style on a Limo Bus, and everyone was dressed to impress! Avery and Islee Williams (picture on right) summed up the event with their smiles.



All smiles at the Valentine's Dinner
(Bro Avery & Sis Islee Williams)

The 2012 Marriage Retreat was held at the Courtyard by Marriott John Q. Hammons Center in Allen, TX. The weekend retreat began with a casual dinner and fellowship. Couples then had the night to themselves. Some went out for a nightly walk, others went to the movies, some went swimming, and some just relaxed in the Jacuzzi. We had wonderful break-out sessions, speakers, great food, and lots of fellowship. For those that attended, we look forward to seeing you again, and for those that were unable to attend, please make plans to be there in 2013.



Relaxation at the Marriage Retreat!
(Eld Jamaal & Sis Michaela Mellerson)

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2013 Marriage Ministry Goals:

- * Grow Closer to God
- * Grow Closer to Our Spouses
- * Be Examples for Other Couples

2013 PLANNED EVENTS

The Valentine's Fellowship will be held at West Irving COGIC. It will be an evening to relax, have fun, and just enjoy your spouse in a casual atmosphere on February 16, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. The cost is \$25 per couple.

The Marriage Retreat will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott John Q. Hammons Center in Allen, TX. The couples had a wonderful time last year, and the hotel staff is looking forward to us utilizing their facility again. Pricing details will be presented at a

later time.

Our goal is to keep costs to a minimum in 2013 because in 2014, the Marriage Retreat will be held outside of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Yes, we are hitting the road! Get Ready!

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We need your help!

Please email your anniversary dates and how long you have been married to the coordinators to be recognized in future newsletters.



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2012 Reflections...



Hebrews 13:4 — Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage...

ENCOURAGING WORD

Dear Marriage Ministry Coordinators:

My wife and I have been married for 10 years. We consider our marriage to be strong, and we are faithful to each other. At times, I feel I am no longer the “sparkle” in her eyes. I know she loves me and will not leave me. I just want to make sure I am doing all I can to make her happy. How do I become the “sparkle” in her eyes again? Thanks.

Dear Brother,

We commend you and your spouse for being married for 10 years. The fact that you desire to regain the “sparkle” in your wife’s eyes is excellent. In today’s time, many husbands and wives are working to make ends meet. When they get home, they must make sure the children are taken care of, check homework,

and get dinner prepared. Oftentimes, you are too tired to spend quality time together just relaxing and talking to your spouse.

While we do have to take care of our children, we must have time for our spouse. Without the quality time, you risk drifting apart.

We recommend spouses have at least one night devoted to each other. Maybe you can get home before your wife and cook or even order pizza. You can rub her feet, give her a massage, and just let her know how much you appreciate and love her. By doing this, you will be more than a sparkle in her eyes!

Be Blessed!

Joe & LaWonta Austin